



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Office of Interprofessional Simulation for Innovative Clinical Practice (OIPS) is a joint venture between UAB Health System and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. OIPS has two major divisions: UAB Health System Clinical Simulation and UAB Campus (University) Interprofessional Simulation. Our central core activities for the UAB enterprise include the development and maintenance of simulation expertise through train-the-trainer activity in the form of our SimUAB™ facilitator development courses

For UAB Health System, OIPS is responsible for the Health System Clinical Simulation program and manages the Center for Patient Safety and Advanced Medical Simulation located in Quarterback Tower. Funding for the UAB Health System Clinical Simulation program comes from UAB Hospital and Health System.

For the University, OIPS is one of two offices that make up the Center for Interprofessional Education and Simulation (CIPES) and manages the Volker Hall Simulation Sandbox. Funding for the University activity of OIPS comes from the UAB SOM, UAB SON, UAB SHP, UAB SOO, UAB SOD, UAB CAS and UAB SOPH.

Why simulation?

Simulation allows practitioners at all levels to put patients first by practicing without risk.

What's our model?

We operate in sim and in situ. In sim simulations occur in the simulation center while in situ simulations occur in actual patient care settings. We facilitate immersive, procedural & hybrid simulations. We seek active partners who provide content expertise for simulated settings. We do not use the daycare model where learners are “dropped off” for the simulation program to train; instead, we rely on trained partners to collaborate in improving the care of all patients. We focus on training the trainer and creating sustainability by recognizing that everyone in healthcare learns and teaches every day.