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# The Use of Simulation and Training Programs in Improving Healthcare Quality and Safety

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## **ABSTRACT:**

This article focused on the simulation and training programs to improve healthcare quality and safety in Saudi Arabia, and how the use of simulation and training programs leads to the improvement of healthcare quality and safety. Simulation and training programs have made a significant impact in the field of healthcare by improving the quality of healthcare, the satisfaction and safety of patients, and the training of health specialists, improving self-esteem and other positive developments, regardless of the challenges faced. This study intends to examine these aspects of simulation. Further, data was collected from a relatively small sample from the small healthcare institutions in the Qassim region. The sample size was 189, suggested by Krejcie and Morgan. The study finds that a positive and significant association between the all the variables under study. Hence our first two hypotheses have been substantiated. This means investing on training program could enhance quality as well as patient safety. Likewise, provision of best infrastructure also needs huge amount of financial resources. The study also reports that STP explained 27.3% variance in enhancing OPS in small health institutions. Goodness of fit F= 278.213 also found significant at p < 0.000. This implies that one percent investment in TP cold increase QPS by 52.3%, hence we accept our third hypothesis.

**Keywords:** Use of Simulation, Training Programs, Health Sector, Improving Healthcare Quality and Safety, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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#### Introduction

The modern healthcare landscape is very much concerned with healthcare quality and safety. Continuous efforts to improve the knowledge and skills of healthcare professionals are needed for high-quality care delivery and ensuring patient safety. As a result, simulation and training programs have become effective educational tools in health care. Simulation-based training recreates healthcare environments and situations by using interactive technologies to create real-life scenarios. It gives hands-on experiential learning opportunities to healthcare providers allowing them to practice their skills in a safe and controlled environment. These schemes aim at closing the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application enabling medical officials to improve their clinical skills, enhance teamwork as well as communication, and nurture critical thinking skills. There has been much focus on the use of simulation and training programs in the health sector recently. This has largely resulted from advances in technology, growing awareness of patient safety issues, and continuous professional development needs within healthcare professions. Learning through simulation-based training adds value beyond traditional classroom teaching. Simulation-based training has a rich record of benefits in healthcare. Simulation programs are known to enhance clinical skills, reduce medical errors, improve teamwork and communication, increasing health care professional's self-esteem and patients' outcomes. By providing an environment that is safe but conducive to practice and learning, simulation programs enable health professionals to sharpen their skills, recognize their areas of weakness, and discover mechanisms for delivering high-quality healthcare.

Although there has been widespread implementation of simulation and training programs in some healthcare organizations, its use across the globe is still developing. This ranges from different levels of availability of simulation facilities as well as resources or training programs depending on different countries or even the health organization. It is essential therefore to examine how these factors affect the quality of care delivered in diverse contexts through exploring the application of simulation as well as training schemes in such contexts with regards to healthcare quality improvement and patient safety. This study aims to inquire into the use of simulation and training programs in improving healthcare quality and safety. It mainly expounds on the advantages, types of simulation applied, obstacles involved in implementation, actual examples in health facilities, and how training based on simulation can enhance healthcare quality and patient safety. Furthermore, it will discuss innovative uses of simulation technology to further enhance healthcare quality. Healthcare policymakers, educators, and professionals can make decisions about the integration and utilization of these programs by understanding the role and impact of simulation and training programs. In the end, the purpose is to enable better healthcare that may deliver improved patient safety as well as optimize skills as well as knowledge among healthcare practitioners who provide patients with the best care possible (Al-Elq, 2010). We face some challenges in the difficulty of using Simulation and Training Programs to improve the quality of healthcare, these challenges include cost, resources, time, and infrastructure are important for simulation programs, as well as the difficulty of accessing experts in the use of simulation programs to train health service providers.

#### Objectives

- 1. Identification of the positive correlation between simulation and training programs and the quality and safety of healthcare.
- 2. Studying the ability to withstand obstacles simulation and training programs against sustainable benefits in the quality and safety of healthcare.
- 3. Get acquainted with some simulation and training programs in the field of Healthcare in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 4. Study the impact that simulation and training programs have had on the quality of healthcare in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



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#### **Research Questions**

**RQ-1:** Is there any real relationship between simulation and training programs to improve healthcare quality and Safety?

**RQ-2:** Is there any significant association between cost, infrastructure, and small health institutions when using simulation and training programs?

RQ-3: Do simulation and training programs improve the quality and safety in healthcare?

