# Creating a Rapid Response Simulation for Nursing Students

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### Introduction

- Nurses have a crucial responsibility to initiate appropriate treatments in Rescuing A Patient In Deteriorating Situations (RAPIDS)
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2008) acknowledged simulation experiences can increase confidence in psychomotor skills, communication, and professional role development.
- The purpose of thesis is to develop a rapid response simulation for nursing students.



### **Literature Recommendations**

- Research suggest simulations can provide students additional experience with managing deteriorating patients. This experience may be recalled in future clinical practice which can better patient outcomes
  - Schools should implement rapid response simulations in all nursing programs to prepare students for clinical practice.
- Debriefing should occur after each simulation to strengthen the knowledge of students.
- Additional research is needed to examine if simulation with a deteriorating patient can lead to changes in an actual clinical setting.

### Sepsis

- Patient deterioration often begins with subtle physiological indicators (Odell, Victor, & Oliver, 2009).
- Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that affects more than 1 million patients a year and is a leading cause of death in the United States (De Backer & Dorman, 2017)
- Surviving Sepsis Campaign released guidelines to assist health care clinicians in managing sepsis through early recognition and treatment, and to improve patient outcomes to decrease mortality rates
- Care bundles may increa or nursing students Suspect Sepsis. Save Lives.

(Goodstone, 2015)

# Approach

- National League for Nursing (NLN) Jeffries Simulation Theory will be the framework for this thesis
- Prepare Pre-Simulation Materials
  - SIRS and Sepsis criteria/definitions
  - o Surviving Sepsis Campaign; Hour 1 bundle
- The California Simulation Alliance (2020) simulation template will be utilized to develop the simulation
- Expert Review
- Trial Rapid Response Simulation (unable to trial due to COVID)
  - Plan was simulation would be optional for students in their capstone quarter to count for preceptorship hours
- Evaluation: Simulation Effectiveness Tool Modified (SET-M),

## Simulation Design

#### Simulation Design Template

(Matt Smith) Simulation # 2021

Date

Discipline: Nursing Students Expected Simulation Run Time: 15

Location: BIMSON Today's Date: File Name: Sepsis Rapid Response Student Level: Final quarter MEPN Guided Reflection Time: Twice the amount of time that the simulation runs (30) Location for Reflection:

#### **Brief Description of Client**

Name: Mr. Matt Smith

**Date of Birth: 2/17/1950** 

Gender: Male Age: 70 Weight: 210 Height: 5'7

Race: TBD Religion: TBD We usually allow faculty to assign race & religion)

Major Support: Wife (Susan) Support Phone: (883)465-2934

Allergies: Morphine Immunizations: UTD, has not received pneumococcal vaccine

Attending Provider/Team: Dr. Grey/Hospitalist

Past Medical History: Hyperlipidemia, Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension

History of Present Illness: Pt came in for 3 days of shortness of breath (SOB) and chills.

Social History: Lives at home with wife, two adult children.

Primary Medical Diagnosis: Community Acquired Pneumonia in the Lower Left Lobe (LLL)

Surgeries/Procedures & Dates: Right knee replacement (2010)

Insure consistency of data that should <u>not change</u> (e.g. birth date) and <u>change</u> patient data when appropriate (e.g. weight of patient if it is expected to increase or decrease as case unfolde.)

# Scenario Development

#### Scenario Progression Outline

Patient Name: Matt Smith Date of Birth: 2/17/1960

Timing (approx.)	Manikin/SP Actions	Expected Interventions	May Use the Following Cues
0-5 min	-Pt is sleeping in bed with increased work of breathing, respiratory rate is 22-24 per minute.	Learners should begin by: -Performing hand hygiene -Awaken patient for assessment	Role member providing cue: Facilitator – cue only if needed
	-Vitals: O2:86% on 2L NC, HR 90. Temp 37.4, BP 101/60. R 22 -Patient is hard to awaken. Only arouses once students gently move patientCrackles in LLL (Left Lower Lobe) -Pt only knows name and the year when asked orientation guestions.	-Confirming patient ID/assess orientation (Can you tell me your name and date of birth? Do you know what today is? Where are we at right now?)  -Ask how the patient is feeling  -Take vital signs, place patient on oxygen monitor once they notice decreased oxygen levels, increase flow of NC (Students can increase to 4L, max is 6L)  -Auscultate breath sounds	Cue: "You can wake the patient for an assessment" "How are his breath sounds?" "He seems to be breathing fast, are his vitals stable?"
	Matt Smith it is 2020".	-Administer prn albuterol -Students can call Respiratory Therapy if they need assistance	
5-10 min	-Pt starts to further deteriorate mentally, requires more stimulation for patient to respond.	Learners are expected to: -Identify abnormal vital signs as SIRS criteria (Increased HR, RR, Temperature)	"What do you think is going on with this patient?" "Should a new
	-HR increases to 105 Oxygen level now 92%	-Call for assistance from RRT, give SBAR	set of vital signs be taken?"
	after additional oxygen (whichever amount student chose to apply) RR 24. BP 98/62. Temp 38.2	-SBAR to provider (facilitator) with concerns, student recommend initiating the SIRS protocol and drawing labs including lactic acid	"The SIRS alert fired once vitals were entered in the chart"
	-Increased rate of respirations and labored	-Draw labs for SIRS alert	"Has the provider and RRT been notified?"

	breath sounds and from mannequin -Pt coughs intermittently.	(CBC, BMP, Lactic Acid, and Venous Blood Gas) -Notify Charge Nurse about patient's status	Provider asks for recommendations
10-20 min	(Facilitator states 30 minutes has passed since the labs were drawn)  -Pt now somnolent, not responding to touch.  Vitals-IRR 121, RR 30 O2 91%, Temp 38.5 BP 94/59 (MAP 71)  -Phone call from lab: Lactic Acid 3.1, and WBC 17.4	Learners are expected to: -Identify patient meets Sepsis criteria -SBAR to notify provider and RRT of results -Students recommend elements in Sepsis 1 hour Bundle - Administer IV fluids bolus - Draw blood cultures x2 - Start IV antibiotics - Monitor Vitals-place on continuous pulse oximetry - Repeat Lactic Acid in 2 -hours -Students can also recommend urinalysis, chest X-ray -Administer Tylenol prn fever -Bedside nurse calls report to ICU nurse	-Provider on the phone asks student if they have any recommendations -RRT nurse calls, "I saw the lab result, this patient has met sepsis criteria. What interventions have been started?" - "Have blood cultures been drawn before the IV antibiotics are started?" -Facilitator states a bed is ready in an ICU and to call report
			Scenario ends when all interventions are completed.

# **Expert Panel Review**

### •Included:

- A rapid response nurse responsible for assisting nurses with unstable patients on acute care floors
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) nurse
- Clinical resource nurse (CNIII) on an acute care floor with over ten years of experience and assists with staff education
- ICU nurse who has created simulations for nursing students

### **Next Steps**

- The next step if for faculty to implement the simulation for Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) students.
- The completed simulation bundle will be provided to the Instructor of Record (IOR) for the graduate nursing course.

### Simulation Bundle

- •Includes:
- Pre-simulation materials to distribute to students prior to the simulation
- Facilitator tools for pre-briefing,
- Completed simulation template,
- Recommended debriefing tools,
- Checklists to evaluate the simulation from a student and facilitator perspective.

### Conclusion

• Thesis: Create rapid response simulation for UCD MEPN

students



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# **Questions?**

