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Mobile medical training to visit Stockton May 16-20

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STOCKTON - The week of May 16-20, Dameron Hospital in Stockton will host a mobile medical training center with lifelike mannequins that talk, produce tears and have heart/lung/organ sounds. The training center is for emergency room physicians and nurses to learn the lifesaving techniques for Sepsis, a deadly blood infection that if detected early on can save lives.

The mobile medical center will stop at Dameron Hospital (525 West Acacia Street) on Wednesday, May 18 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and travel throughout the Stockton area during the week.

Sepsis is an infection that is one of the leading causes of hospital deaths. In an effort to reverse this national trend, Dameron Hospital is hosting a portable Sepsis education and training facility: The Medical Simulation Corporation (MSC) SimSuite Simulation Lab. This mobile lab will offer breakthrough technology and training that will result in saving lives in San Joaquin County.

Five other San Joaquin County hospitals will participate in this specialized physician and nursing educational program May 16 through May 20. The MSC Sepsis program is being provided to San Joaquin County area hospitals through the Hospital Council of Northern & Central California's Patient Safety First Initiative. Other California Hospitals who have participated in sepsis educational programs have seen a 40 percent average drop in hospital deaths due to this common, but potentially deadly infection in which bacteria overwhelms the body's natural immune system.

Sepsis can begin as a normal infection in people of all ages, but is particularly dangerous in newborn infants and the elderly. When the infection enters the body's bloodstream, it can result in a deadly outcome. Sepsis

is a serious issue facing all healthcare professionals since over 200,000 people die annually from Sepsis infections in the U.S.

Emergency physicians and nurses from five area hospitals will attend Sepsis early detection and treatment training at Dameron through the SimSuite training mobile facility operated by MSC - a nationally recognized healthcare leader in providing full service simulation, training and education services to hospital personnel and medical societies. Through its network of training centers and mobile platforms, MSC can provide the Sepsis training program to all California hospitals.

"We are quite pleased that Dameron Hospital will be the central location for sepsis training in this county" said Janine Hawkins, Dameron Hospital's Chief Nursing Officer. "We are looking forward to this new training and assistance to not only our internal hospital staff, but to all our local hospital and healthcare colleagues. This is something that will directly result in saving lives and something our whole community will benefit from".

The MSC SimSuite Training facility uses simulated mannequins that are amazingly lifelike in every detail, including switching gender and age. Each year Sepsis in some manner strikes 750,000 people in the U.S. alone. Sepsis is the 10th most common cause of death and is the leading cause of death for critically ill hospital patients in the U.S.

Local healthcare professionals seeking information regarding the Patient Safety First Initiative may contact the Hospital Council of Northern & Central California at www.hospitalcouncil.net (<http://www.hospitalcouncil.net/>). For more information about the SimSuite Sepsis Program, please visit www.medsimulation.com (<http://www.medsimulation.com/>).

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