Simulation Program
Operating Policy and Procedure Manual

SIM OP: 90.106 Use of “Real” Drugs/Medications for Simulation-Based Experiences in the Simulation Program

PURPOSE: This TTUHSC Simulation Program policy is to ensure that faculty, staff, students, residents and external users do not bring or use “real” drugs/or medications for use in a simulation-based activity into the simulation center.

REVIEW: The Simulation Program OP will be reviewed September 1 of each even-numbered year by the Executive Director of the Centers.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy

In an effort to ensure the safety of simulation participants, faculty, simulation personnel, and patients, no “real” drugs or medications are to be used for simulation-based activities. No real drugs or medications are to be brought into the simulation center by faculty or other customers for educational purposes.

Exceptions to this policy may include: 1) over the counter drugs such as fleets enemas, suppositories that are currently not available as a simulated product, 2) IV solutions that can be used with a partial trainer or advanced patient simulator, and 3) commercially prepared first aid kits in each center.

2.0 Procedure

A. “Real” drugs or medications for use during a simulation-based education activity are not allowed in a simulation center.
B. All simulated medication are to be labeled “not for human use”.
C. All crash carts are to be inspected, restocked and locked with new simulation emergency drugs and locked following inspection after each use.
D. If any “real” drugs or medications are discovered in the simulation center, they will be immediately disposed of appropriately in sharps containers.
E. If simulation center personnel discover a real drug, they are to notify the simulation center director immediately. The simulation center director will contact the potential source and initiate appropriate action.

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