Using Standardized Patients in Advanced Practice Nursing Education: What is Best Practice?

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Standardized Patients (SP)

- People who are trained to enact a simulated clinical problem.
- SP can assess clinical application of knowledge during encounters with students.
- SP can provide feedback to students
- Sources of SPs
- Advantages and disadvantages of SP use
NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY NP PROGRAM’S EXPERIENCES USING SPS
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• Protecting both SPs’ and students’ confidentiality.
• Best used as formative experiences to supplement clinical practicums.
• Maximizing the likelihood of effective student preparation.
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• Pairing high-fidelity simulator with SPs.
• Considering the practice of “time-out” and “time-in”.
• Building trajectory-of-illness.