



Intermountain Simulation Lab Receives National Attention and Accreditation

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA, June 8, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Simulation Lab at Intermountain Healthcare has been receiving national and global attention this past month by being highlighted in Washington D.C. and with receiving accreditation in a Simulation Consortium in the area of Teaching and Education.

The Intermountain Simulation Lab crafted a simulated apartment that is used for educating patients on self-care management at home. One objective is teaching families with a family member that has heart failure how to manage the chronic condition at home rather than just with discharge paperwork. The interactive exercise includes handling daily medications, measuring blood pressure and making food plans. Preliminary results are showing improvements in self-care management. Patients so far have had higher confidence in treatment plans, greater satisfaction in care and fewer self-care management errors.

The innovative patient education simulation is being showcased at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Total Health in Washington D.C. The Center has a simulated home display with Intermountain's work on display.

The Simulation Center, located at Intermountain LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, has recently received accreditation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. The accreditation comes as a Simulation Consortium in the area of Teaching and Education and is major achievement for the largest simulation lab in Mountain West.

The accreditation is a global recognition for delivering excellence and expertise in teaching and education. Institutes have to demonstrate consistent and integrated simulation. The Intermountain Simulation Lab allows for a hands-on environment designed to teach new skills, critical thinking and aims to improve patient safety and clinical outcomes.

The Lab's emergency rooms are fully outfitted with interactive, computer-driven mannequins that allow deliberate practice of a full range of clinical interventions. They are equipped with sinks, patient beds, crash carts, and all needed equipment to make the experience feel like an actual medical situation.

High-definition cameras are also positioned throughout the center, which gives simulation staff the ability to view and interact with medical staff as if they were the patient, from a centralized observation control room.

More information about the Simulation Center can be found on [Intermountain website](#).

Intermountain Healthcare is a Utah-based not-for-profit system of 22 hospitals, 180 clinics, a Medical Group with about 1,500 employed physicians and advanced practitioners, a health plans group called SelectHealth, and other medical services. Intermountain is widely recognized as a leader in transforming healthcare through high quality and sustainable costs. For more information, visit www.intermountainhealthcare.org.

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