Call for Papers in Special 2021 Issue on Virtual Simulation

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Virtual simulations (VSs) are clinical simulations offered on a computer, the internet, or in a digital learning environment. They are engaging and immersive alternatives to live simulations and offer the benefits of accessibility, repeatability and potential cost-effectiveness. VS has emerged as a primary teaching strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide clinical experiences on an online platform. Research is needed to establish the efficacy of various virtual modalities and applications of the INACSL Standards of Best Practice to VS.

This special issue will explore how and to what extent VS is being used in health professions prelicensure and continuing education. Studies that examine clinician behaviours, patient outcomes, or novel applications of VS are of particular interest.

Manuscripts are being sought that:
- Present data derived from quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods studies
- Present results of studies conducted with students or health professionals in academic or clinical settings
- Present results of reviews that conform to the PRISMA reporting guidelines
- Discuss a variety of VS modalities including audio-based, video-based, digital, avatar-based, game-based, contemporary patient safety priorities
- Examine the components of VS delivery such as presimulation preparation, prebriefing, facilitation, debriefing and assessment
- Examine learner outcomes such as knowledge, clinical decision-making, clinical judgment, anxiety and clinical performance
- Examine topics related to patient outcomes and issues that impact patient safety
- Examine cost utility or cost-effectiveness of VS modalities and delivery

Submissions are due by October 31, 2020. Expected issue publication is June 2021.

All papers must adhere to author guidelines at www.nursingsimulation.org/content/authorinfo and will be peer reviewed. Submissions should be made at www.editorialmanager.com/NURSINGSIMULATION.

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