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**Medical Simulation Corporation to Introduce Central Line Management Program at
the National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition**
*Simulation-based program helps healthcare providers
build competence and confidence while keeping infections at bay*

DENVER, May 11, 2009 — Medical Simulation Corporation (MSC) will launch the SimSuite Central Line Management Program at AACN's National Teaching Institute (NTI) and Critical Care Exposition, the world's largest conference for nurses who care for acutely and critically ill patients, May 16-21, in New Orleans, LA. The Central Line Management Program is the latest offering in a full menu of MSC simulation-based curriculum that address national initiatives led by organizations, such as the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Joint Commission, Leapfrog, CDC and Medicare, to track and improve patient safety and quality in the hospital setting.

Each year, an estimated 250,000 cases of central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) occur in hospitals in the United States. These potentially preventable infections are associated with an estimated mortality of 12 to 25 percent and an additional cost up to \$56,000 per episode. MSC's comprehensive SimSuite Central Line Management Program brings together the best practices for central venous catheter insertion and management into a comprehensive program that increases the competence and confidence[®] of all healthcare team members.

"The SimSuite Central Line Management Program provides information on incidence, prevalence, epidemiology, and direct and indirect costs associated with central line associated bloodstream infections," says Julibeth Petter, PhD, ACNS-BC, ANCC Board Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist and SimSuite Central Line Management Program Author. "Providing this level of detail increases learners' understanding and motivates them to standardize and achieve best practices for their patients."

The SimSuite Central Line Management Program includes a web-based course and two types of simulation that bring together national guidelines for CLABSI prevention and safe central line insertion practices in a dynamic and hands-on training format. Patient care scenarios presented on a human patient simulator allow participants to practice managing patients with central lines and recognizing complications associated with central lines. The skills simulation allows physicians and providers to practice central venous access using SonoSite[®] ultrasound technology and a central venous trainer. MSC has selected SonoSite, Inc. as its preferred ultrasound vendor for the SimSuite Central Line Management Program.

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Benefits of the program for nurses and providers include documentation of competence and compliance, standardized training across all team members, integration of best practices into quality improvement programs and team training.

“Procedures such as central line placement occur in a team; therefore, the best learning environment should occur in a team. The SimSuite Central Line Management Program allows healthcare providers to improve their teamwork skills as they work in their individual roles, and have the opportunity to swap roles,” says Dr. Petter.

The Central Line Management Program will be presented at the MSC Booth (#1951) during the NTI Critical Care Exposition, May 19-21, with opportunities for all NTI attendees to participate in both types of simulation. More information about the program, including training options, will be available at NTI and can also be found online at www.medsimulation.com.

About Medical Simulation Corporation

Medical Simulation Corporation (MSC) is the recognized healthcare industry leader in providing full-service simulation training and education services to healthcare personnel, medical societies and medical product manufacturers. MSC’s patient safety solutions are designed to strengthen the competence and confidence of nurses, physicians and technologists. Through its network of training platforms, MSC can provide customized training services to any location worldwide. For more information, please visit www.medsimulation.com or call 888/889-5882.

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