#### Hypotheses

 $H_1$ : There is a significant correlation between the use of simulation and training programs and improving the quality and safety of healthcare.

 $H_2$ : There is a significant correlation between cost, infrastructure, and small health institutions when using simulation and training programs.

H<sub>3</sub>: There is a significant improvement using simulation and training programs in improving the quality and safety of patients in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

#### Literature Review

The incredible and thought-provoking growth of Saudi Arabia's healthcare education based on simulation in the last few years is one to be proud of. The thousands of simulation experts and health educators employed are involved in fields that provide and promote quality, real-life education aimed at improving quality and safety in healthcare. This article will also discuss how Simulation and Training Programs have impacted the quality as well as the safety of healthcare in Saudi Arabia. It will also talk about what types of simulation and training programs are available, as well as some of the centers in Saudi Arabia that provide these programs for simulation education or training purposes.

#### What do Simulation and Training Programs mean?

The purpose of simulation and coaching programs is to create a secure and controlled environment in which learners can observe and gain knowledge while avoiding the risks and consequences associated with real-world situations. Simulation involves the simulation or imitation of real-life events, processes, or systems victimization of many techniques and technologies. Students can act with simulated components such as virtual patients or mannequins or computer-based models. Simulation will be used in a wide range of fields, including health care, aviation and engineering, military, and emergency response. Simulation and coaching programs provide health care professionals, including doctors, nurses, and other allied health care professionals, with the opportunity to strengthen their clinical knowledge, observe medical procedures and improve decision making skills (Datta *et al.*, 2012).

#### Types of Simulation Used in Healthcare Training

It is common to use simulations in healthcare training that allow healthcare providers to gain an educational and realistic experience. The following are some of the most used types of simulation in healthcare training:

#### High-Fidelity Simulation

Is a healthcare education technique that uses advanced life-like simulation manikins in realistic patient settings? Simulation scenarios can be performed anywhere, whether in an environment designed for EMS or Military Simulation or in a clinical setting like a surgical simulation within a simulation center. Complex manikins, also called human patient simulators (HPPs) or high-fidelity simulators, simulate human anatomy and physiology (Issenberg *et al.*, 2005).

#### **Standardized Patient Simulation**

Is an individual trained to perform the role of a patient, caregiver, or other person in a standardized way for the educational purposes of a healthcare student or professional? In the non-US context, standardized patients are often





referred to as simulated patients. Standardized patients can also be referred to as "actors" and "actresses" within the context of health education and medical simulation (Cleland *et al.*, 2005).

#### Virtual Reality (VR) Simulation

Is a cutting-edge technology that is being used for education and training within the healthcare industry? VR is being used in healthcare Simulation environments to provide students with visual and sensory experiences delivered through computer graphics. One of the major benefits of advancing VR in Medicine is that VR allows students to learn how to do many tasks and procedures that involve the human body, without having to perform them on a living patient (Seymour *et al.*, 2002).

#### Task Trainers

Task Trainers are typically used in a group setting across the entire medical simulation community. For instance, IV access training delivered by a healthcare simulation team typically takes place in a setting like a nurse residency program, where there are a lot of newer clinicians learning the proper process and practice for successfully inserting an intravenous line. This concept could be flipped and used to support another organizational goal; to create an environment conducive to self-directed learning (Wayne *et al.*, 2008).

#### **Team-Based Simulation**

The purpose of team-based simulations is to teach healthcare professionals how to collaborate as a team in timesensitive and challenging situations (Colman *et al.*, 2019).

#### Simulated Clinical Environments

Clinical Simulation is the process by which a Simulation Center simulates real-world healthcare conditions in a safe environment for educational and experimental purposes. Clinical Simulation can broadly be defined as the utilization of tools, equipment, and/or environments to simulate a specific clinical condition (Dieckmann *et al.*, 2007).

#### Barriers and Benefits of Simulation-based Training in Healthcare

There are many advantages to simulation-based healthcare training, but there are also some challenges. Here are some of the common challenges and benefits of simulation-based healthcare training:

#### **Barriers of Simulation-based Training in Healthcare**

#### Cost

Simulation-based training can be expensive to set up and maintain. This includes the cost of the simulation equipment, upkeep, and regular updates. The cost of the initial technology and infrastructure investment can be a major obstacle, especially for healthcare organizations with limited budgets (Hosny *et al.*, 2017).

