

FUTURE

Revolution in Surgical Education
Simulation in the Assessment
of Technical Skills of Surgeons

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Classic Education and Examination



What is the REVOLUTION in Surgical Education?

Training for New Technical Skills

Halstedian Model: See One, Do One, Teach One



SURGICAL EDUCATION

The Revolution

is


... Now

Roughly 100 year cycles
(1908 - Flexner Report)


It's all about ...

Improved Patient Safety

through



Manikin



Virtual Reality

Advanced Medical Education

The 6 Competencies

2003 Consensus by the AGCME & ABMS

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Professionalism
- Practice-based learning and improvement
- Systems-based practice

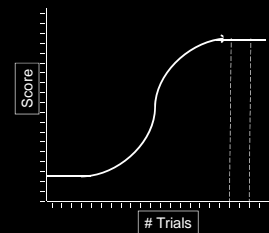
Two Components of the Revolution Using Modeling and Simulation

- Objective Training of Technical Skills
Simulators (technology)
Curriculum (training method)
- Assessment of Cognitive and Technical Skills
Objective metrics
Criterion-based tools

Applying Objective Metrics and Competency-based Training

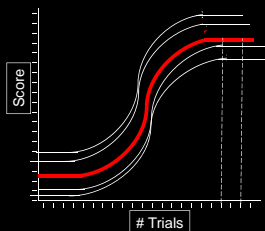
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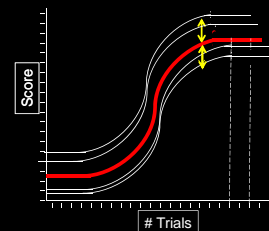
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- Calculate the standard deviation

Setting Benchmark Criteria for Any Curriculum

- Train expert/experienced surgeons to their learning curve
- Two consecutive trials with no improvement
- Calculate the **mean** of their performance
- Calculate the **standard deviation**
- Choose **benchmark** (eg 1 Std dev below the mean)

Setting Benchmark Criteria for Any Curriculum

Training to competency

All learners must meet this benchmark criterion for 2 consecutive trials

The Validation

- Face
- Content
- Construct
- Concurrent
- Predictive

Other Considerations

- Errors (Likert)
- IRR = 0.80
- Practicality
- Usability

Quantitative Measures

“Red Dragon”

“Blue Dragon”

Passive recording devices

Courtesy Blake Hannaford, PhD, University of Washington, Seattle

Quantitative Measures

Novice

Intermediate

Expert

MEMS based tracking, RFID, etc

Hand motion tracking patterns

Ara Darzi, MD, Imperial College, London, 2000

Skills Training

The New Mandates

Effective	
1 July 2008	All residency programs must have a skills training (simulation) center
RRC*	
1 July 2009	All surgical residents must pass FLS** in order to apply for board certificate
ABS	

* Residency Review Committee (RRC) Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education Approved by American Board of Medical Specialties

** Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery

It's not the Simulator
It's the Curriculum

Uses for the Curriculum*

Training	Assessment of Innate Abilities Initial fundamental training (residency, etc) New procedure(s) Pre deployment (military)
Re-training*	Maintenance of certification Admin leave (pregnancy, sabbatical, illness, admin training) Redeployment (military)

* Retraining curriculum needs to be substantively different from initial training - essentially a refresher of known skills

The 4 "Customers"

WHO USES A CURRICULUM ?

Customer	Role	Purpose
Department Chair	Planner	Develop a program
Faculty	Consumer	Teach the learner
Student	End user	Learn to be competent
Licensing Authority	Certifier	Certify * competence

* Hospitals DO NOT use curricula, they use CERTIFICATES that prove their doctors/nurses are competent

Standardized Curriculum

Suggested very high level template

- Goals of the Simulation
- Anatomy
- Steps of the Procedures
- Errors

TEST

- Skills Training
- Outcomes

What Has Been Learned

Curriculum Development

1987 - 2003 Simulator Phase

WHAT		Simulator Development			
HOW		Engineering Physical Simulator			
WHO		Industry with Academia Medical Input			

