

SCCM & METI Team Up to Incorporate Patient Simulation into Critical Care Programs

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METI to Aid in Development of Curriculum for Disaster and Critical Care Practices

Chicago, IL and Sarasota, FL -- The Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI) are joining forces to incorporate Patient Simulation into the Society's disaster medicine and critical care programs.

As the world's largest manufacturer of medical simulation products and educational tools, METI will provide patient simulation technology for some SCCM courses and will develop simulation modules to enhance these educational programs.

The Chicago-based SCCM, with a membership of more than 13,000 members worldwide, is the only professional organization devoted exclusively to the advancement of multiprofessional intensive care through excellence in patient care, education, research, and advocacy.

In addition to disaster medicine, SCCM's programs encompass multiple critical care situations from heart attack and stroke, to severe respiratory insufficiency, overwhelming infection, burns and gunshot wounds. The Society recognizes the unique needs of the critically ill and injured patient of any age -- infant to adult -- and strives to secure the highest quality care for all patients facing life-threatening conditions.

"METI simulation technologies and educational products have quickly become the world-wide standard for incorporating simulation into medical education curriculums," said METI President and CEO Lou Oberndorf. "We're very excited about this endeavor with SCCM and are confident that the effort will enhance critical care nationally and internationally."

The joint effort will continue during SCCM's Annual Congress, January 7-11, 2006, at the Moscone West Convention Center in San Francisco, California, where METI will be participating and exhibiting.

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, over 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.

About the Society of Critical Care Medicine

The Society of Critical Care Medicine is the leading professional organization dedicated to ensuring excellence and consistency in the practice of critical care medicine. With more than 13,000 members worldwide, the Society is the only professional organization devoted exclusively to the advancement of multiprofessional intensive care through excellence in patient care, professional education, public education, research and advocacy. Members of the Society include intensivists, critical care nurses, critical care pharmacists, clinical pharmacologists, respiratory care practitioners and other professionals with an interest in critical care, which may include physician assistants, social workers, dietitians, and members of the clergy. Visit www.sccm.org for more information.

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