#### Time and Resources

Simulation-based training necessitates time and resources to plan, develop, and facilitate training sessions. Healthcare professionals must take time out of their busy schedules to attend training sessions, and this can be difficult due to staff and workload limitations (Bentley *et al.*, 2019).

#### Infrastructure and Space

Setting up simulation training facilities necessitates physical space and infrastructure such as simulation labs, equipment storage, audio-visual capabilities, etc. Having limited space can be a hindrance to developing simulation software, particularly in healthcare settings where space is limited (Bentley *et al.*, 2019).



#### Faculty Development

Simulation-based training necessitates qualified faculty and instructors with clinical training and simulation expertise. Providing training and development opportunities to facilitate simulation activities may be a challenge, particularly in areas with a lack of qualified simulation teachers (Cheng *et al.*, 2015).

#### Resistance to change

Resistance to change or a lack of knowledge about simulation-based training can be a barrier to adoption. For healthcare professionals who are used to using traditional training methods, the adoption of simulation may be a challenge. For those who are new to simulation, there may be a lack of knowledge or understanding about how it can be used as an educational resource (Salman, 2021).

#### **Benefits of Simulation-based Training in Healthcare:**

#### Enhancing Patient Safety

Simulation-based training creates a safe environment in which healthcare professionals can practice and hone their clinical skills without exposing patients to risk. This type of training helps to identify and reduce errors, improving patient safety and reducing the risk of adverse events (Wang *et el.*, 2013).

#### Improving Clinical Competence

Simulation helps healthcare professionals improve their clinical knowledge, procedural knowledge, and decisionmaking skills. It gives them the chance to practice, repeat, and master complicated procedures or clinical situations (Wang *et al.*, 2013).

#### Realistic Learning Experience

Simulation provides learners with an immersive learning experience that immerses them in the real world of healthcare, allowing them to experience patient interactions and clinical challenges realistically. This immersion encourages students to engage, think critically, and solve problems (Rosen *et al.*, 2012).

#### Teamwork and Communication Skills

Simulation-based training helps healthcare professionals work together and communicate effectively, resulting in better patient outcomes. Simulation-based training encourages healthcare professionals to work together, coordinate, and understand each other's roles and responsibilities (Colman *et al.*, 2019).

#### **Building Confidence**

Simulation empowers healthcare professionals to learn how to effectively manage critical situations through continuous practice and feedback. Learners gain self-assurance and confidence, which in turn helps them perform better in real clinical environments (Wang *et al.*, 2013).

#### Research and Quality Improvement

Simulation-based training supports research and quality-improvement efforts. Simulation scenarios can be used to test new protocols, assess the impact of interventions, and identify areas of improvement in healthcare practices and systems (Abas *et al.*, 2016).





#### **Continuing Education and Professional Development**

Simulation-based training is an effective way for healthcare professionals to stay up to date with the latest technologies, techniques, and best practices. While there are some downsides to simulation-based training, the benefits are undeniable. Simulation-based training improves patient care, increases clinical proficiency, and strengthens health care safety culture. By addressing challenges through strategic planning, the allocation of resources, faculty development, stakeholder engagement, and more, we can make the most of simulation training in healthcare (Rosen *et al.*, 2012).

#### Real-life examples of simulation and training programs in healthcare institutions in Saudi Arabia

Is a simulation center located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia? It is one of the biggest and most sophisticated simulation centers in the country. The center provides healthcare professionals with a variety of simulation-based educational programs, such as high-quality simulations, standard patient scenarios, and VR simulations. It offers training in a variety of fields, including Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, and Surgeries. The Center for Simulation and Skills Development at King Saud University's College of Medicine in Riyadh offers a wide range of simulation-based training courses to medical students, residents, and healthcare professionals to improve clinical skills and teamwork using cutting-edge simulation technology, such as high-fidelity mannequins or virtual reality simulators. The center offers training in areas like Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Trauma Management. The simulation and clinical training center at King Fahad Medical City in Riyadh aim to enhance patient safety and health care quality by providing simulation-based training programs. The center provides a variety of simulation programs such as surgical simulation, obstetrics and gynecology simulation, and Pediatric simulation. The center also offers inter professional group simulation training sessions to improve teamwork and communication between healthcare professionals.

