

**CGEA SP SIG Notes**  
**Columbus Ohio, April 2008**

**A. SP SIG Breakfast Meeting:**

We closed the previous SP SIG project re cultural competency cases. Many of us are incorporating cross-cultural communication projects in our regular SP cases, and there is no longer much interest in compiling a specific cultural competency case bank.

We discussed the growing interest in simulation and hybrid simulation using sims and SPs. As a result, we considered changing the name of the SIG to something more reflective of this broader interest – something like “SP and Simulation” SIG. This would require a revised description of our scope of interest as well.

Topics suggested for future SIG projects:

- The use of SPs to teach / assess:
  - Critical Care
  - Patient Safety
  - Team communication
- SPs with hi-fidelity simulation

*Patient safety* applications of SPs and sims were of most interest to the group.

We considered the possibility of developing a patient safety type case and piloting it at several different institutions. In particular a possible case could focus on preventing falls: identifying the risk of a fall, teamwork in critical care, trouble-shooting and reassessing risk.

Those of us going to AAMC could continue working on the project there. We should also consider submitting the project for a CGEA collaboration grant.

**B. The SP SIG sponsored session** was a Small Group discussion on: Teaching Communication in Critical Care Settings: SPs and Hybrid Simulations, led by Christine Sullivan and Stefanie Ellison from UMKC.

Participants identified other communication issues in critical care:

- Full disclosure, honesty
- Consent
- Interpreter situations
- Debriefing with team
- Spirituality issues in critical care
- Interprofessional roles
- Assess brain death on mannequin, then tell family

Participant suggested we could make some video vignettes with good and bad examples of communication in critical care. This is another possible SIG project.

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SP SIG Small Group Session: SPs in Critical Care