

STANDARDISED AND SIMULATED PATIENTS - THE STUDENT, THE ACTOR AND THEIR VIDEOTAPE

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In most health professions schools the number of students rises quickly. Patients increasingly object to having inexperienced students around the beds. Simulated patients can partially complement the clinical exposure that students need as preparation for real practice.

In this workshop we will address ways in which simulated patients can be recruited, trained and employed to assist in the training and assessment of future health professionals. Embedding such a programme in a health professions school will also be discussed.

The workshop will use interactive formats with small group assignments and discussions and a presentation of the current state of the art of the use of simulated patients. The workshop will end with an opportunity for participants to translate the findings to the contexts of their home institutions.