The simulation and skills development center at the King Abdullah International Medical Research Center in Jeddah specializes in simulation-based training for health professionals in various fields. The center provides a wide range of simulation-based training programs, such as surgical simulation, acute medicine simulation, critical care simulation, etc. The center also carries out simulation-based research to assess the effectiveness of various training interventions. The Simulation and Skills Development Center of the Health Affairs of the Ministry of the National Guard in Riyadh aims to improve patient safety and healthcare results through simulation training for healthcare professionals. The center provides simulation programs for healthcare professionals in nursing, anesthesia, and pharmacy. Simulation programs include medication safety training, patient assessment, and crisis management training offered by healthcare institutions. By using simulation technology and providing realistic learning settings, healthcare institutions strive to improve clinical competencies, improve inter-professional cooperation, and ultimately enhance patient care and results. In Saudi Arabia, simulation-based training has significantly improved the quality of healthcare and patient safety. The following are some of the results and effects of simulation training in Saudi Arabia:

#### **Reducing Medical Errors**

Simulation training helps prevent medical errors before they happen in a real patient care setting. By providing a safe environment for healthcare professionals to practice critical decision-making, emergency response, and complex clinical case management, simulation training reduces the risk of medical mistakes and adverse events (Boker, 2016).

#### Enhancing Patient Satisfaction

Simulation training increases patient satisfaction. When healthcare professionals receive simulation training, they are better able to provide quality care, communicate effectively, and are more confident in managing patients. This leads to higher patient satisfaction and better healthcare experiences (Arab *et al.*, 2017).





#### **Implementing Best Practices**

Simulation training helps implement evidence-based healthcare best practices. By embedding guidelines and protocols in simulation scenarios, healthcare providers can practice and refine the use of standard protocols, clinical paths, and patient safety protocols. Including best practices in simulation training enhances compliance with guidelines and enhances patient care. Overall, simulation-based training has improved the quality and safety of healthcare in Saudi Arabia by providing an immersive and realistic learning experience. Simulation training improves the clinical competency of healthcare professionals, as well as their teamwork and communication skills. This leads to fewer medical errors, more satisfied patients, and the implementation of evidence-based practices, which in turn improves the quality of healthcare provision in the Kingdom (Agha *et al.*, 2015).

#### Exploring Innovative Uses of Simulation Technology in Improving Healthcare Quality

Simulation technology is constantly changing and can be used in a variety of ways to enhance the quality of care. Here are a few examples of how simulation can be used in innovative ways:

#### Virtual Reality Simulation

Virtual reality simulations offer an immersive and interactive experience for healthcare professionals. These simulations can be used to train healthcare professionals in a variety of procedures, including surgery, minimally invasive techniques, and complex medical procedures. Virtual reality simulation provides healthcare professionals with a realistic virtual environment in which to practice their skills and improve their decision-making skills (Gaba, 2007).

#### Augmented Reality (AR) for Surgical Navigation

Augmented reality brings digital data into the surgical environment, enabling surgeons to accurately pinpoint anatomical positions and navigate during surgeries. AR can help surgeons see patient-specific information, including preoperative images, in real time during surgery, increasing surgical precision and reducing complication rates.

#### Electronic Health Record (EHR) Simulation

Is a way for healthcare professionals to simulate patient documentation and workflow? It allows them to practice using different EHR platforms, understand how to use different functions, and see how EHR use affects patient care. Simulation training increases efficiency, accuracy, privacy, and security (Gaba, 2004).

#### Serious Games

A serious game is an interactive digital platform that combines fun and educational content. Serious games are used to teach healthcare professionals how to make clinical decisions, diagnose patients, and manage patients. Serious games keep learners engaged and entertained, helping them to retain knowledge and skills.

#### **Disaster and Emergency Response Simulation**

Disaster and emergency response simulation provides healthcare professionals with the opportunity to practice their emergency response skills in the event of a mass casualty incident, natural disaster, or outbreak. Simulation helps healthcare teams create effective emergency response strategies, test communications capabilities, and identify areas where disaster preparedness needs to be improved (Gaba, 2007).

#### **Patient Education Simulation**

Patient education simulation is a way to use simulation technology to teach patients about their health, treatments, and how to take care of themselves. Patients can use virtual or interactive models to learn about complex medical topics, visualize procedures, and take part in healthcare decisions. Simulation helps empower patients to take control of their health. These cutting-edge applications of simulation technology in the healthcare industry illustrate its potential to





improve training, enhance clinical proficiency, and ultimately improve the quality of care. Utilizing the latest innovations in simulation technology, health professionals can continue to discover new ways to enhance patient care, safety, and outcomes (Gaba, 2004).

