



The Victorian Translational Simulation in Healthcare Community of Practice Statement response to the Global Consensus Statement on Simulation - Based Practice in Healthcare

Simulation in healthcare and the Global Consensus Statement Call for Action

Simulation allows us to re-create reality without harm to humans. It is used in space, aviation, emergency services and high reliability industries. In healthcare simulation is used to prevent harm to patients. [Simulation is a technique, not technology, that creates a situation or environment to replicate reality.](#) In healthcare, simulation allows people to experience a representation of a real event for the purpose of practice, learning, evaluation, testing or to gain understanding of healthcare systems, teams or human behaviour and actions.

Simulation in healthcare has been more commonly used for education and training of individuals and teams to support our healthcare workforce. It can also be used as a tool for patient safety, quality improvement, systems testing, and health services integration known as [translational simulation](#). All simulation in healthcare aims to focus on excellence and safety to directly improve patient care and healthcare systems.

The [Global Consensus Statement on Simulation-Based Practice in Healthcare](#) , released May 2024, with input from 67 countries, clearly outlines the ethical imperative and call to action for equitable global access and support of sustainable evidence based simulation practice to prevent harm to patients and optimise healthcare delivery for all.

“Simulation plays a pivotal role in addressing universal healthcare challenges, reducing education inequities, and improving mortality, morbidity and patient experiences. It enhances healthcare processes and systems, contributing



significantly to the development of a safety culture within organizations. It has proven to be cost-effective and successful in enhancing team performance, fostering workforce resilience and improving patient outcomes.” (Global Consensus Statement)

The Victorian Context

In the Victorian context, simulation experts have formed The Victorian Translational Simulation Hospital Community of Practice (TSH CoP). This is representative of Victorian hospital simulation leaders who are working together to develop and embed translational simulation across our health services.

The Victorian TSH CoP aims to use our collective simulation, clinical, education and human factors expertise to support Victorian health services and benefit all Victorians. The TSH CoP membership is multiprofessional, including clinicians from across health professions. We are representative of Victorian health services: public, private, for profit, not-for-profit, metro, regional, and rural; and work collaboratively with each other, our health services, academic institutions, and the [Victorian Simulation Alliance](#) (VSA).

[Safer Care Victoria](#) was established in 2017 to support and strengthen healthcare in Victoria and to eliminate avoidable harm, in response to the recommendations within the report, [Targeting Zero: the review of hospital safety and quality in Victoria](#). Since then, there have been additional significant healthcare challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic. We acknowledge the current and future challenges in delivering healthcare in Victoria.

We are writing this Victorian ‘Call to Action’ now in response to and in support of the Global Consensus Statement and to highlight what simulation can contribute across Victoria to support safety and quality. We are united in our mission to support our Victorian health services and healthcare workforce to provide safe and quality care for all Victorians.



The Victorian Translational Simulation in Healthcare Community of Practice

Call to Action:

- We urge our policy makers, healthcare leaders, and simulation experts across Victorian health services to adopt the 'Global Consensus Statement Call to Action' to make simulation a normal part of healthcare.
- We urge our Victorian policy makers to commit strategically and financially to integrating translational simulation into health services for system design, testing, human factors, and workforce training through development of policy and working in collaboration with experts.
- We advocate for our Victorian healthcare executive, management, and clinical leaders to embed simulation into health service system design, testing, patient safety, quality improvement, education, and team training to improve system efficiency, optimise patient care, and reduce patient harm.
- We call on our Victorian simulation leaders and practitioners to work together, advocate for patient safety, adhere to best simulation practice, and imbed simulation within our Victorian health service context.
- We call on our Victorian healthcare and simulation communities to build capability and capacity in executives, managers, quality and safety teams, clinicians and educators to enable them to work effectively using translational simulation for ongoing impact and sustainability.



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The opinions expressed in this statement are solely those of the Victorian TSH CoP members and do not necessarily reflect the views of the organisations for which we work.

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