Experience hands-on learning at KU School of Medicine-Wichita Simulation Center Open House

WICHITA, KANSAS — KU School of Medicine-Wichita is hosting an open house in its Simulation Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019, in conjunction with Healthcare Simulation Week September 16-20.

Health care simulation is a learning tool that recreates a clinical environment to allow students, residents, faculty, practitioners and community members to experience a realistic health care event. The purpose of health care simulation is to teach new skills, refresh old ones and improve the delivery of safe and effective patient care.

During the open house, guests can participate in a “live” birth with Victoria, the birthing manikin. Birthing demonstrations will occur at least twice each hour. Also providing interactive learning opportunities with various health care scenarios will be the adult, child and infant manikins. They can demonstrate a variety of symptoms from an erratic heartbeat to fluid-filled lungs of pneumonia to a full-blown cardiac arrest. They can cry. And they can talk to you.

CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) compression stations will be available to use with instruction and coaching from staff members. Individual feedback will be provided on a small attached screen so participants can track how they’re performing.
Throughout the day there will be a raffle, prizes and giveaways in addition to games and trivia relating to simulations.

In addition to learning surgical procedures, childbirth and a broad range of illnesses with the manikins, KU School of Medicine-Wichita Simulation Center employs standardized patients (community members) to role-play dynamic scenarios such as emergency department visits and fully stage scenarios that prepare students for mass casualty events on a large scale and on a more personal note, they learn how to handle the difficult one-on-one conversations with family members with compassion and calm.

Healthcare Simulation Week was created by the International Society for Simulation in Healthcare to celebrate the global professionals who use simulation to improve the safety, effectiveness and efficiency of health care delivery.

By participating during the open house, you will be able to help raise awareness in our communities about how health care simulation is leading us to safer, more knowledgeable patient care.

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