## Method

This study was conducted literature by searching five databases including PubMed, Scopus, Embase, Web of Science, and Science Direct. Inclusion criteria included studies clearly defining any use of simulation and training programs in improving healthcare quality and safety in Saudi Arabia. The study used cross sectional survey which is widely used by the studies related to healthcare. The data was collected from relatively limited number of samples from the small healthcare institutions in the Qassim region. The sample size was 189, the decision to determine sample size was based on the Krejcie and Morgan (1970) Table. This research adhered to the ethical guidelines.

## **Results and Findings**

To test the hypothesis, we have used the study has used correlation and linear regression analyses.

#### Association Between Predictors and Criterion Variables

 $H_1$ : There is a significant correlation between the use of simulation and training programs and improving the quality and safety of healthcare.

H<sub>2</sub>: There is a significant correlation between cost, infrastructure, and small health institutions when using simulation and training programs.

#### Table 1

Association	

	1	2	3	4
STP	1			
QAS	.523**	1		
COST	.411**	.614**	1	
INFRA	.337	.551**	.701**	1

\*\* Significant at 0.01 level

As could be seen from above table, there is a positive and significant association between the all the variables under study. Hence our first two hypotheses have been substantiated. This means investing on training program could enhance quality as well as patient safety. Likewise, provision of best infrastructure also needs huge amount of financial resources.

#### Impact Analysis

 $H_3$ : There is a significant improvement using simulation and training programs in improving the quality and safety of patients in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

#### Table 2

**Regression Analysis** 

DV	IV	R	$\mathbb{R}^2$	F	Beta	р
QAS	S Constant	0.523	.273	278.213		0.000
	STP				0.523	0.000

QAS: Quality and Safety

STP: Simulation and Training Programs



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Result of the regression analysis from the above table reveals that STP explained 27.3% variance in enhancing QAS in small health institutions. Goodness of fit F= 278.213 also found significant at p< 0.000. This implies that one percent investment in STP cold increase QAS by 52.3%, hence we accept our third hypothesis.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, this research has examined the use of simulation and training programs as a means of improving healthcare quality and safety in Saudi Arabia (KSA). Simulation and training programs are learning activities that mirror real-life healthcare environments, to offer a secure setting for medical practitioners to practice their skills. Different forms of simulation such as virtual reality simulations, standardized patient encounters, task trainers, and high-fidelity mannequins are used in healthcare training to meet different learning objectives. The study shows both barriers and benefits of simulation-based training in healthcare. Some of the obstacles include financial limitations, limited infrastructure, and resistance to change among others which require faculty development. Nevertheless, the advantages of simulation-based training overcome these challenges. Simulation initiatives have been implemented successfully in healthcare institutions like King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre as well as King Abdul-Aziz Medical City within Saudi Arabia resulting in better clinical competencies, decreased medical errors, improved teamwork spirit's view on this issue along increased patient satisfaction. Simulation-based training has significantly influenced healthcare in Saudi Arabia. Various other research has shown improved clinical outcomes, reduced adverse events, increased patient satisfaction, and better healthcare provider performance. Simulation-based training enables continuous professional development, continual learning, and a culture that promotes patient safety within the hospital. In addition to that, there is the possibility of investigating new ways of using simulation technology to improve the quality of health care. Examples of emerging trends include virtual reality surgical simulations, augmented realitybased training, and gamified learning platforms which can further enhance procedural skills, decision-making abilities, and inter professional collaboration in the healthcare industry. In conclusion, recommendations were made on the integration of simulation and training programs into healthcare settings within Saudi Arabia towards improving healthcare quality patient safety, and professional development among the workforces. Saudi Arabian healthcare institutions can transform healthcare education by overcoming barriers, establishing simulation centers, facilitating faculty training sessions or programs for both individuals who conduct such educational activities and students who use them as well a student where they are used, encouraging partnerships between various professionals such as doctor's nurses, etc., sustained evaluation and research as well as the incorporation of technological advancements.

## **Theoretical and Practical Implications**

Several solid theoretical implications exist from the research on the use of simulation and training programs to enhance healthcare quality and safety in Saudi Arabia. Firstly, it adds value to the realm of health care education by bringing out the efficacy of simulation-based training in clinical skills development that bridges between theory and practice. It insists on hands-on experiential learning as a means for enhancing competencies among those practicing in clinical fields. Furthermore, it elaborates on effective teamwork, communication, and collaboration techniques used within a medical setting since most simulations are team-based scenarios. Moreover, this study further builds on existing information about how patient safety can be achieved through simulation-based training hence providing insights useful in guiding future educational practices and policies.

