A Message from Our Staff
The ECU College of Nursing, Clinical Simulation Program, and VMC nurse educators in conjunction with EAHEC have an online Simulation Facilitator Course, which awards continuing education credits. To register, please go to https://www.easternahec.net/courses-and-events/57143.

Welcome new graduate VMC RN’s!

The Simulation Center will be closed April 19, 2019 for Good Friday.

Simulation and Patient Care from VMC Women and Children’s Center
A new OB nurse who recently completed a simulation-based orientation recognized that her patient was experiencing an obstetrical emergency. Dr. deVente, OB medical director, says that OB educators have turned a new nurse into an old nurse, meaning she acted like she had much more experience. He felt that the simulations OB nursing do in their cornerstone classes really make a difference. Nurse educators stated they are very proud of their new nurse being able to apply what she learned into providing safe patient care!

Simulation Program Stars
Welcome Dr. Kamilah Williams, as the new Director of Clinical Education, Vidant Medical Center, to the Clinical Simulation team.

Congratulations to Dr. Jill Sutton for receiving the Master Educator Award. A master educator is a faculty member who has been recognized by their peers as an outstanding educator.

Congratulations to Jessica Cringan, our simulation program coordinator, for her recent induction into ECU’s Service Society. This recognizes members of the ECU family who volunteer at least 100 hours of service to the community outside of ECU.

Expanding the Field
Dr. Jennifer Stahl led a team at the Simulation Olympics at the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Southeast Regional Conference in Greenville, SC. They competed in four events that included procedural skills and clinical scenarios.


Program Activity
VMC Women’s and Children held a 3-day annual competency requirements blitz during which they assessed staff on a number of clinical skills.

VMC used the Clinical Simulation Center for Critical Care Sim Day, ED boot camp, nurse residency skills and safe patient handling sessions, skin and wound education, and other programs.
Interprofessional First Five Minutes© training sessions are available for any VMC staff. If you would like to sign up, please register through the LearnCenter.

J. Stahl MD and other faculty from Pulmonary and Critical Care held a week-long skills boot camp in January.

Weekly interprofessional simulation and skills sessions led by Internal Medicine/Critical Care, with residents, fellows, medical students, VMC ERT nurses, Pitt Community College respiratory therapy, nursing students and faculty continue to be successful.

Jacob Jackowski, a medical student, utilized the self-study auscultation trainer for a research project, which will be presented at Medical Education Day this spring. There will be several other simulation-based education presentations.

Reminder! Self-directed learning opportunities for medical students using simulators for auscultation, eye and ear examination, ultrasound, suturing, and laparoscopy are available through Blackboard.

Dr. S. Robey collaborated with UNC School of Medicine Simulation Lab to participate in their M4 medical student Internal Medicine Bootcamp. Special thanks to Dr. Ben Robey, Chief Resident, and Anita Swiman, Simulation Specialist, for organizing and facilitating the experience!

The Healthcare Simulation Unit
The Simulation Team including Brian Lake, RN from the Trauma Service attended the Health Occupations State Association (HOSA) State Conference in Charlotte, NC, to teach Stop the Bleed for over 300 students, incorporating high-fidelity manikins for a more realistic experience.

The HSU participated in quality-based simulated stroke scenarios using a simulated patient with nurse educators and staff at Vidant Beaufort Hospital.

The HSU will travel this week to Outer Banks Hospital Emergency Department for pediatric trauma-related education for ED providers and Dare County EMS.

Remember, our patients trust us to do it right…every time.