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Curriculum Development

2003 - 2008 Curriculum Phase

WHAT	Curriculum Development	Simulator Development	Validation Studies		
HOW	Standard Curriculum Template	Engineering Physical Simulator	Standard Validation Template		
WHO	SAGES ACS Societies Academia	Industry with Academia Medical Input	ACS SAGES, Participating Societies		

What Has Been Learned Curriculum Development

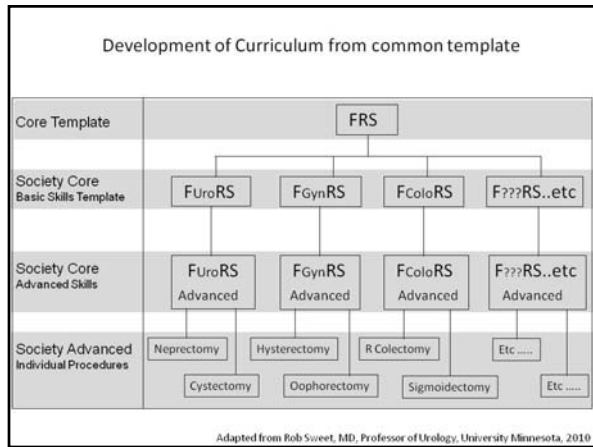
2008 - 2010 High-stakes Testing Phase

WHAT	Curriculum Development	Simulator Development	Validation Studies	High stakes Testing Survey Training Certification	
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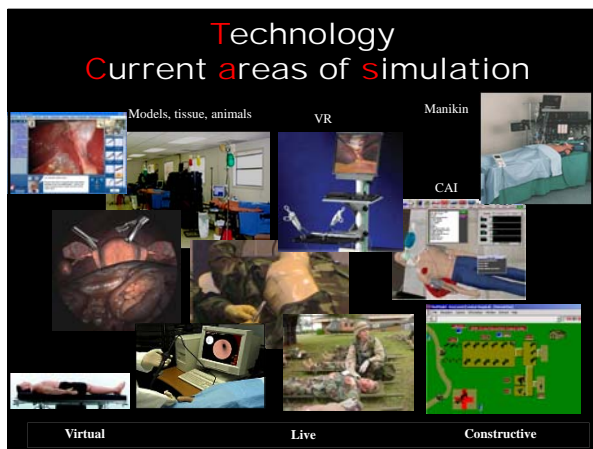
The Metrics Drives the Process Curriculum Development

2010 - ? Certification Phase

WHAT	Outcomes & Metrics	Curriculum Development	Simulator Development	Validation Studies	Implement: Survey Training Certification	Issue Certification
HOW	Consensus Conference	Standard Curriculum Template	Engineering Physical Simulator	Standard Validation Template	Current Procedures	Issue Mandates And Certificates
WHO	ABS SAGES ACS Specialty Societies	SAGES ACS Societies Academia	Industry with Academia Medical Input	ACS SAGES, Participating Societies	FLS SAGES/ACS	ABS certifier



Scope of Simulation



SATS Methodology

Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills

Richard Reznick, Univ of Toronto - 1998

Task and Procedure Simulators

Surgical Simulators

Laparoscopic hysterectomy
Courtesy Michael vanLent, ICT, Los Angeles, CA

LapSim simulator tasks - abstract & texture mapped
Courtesy Andres Hylland, Surgical Science, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2000

Laparoscopic Simulator with tactile feedback
Courtesy Murielle Lanay, Xitact, Lausanne Switzerland

Clinical Application

Pre-operative Warm-up

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Portable Simulator rolled into the OR

25% ↓ errors 45% ↑ efficiency
25% ↓ time

Courtesy Marshall Smith, MD
Kanav Kahol, PhD

Surgical Rehearsal

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Endovascular Simulators

Patient specific image

Graphic overlay

Simulation in Social Networking

- My Space
- You Tube
- Multi-user video games
- Second Life

Second Life

~~Another Concern~~ Opportunity

Re-training

Maintenance of Certification ...
 ... of Skills training ...
 ... is going to be mandated soon

Skills Training via Internet

Comprehensive Curriculum

Basic Skills

Simple Procedures

Advanced Procedures

Team Training

Task Deconstruction

Continuity of Care

Planet Earth
 Represented as a 4-D structure

Do Robots Dream ?

<http://depts.washington.edu/biointel>