Clinical Simulation Laboratory (CSL) Regulations

Background Information

1. The University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) has invested considerable financial resources in the acquisition of equipment for the CSLs.
2. The purpose of these regulations is to provide an efficient, safe, clean, and well-maintained simulation lab environment for promoting optimal learning opportunities for all lab users while defining the rules for the use of task trainers, low-fidelity (static), mid-fidelity, and high-fidelity manikins.
3. Educational practices in the CSL are guided by the Standards of Practice for Simulation published by the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning.

General Information and Expectations

Hours of Operation
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Please refer to the UMSON website for further clarification:
http://nursing.umaryland.edu/about/csl.

Inclement Weather
UMSON will use the University of Maryland Test Alert System as the primary means of alerting students to emergencies and giving instructions on how to respond. Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for the alert system at https://alert.umaryland.edu. Information on the University’s status during inclement weather or other emergencies will also be released to local media outlets and will be available at the campus alerts Web page (http://www.umaryland.edu/alerts) or by calling the Campus Emergency Information Line at 410-706-8622. UMSON-specific information can be found at http://nursing.umaryland.edu or by calling 410-706-0501.

Regulations

1. No food is allowed in the simulation area.
2. Drinks are allowed in the front of the room away from the simulation area as long as they are in a container with a lid.
3. No smoking. UMSON a smoke free facility.
4. Staff and instructors are expected to present a professional appearance at all times. BSN and CNL students should wear the clinical uniform or professional attire with a lab coat and closed toe shoes. All other participants are expected to dress professionally.
5. UMSON is not responsible for loss of or damage to any personal property brought into the facility. You may report any items lost or found at the security desk located in the UMSON main lobby.
6. The CSL learning environment is student-centered. Student-centered learning asserts that the focus of learning is on the learner. The learner is actively involved in the learning
process and is responsible for his/her learning. The teacher is the facilitator of learning, and students participate and cooperate with each other, with the content and each other, and with the content and the facilitator.

7. Learning and assessment activities in the CSL are confidential, and in accordance with the honor code, should not be discussed with other students. Confidential subjects include the content of the simulation cases, the performance of other students, and the content of debriefing discussions. Breaches in confidentiality related to these activities are considered a violation of the honor code.

8. Only registered UMSON students and official guests are allowed in UMSON classrooms and laboratory settings. No one under the age of 18 is permitted.

9. The CSL is not a health center for ill learners and may not be used for clinical diagnosis or treatment.

10. Gloves are to be worn before coming into contact with the manikins. Hand washing is required before and after lab use.

11. The CSL is not a latex-free facility. If you have a latex allergy, please take the appropriate precautions.

12. The CSL has several types of simulators. All outside instructors/participants must be familiar with the basic functions of the equipment for their simulation. If you would like more in-depth information about how to operate or program a simulator, please send an email to clinicalsimulations@son.umaryland.edu, contact the general simulation lab at 410-706-7678, or contact Aisha Fort at 410-706-7428.

13. Equipment showing excessive wear or malfunctioning should be reported immediately by calling the general simulation lab at 410-706-7678.

14. Full body manikins are not to be moved out of bed for any reason without the assistance of the lab staff.

15. Manikins are to be treated with the same respect as live patients.

16. The user is responsible for returning equipment to its original state after use. This includes but is not limited to:
   a. Simulators returned to bed/stretcher with all original parts attached
   b. All adhesive tape removed, skin cleaned
   c. All makeup removed
   d. Equipment used during simulation returned to return cart
   e. Area clean and neat
   f. Computers turned off

17. Please refer to our website to obtain forms and further instructions if you are interested in a tour, consultation, checking lab availability, or borrowing equipment. http://nursing.umaryland.edu/about/csl/plan-visit

18. From time to time, activities in the clinical simulation laboratory will be audio/videotaped to enhance nursing student education. These tapes will be used for educational purposes only and will be kept within UMSON.

19. In the event that an injury should occur during clinical simulation:
   - Report the injury immediately. Contact CSL administrative staff or call the general simulation lab at 410-706-7678.
- Injured students should report to Student Health as soon as possible. If Student Health is closed, we encourage you to see your primary care physician or go to a local emergency room, depending on the severity of the injury.
- If equipment related, have the equipment removed from the CSL for further investigation.