

Lane County Area Medical Center First in State to Adopt State-of-the-Art Simulators for Disaster Preparedness Training

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HRSA Grant Helps Fund Purchase of Medical Simulators

Sarasota, FL & Springfield, OR [October 31, 2005] McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center believes medical simulators will help better prepare their region's first responders to save lives in the event of a natural or homeland security disaster. With help from a HRSA grant, McKenzie-Willamette is the first in Oregon to implement high-fidelity simulators by Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI®) for general nursing, critical care and disaster training.

"McKenzie-Willamette is an example of how simulation is quickly becoming an integrated part of hospital-based education—particularly for those who provide initial treatment and care in medical emergencies" said Lou Oberndorf, president and CEO of METI. "Communities realize that nurses and first responders need comprehensive, life-like and realistic preparation for modern day disaster medicine treatment and techniques."

Capable of independent recognition and response to medical treatment and drugs without manipulation by an instructor, METI Simulators are capable of manifesting hundreds of possible human conditions and emergency medical scenarios.

"METI's disaster capabilities are what sold us on their technology," said Dena Putnam, disaster coordinator for McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center. "Our goal is to provide the highest quality of patient care to our community, and the simulators will help us, for example, to test intubation competency – a vital life-saving skill – and to practice evidence-based training. The simulation technology also gives us the capability of seeing life-like signs and symptoms of a person exposed to chemicals or biological agents. That is not something we have the opportunity to see on a regular basis. This technology provides our staff with a education that far exceeds just learning by reading a text book."

The McKenzie-Willamette order includes two of METI's Emergency Care Simulators (ECS®) adult models with the Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) option, one of the new BabySIM®, the world's first interactive infant patient simulator, one Advanced Cardiac Life Support Learning Module and one Program for Nursing Curriculum Integration Learning Module.

About METI Patient Simulation

Based in Sarasota, Florida, Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI®) has been a leader in interactive human patient simulation since 1996. Each METI simulator is designed to simulate bleeding, breathing, talking, blinking and numerous other physiological characteristics to simulate various medical emergency scenarios including heart attack, drug overdose, vehicular accidents, effects from weapons of mass destruction, bio-terrorism and other traumatic injuries. With over \$25 million in sales annually, more than 1000 organizations worldwide utilize METI's technology including NASA, Center for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. and foreign militaries, leading medical schools such as Mayo Clinic, Harvard, UCLA, Cleveland Clinic, Mount Sinai, Stanford and others. Please visit www.meti.com for more information.

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