

There was a silver simulation lining to the pandemic – a medical school’s teaching experience

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The pandemic created significant challenges across every industry and every home. It impacted both our personal and professional lives. In the healthcare sector we were even more challenged as we needed to keep teaching and training our next generation of health professionals to be able to treat and care for future patients.

So how do you teach and assess healthcare students when you can see them face to face? How do you ensure hands on practice to gain confidence and competence?

Using simulation, Deakin Medicine created innovative ways to teach and assess our medical students. Sim in a BOX, Virtual Clinical Placement and Telehealth appointments with Simulated Patients.

Interestingly both staff and students have commented how the delivery of curriculum and assessment using simulation tools has not only provided an excellent teaching experience it has also enhanced student engagement and staff satisfaction.

The COVID pandemic does have a silver lining as Deakin Medicine will continue using these innovations in future practice.

Specific objectives of the workshop

- Using Simulation
 - To provide a medical school experience of the challenges met in the delivery of teaching and learning during the pandemic
 - To reflect of curriculum and assessment changes made due to the pandemic
 - To identify what changes will remain as part of teaching and learning moving into the future
 - To share how the Deakin experience may help other institutions.

Rationale for the workshop

Provide an opportunity for the Health Simulation Community to connect and share their teaching and learning challenges and experiences during the pandemic and to discuss their educative simulation innovations.

Intended target audience

All members of the Health Simulation Community

Link to conference theme

Opportunity to connect with likeminded simulation professionals and to share educative simulation innovations implemented during the pandemic

Optimal experience level of the participants

All simulation professionals – technical support staff to expert simulators

Approximate workshop timetable

90 mins

Conflicts of interest

NIL