This study has identified three major practical implications for healthcare institutions and policy makers in Saudi Arabia. Firstly, it underscores the need for investment in simulation facilities, equipment, and training resources to facilitate integration of simulation-based programs. Healthcare institutions can choose establishing specialized simulation centers or incorporating simulation labs into existing educational structures. Furthermore, it stresses the significance of training faculty in simulation pedagogy to enhance program design and facilitation. Faculty development programs and workshops can be provided by healthcare institutions for educators so that they are equipped with skills necessary to effectively employ simulation-based education.

Furthermore, these demonstration cases represent some notable examples of how simulation-like training initiatives have been implemented in healthcare organizations within Saudi Arabia; thus, other institutions would benefit from





these experiences as they attempt to adopt similar strategies that work best for them. Consequently, through accreditation standards/guidelines policy makers can seek out mechanisms to encourage this type of teaching within medical school curricula. Moreover, the research findings also lay emphasis on the benefits of simulation-based training which include enhanced clinical skills, increased patient safety and improved teamwork as well as communication amongst healthcare professionals. This awareness would enable healthcare institutions to advocate for the inclusion of simulation programs in their respective education and development schemes. It is through incorporating simulation into educational and training strategies that a culture of learning can be instigated and nurtured within health care systems thereby enhancing general performance of Saudi Arabia's health.

Additionally, when healthcare quality is concerned, it may inspire the healthcare actors to look out for new ways in which simulation technology can be used to improve it. To enhance reality, virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and artificial intelligence (AI) are some of the technologies that could be embedded in simulation scenarios. In this regard, innovative approaches should become integral parts of medical training that will closely resemble actual practical exercise situations thus improving competence among specialists to work effectively with patients in different life conditions. In conclusion, the theoretical and practical implications of this research advance healthcare education, influence policy choices, guide organizational routine practices, and encourage adoption of simulation based training for enhancing health care quality and safety in Saudi Arabia.

#### Recommendations

#### Simulation-Based Training Integration

The curricula and development strategies of Saudi Arabia's healthcare institutions need to include simulation-based training programs. This incorporation should be all-inclusive incorporating a wide range of simulation techniques such as virtual reality simulations, standardized patient encounters, task trainers, and high-fidelity manikins. Institutions can improve their clinical competency, team building skills and communication by allowing the health practitioners to practice and perfect their abilities in protected environments.

#### Simulation Centers

It is suggested that healthcare institutions in Saudi Arabia establish dedicated centers for simulation with the necessary infrastructure and resources present. These centers can serve as hubs for simulation-based training that are equipped with up-to-date technology and simulated equipment among others. By centralizing simulation resources, institutions can make sure that healthcare professionals across different disciplines gain the same advantages from these training courses.

#### Faculty Training and Development

For healthcare institutions to effectively use simulation resources, faculty training and development programs should be given priority. Educators and facilitators should receive all-round training in simulation methodologies, debriefing skills, and scenario design which means that the trainers must have the necessary skills enabling them to provide their students with relevant guidance during simulations depending on their areas of study.

#### Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing

Therefore, healthcare establishments in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) need to encourage collaboration as well as knowledge sharing between different agencies. Making alliances between medical organizations educational institutions, industry players enable sharing resources, skills plus best practices for simulation-related learning. Such collaborations can also facilitate developing standard protocols and frameworks used in curriculum development and evaluation for simulated nursing education.



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#### **Ongoing Evaluation and Research**

There is a need to continuously assess the effectiveness and influence of simulation-based learning programs in Saudi Arabian healthcare settings. Medical schools must support study projects that will determine outcomes and advantages of simulated training with respect to healthcare quality and patient safety. This research can provide significant knowledge in which areas the use of simulation-based training creates maximum impact on the future improvements of program design information which may be used as guideline in designing or implementing similar programs.

#### **Embracing Technological Advancements**

Healthcare providers in Saudi Arabia should assess new innovative uses for simulation technology. The immersive surgical simulations, AR based training, gamified learning platforms are some examples present for interactive medical education or training. The technology advancements related to simulation will enable a better healthcare education practice. Therefore, Saudi Arabian healthcare organizations may take advantage of the potential for simulation and training programs to enhance healthcare quality, improve patient safety, and promote continuous professional development.

#### **Deceleration of Interest**

The author declares that there was no clash of interest.

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