

Conference Feedback Form

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About the Conference you attended:

Conference title: Association for Simulated Practice in Healthcare (ASPiH)

Conference date(s): Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November 2011

Conference location: Millennium Stadium, Cardiff

What was the theme of the Conference?

Using Simulation to Develop a Safe and Capable Workforce

What were the aims of the Conference?

To continue with an effective communication network for those involved in simulated practice in the UK and beyond. It also provided a great opportunity for presentations from international speakers, sharing their experiences and new research. The closing session provided the audience with an opportunity to share their challenges and the make suggestions for the future direction for ASPiH.

Title of any paper/presentation you gave:

Poster Presentation: Remote access to simulated skills education: Evaluation of the Mobile Clinical Skills Unit for Scotland

On reflection, did the Conference:

Meet your initial expectations?

Yes, there was an excellent range of workshops/presentation to attend. The keynote sessions were very thought provoking. It was good to listen to international speakers who can give a different perspective and insight into their learning experiences. I enjoyed speaking with other delegates, from different parts of the UK about their practices and their views on simulated education.

Prove relevant to your practice within the CS MEN?

Yes. Many of the workshops and presentations proved that simulation can and does have a huge impact on real life situations. I also attended a very interesting workshop which discussed the amount of serious untoward incidents that occur each year due to human factor failures, in particular communication failures. I hope to be able to relate this to the upcoming human factors discussion in Scotland.

It was also great to showcase the Mobile Unit and discuss the impact it has had on remote & rural practitioners in Scotland. I also met with a few of the exhibitors to discuss the possibility of new or an upgrade of equipment for the Mobile Unit.

Was there enough time allowed for discussion and networking at the event?

There was plenty of time available for discussion within the presentations/workshops and during the conference for networking.

Warrant attending? (any particular highlights)

The opening session on the second day by Harry Owen, Professor in Clinical Simulation and also Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine at Flinders University in South Australia was an excellent presentation, where he addressed the theories of unlearning as a concept that benefits individual personal development. From his synopsis he quotes; *“The three conditions of unlearning are far less well known but very important for health, where decisions with life and death consequences are knowledge-based: 1. Routine unlearning (forgetting), 2. Wiping and 3. Deep unlearning.”* His presentation detailed that all parts of clinical education and training require unlearning and learning.

It was the first time I had presented the Mobile Unit as a poster at a conference and although the attendance for my presentation was disappointing the positive response I received from other delegates at other times during the conference was encouraging.