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News at NYSIM

Fundamental Critical Care Support Course at NYSIM



In response to the anticipated COVID19 surge at the beginning of 2021, the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) organized an intensive care unit cross-training initiative for independent safety-net hospitals aimed at strengthening the city's health care delivery system. The GNYHA coordinated online training and certification in the Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) course that provides non-intensivists training to manage critically ill patients for the first 24 hours or until appropriate critical care consultation.

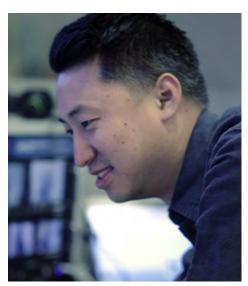
In late December 2020 to early January 2021 over 200 participants completed the FCCS Society of Critical Care Medicine online course. To complete the entire course and gain certification, a three-hour virtual skill session was required that reviewed mechanical and non-invasive ventilation as well as the care of the critically ill patient. Learners joined via web conference, and our instructors conducted a simulation onsite with manikins and other critical care equipment. NYSIM was one of several simulation centers in the NYC area to host these virtual skills sessions; other centers included Health + Hospitals Jacobi Medical Center; Mount Sinai Health System's Center for Advanced Medical Simulation at Mount Sinai West; and Northwell Health's Center for Learning and Innovation, Patient Safety Institute. NYSIM hosted 5 sessions, training 27 clinicians. Led by Dr. Brian Kaufman, the following NYU Langone Health simulation faculty also helped teach these skills sessions: Dr. Anthony Andriotis, Dr. Ali Hafiz, Dr. Tanzib Hossain, and Dr. Daniel Lugassy, This collaborative effort was featured in Crain's New York Business news update in December 2020, and we are thrilled to have been part of it!

NYSIM Highlights: EFAA Employee Recognition Award

This month NYSIM would also like to celebrate one of our most reliable and patient team members—Tom Vongbandith! Tom is our IT Senior Systems Analyst, and has recently been awarded our departmental Employee Recognition award for 2020 emphasizing his excellence in collaboration.

We do not exaggerate when we say Tom is instrumental in ensuring our educational programs run successfully day to day. Tom consistently delivers quality support, clear communication, and effective solutions for whatever may come his way. When asked a bit about what he is currently doing in his free time out of work, Tom had this to say:

"During my time off, you can find me running along the East River between Williamsburg and Greenpoint, especially when it's cold out. On the weekends, I like to donate my time to The Met Council food warehouse in my neighborhood, in Greenpoint, where I pack food for Holocaust survivors who can't leave their homes to go to the grocery stores because of the Pandemic." Congratulations and way to go, Tom! We are so proud of and grateful for you.





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The New York Simulation Center (NYSIM) is committed to supporting safe operations for all learners, faculty & staff.

Please note the following operational changes in order to support safe operating procedures:

- 1. All educational programs will be reviewed; it may necessitate a re-intake meeting to re-design the program to keep faculty, learners and staff safe to the quidelines below
- All individuals entering Bellevue Hospital (therefore NYSIM)
 will require a temperature check in the Bellevue Lobby. Individuals may also be required to complete a symptom check
- 3. All individuals will be required to use hand sanitizer as they enter NYSIM, and continue to follow good hand hygiene while in NYSIM
- All individuals will be asked to practice social distancing when possible and remain at least six feet apart even when wearing masks
- 5. Surgical masks must be worn at all times while in NYSIM, unless alone in a closed room
- All individuals will be asked to report directly into the simulation rooms and not congregate at the front desk. The sitting area is closed.
- 7. No food or drink is permitted. All individuals will be asked to store any food/drink In a locker, or throw it away.
- 8. NYSIM will adhere to recommended individual numbers per space which are posted throughout the simulation center.
- 9. In our larger simulation spaces NYSIM will allow a learner + faculty maximum of 9 individuals

NYSIM will work with scheduled programs to adhere to the precautions above. If anyone has any questions/concerns they should contact <a href="https://www.nysim.gov/ny

Thank you, NYSIM Team







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Upcoming Events at NYSIM

Comments, suggestions and questions to NYSIM@nyulangone.org are always welcome to create a better learning and teaching environment for our faculty and learners.

NYSIM Instructor Course 2021

The 3-day NYSIM Instructor Course focuses on debriefing skills and simulation design. Sessions include Objective Oriented Debriefing, Advanced Debriefing Topics and Simulation Scenario Design. The course will continue to be held live and onsite at NYSIM, implementing safety guidelines that can be found the NYSIM website (http://nysimcenter.org/).

Participants are required to wear surgical masks, and if you do not have one, it will be provided.

2021 Sessions:

July 11- 15, Tuesday through Thursday - Registration Open August, 9-11, Monday through Wednesday - Registration Open November 16-18, Tuesday through Thursday - Registration Open

To request a spot click the following link: http://www.nysimcenter.org/courses/instructor-courses

You will be contacted by Soma Roy (<u>Soma.Roy@nyulangone.org</u>) to confirm your registration. If the course is full, you will be notified of waitlist status. Please email Soma Roy with any questions.