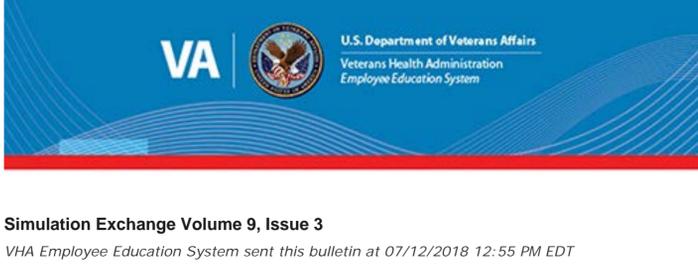
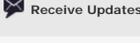


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### Training Catalog

The VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center has a variety of courses available throughout the year. Please check often for any upcoming courses on the [SimLEARN course catalog](#).

For more information, visit [www.simlearn.va.gov](http://www.simlearn.va.gov) or [send us an e-mail](#).



## VISN 10 simulation collaboration works to increase simulation knowledge



In this photo, Kateri Gabriele leads a discussion on standardized patients to participants. (VA photo by Traci Ashworth)

By Kateri Gabriele, MS, RN, CHSE, Simulation Center Operations Manager and Traci Ashworth, MSN, BSN, RN, Simulation Nurse Educator Dayton VA Medical Center

**DAYTON, Ohio** -- The newly combined Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) 10 now covers Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. It includes 10 medical centers, 1 ambulatory care clinic and 58 community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) making it the second largest VISN in the VA system with plenty of Simulation-Based Learning (SBL) opportunities!

Showing a strong commitment to health care simulation, VISN 10 supported three separate simulation workshops during the summer and fall of 2017 at the Dayton VA Medical Center (VAMC) Simulation Center. Simulation best practices were shared during these workshops with presenters from across the VISN. These custom-tailored workshops addressed the specific needs identified by simulation representatives from each of the VAMCs, and they afforded an opportunity for face-to-face interaction yielding a strong network among the attendees.

Two representatives from each medical center were invited for the first "Simulation Nuts and Bolts." The workshop covered simulation basics and supported learners in programming their mannequins using a commercial application. Plenty of hands-on opportunities enabled the participants to leave with an increase in confidence and competence, as well as new simulation scenarios created during the workshop.

"This was so informative and pertinent that I look forward to more of the same at Dayton," said one participant. This initial experience laid the groundwork for their next encounter three months later, when they returned for an intermediate workshop.

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).

## Fundamental Critical Care Support training conducted in Omaha



By Lee Morrow, MD, Pulmonologist and Kyle Rhone, RN, Simulation Educator Nebraska Western Iowa Veterans Health Care System and Mobile Simulation Training Team

**OMAHA, Neb.** -- During the week of June 5, Nebraska Western Iowa (NWI) Veterans Health Care System and the Mobile Simulation Training Team (MSTT) hosted the first Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) classes in Omaha. Dr. Lee Morrow and Dr. Adam Highley, two of only a handful of FCCS course directors in the Midwest, led the course with support from SimLEARN, NWI and MSTT. FCCS is designed for the non-critical care provider who is thrust, by circumstances, to care for the critically ill for up to 24 hours.

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).

(Left to right) Valerie Reviere, RN; Mary Carmona, RN; and Dr. Natalie Ommen all from Nebraska Western Iowa Veterans Health Care System are being facilitated by Dr. Lee Morrow through one of the FCCS Simulations. (VA photo by Kami Willett, RN)

## Remaining seats available for training in FY 2018

By Gerald Sonnenberg  
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**ORLANDO, Fla.** -- A few simulation training courses at the VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center (NSC) remain available for fiscal year 2018. These courses include:

### Simulation, Technology, Operations, Maintenance, and Practices (STOMP)

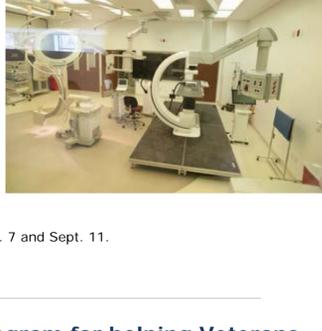
The available date for this three-day course is Aug. 28.

For details about this course and how to register, [click here](#).

### Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC)

The available dates for this two-and-a-half-day course are Aug. 7 and Sept. 11.

For details about this course and how to register, [click here](#).



cardiac arrest (IHCA) at any VA hospital between January 2013 and June 2015. A total of 5,252 patients suffered IHCA at 94 facilities. At the VA hospitals, a median of 33.6 percent of patients survived to discharge. Nationally, about 200,000 patients suffer in-hospital cardiac arrests, and 18-20 percent live until discharge, according to a study in the Journal of the American Heart Association. IHCA survival rates at VA hospitals ranged from 23.2 percent to 56.1 percent, with half of the hospitals posting rates between 30.1 percent and 36.5 percent. The national range demonstrated much greater variability, with individual hospital survival rates of 0 percent to 51.7 percent."

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).

## Houston VA medical center uses simulation to amplify 'End Harassment' campaign

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Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

**HOUSTON** -- The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) in Houston started an End Harassment campaign in April in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It is every employee's responsibility to ensure that Veterans feel safe when receiving care at the VA. The educational training was led by Dr. Rola El-Serag, medical director of the Women Veterans' Health Program, in collaboration with the Simulation Teaching Assessment Resource (S.T.A.R.) lab (MEDVAMC simulation lab).

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).



In this image, Alana Nagin, clinical instructor, and Keith Hill, assistant nurse manager, participate in a simulated scene of a female Veteran being harassed in a VA clinic waiting room. (VA photo by Regit Sasser)

## Simulated use of reversal agents conducted during training in gastrointestinal lab

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Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center

**MILWAUKEE** -- In June, gastrointestinal (GI) lab registered nurses and medical instrument technicians participated in two simulations administering reversal agents using a high-fidelity mannequin. GI lab registered nurses and medical instrument technicians perform the majority of moderate sedation procedures hospital wide at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. Therefore, the probability of a moderate sedation adverse outcome to occur in the GI lab is much higher than other areas that perform moderate sedation throughout the hospital.

The simulations were held in their department in one of the GI procedure rooms, so staff was already familiar with their environment and where things were located. They utilized the nurse cart available to them in their procedure rooms, which contained medication syringes, saline flushes, IV fluids, airway supplies and medications.

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).



## Simulation and safe patient handling; Working together to prevent staff and patient injuries

By Amanda Morrow, BSN, RN  
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**EUGENE, Ore.** -- The Roseburg VA Health Care System's Simulation Instructor Amanda Morrow and Safe Patient Handling (SPH) Program Coordinator Cindy Germain worked together while performing an annual Mock Code in the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) area at the Community Health Care Center here. A pre-briefing was held to elevate the confidence of staff and familiarize them with the process.

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).

## Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter course held

**ORLANDO, Fla.** - VHA staff attended a Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter course, or PICC class, the week of May 7.

This course provides an application-based foundation for nurses who desire to insert PICC lines at their respective facilities and do not have access to standardized education.

The use of simulation provides a unique opportunity to meet the objectives of the course. SimLEARN does not certify any learner to insert PICC lines once back at the duty station. This course utilizes didactics taken from the Infusion Nurses Association standards to obtain certification at your facility.

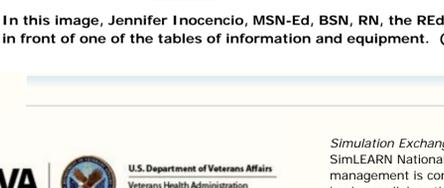
Participants develop the skills necessary to insert, maintain and remove a PICC. Included in this course are topics such as anatomy and physiology, indications, contraindications, use of ultrasound guided techniques, complications/troubleshooting and documentation.

For more about this course, [click here](#).

In this image, instructors and students pose for a photo after class. (Left to right) Daniel Desormeaux, SimLEARN education project manager; James Bloodgood, SimLEARN simulation technician; Sherri Boisvert, SimLEARN clinical faculty; and class attendees Linda Smith and Jacqueline Jennings, vascular access nurses; Ma Lea Martin and Jennifer Herbert, registered nurses; Jonathan Steele and Susan Furgeson, vascular access nurses; and Timothy Anderson, Health Professions Education Evaluation and Research Fellow. (VA photo by Ramon Garcia)



## REI demonstration, information designed to help Veterans



By Gerald Sonnenberg  
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**SAN ANTONIO** -- From June 1-8, staff at the Audie L. Murphy VA Health Care System reached more than 145 Veterans and their family members with information from VHA's Resuscitation Education initiative (REI) about cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), basic life support (BLS) and advanced cardiovascular life support (ACLS).

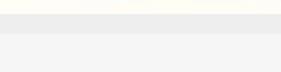
"During this week we set up tables with information provided by the American Heart Association, queried Veterans on their CPR knowledge, demonstrated the use of Automatic External Defibrillators, and demonstrated compressions," said Jennifer Inocencio.

Inocencio, MSN-Ed, BSN, RN, the REI BLS and ACLS program director. "Veterans were thrilled to recall their military training and even brought their children and grandchildren to practice compressions."

In addition, staff provided 10 Family and Friends CPR Anytime kits to Veterans and Veteran caregivers. This allows them to practice CPR in the comfort of their homes at anytime.

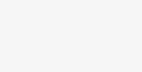
For more about REI, [click here](#).

In this image, Jennifer Inocencio, MSN-Ed, BSN, RN, the REI, BLS and ACLS program director, poses in front of one of the tables of information and equipment. (VA courtesy photo)



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