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USU offers Tour of State-of-the-Future Simulation Center

BETHESDA, Md. — The Department of Defense has created one of the world's most advanced medical education and training simulation centers at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU).

The university is extending invitations to tour the state-of-the future facility during the upcoming Association of American Medical Colleges meeting Nov. 5.

USU's National Capital Area Medical Simulation Center is a 20,000 square foot facility located in Silver Spring, Md. A visit to the center will include a tour of the four methodologies of medical simulation:

- A fully immersive 3-D, wide area virtual environment (WAVE) for peacetime and wartime medical training.
- Standardized patient simulations using audio-video digital recording for medical and nursing student training in clinical skills.
- Screen based, interactive simulations that promote self-paced learning using computers.
- A procedural skills laboratory with a large array of part task trainers and human patient simulators for trauma and surgical skills training.

Last year the center completed over 8,000 student contact hours of training and conducted over \$3 million dollars of medical simulation research.

Round-trip bus transportation from the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel to the Simulation Center will be provided on Monday, Nov. 5 for your convenience. Buses will depart from the 24th Street entrance of the hotel at 9:40 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:40 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. for the tours, which will last approximately two hours. Refreshments will also be provided. In addition, because the Simulation Center is located on a military installation, a driver's license or other government-issued ID is required for access.

Media interested in the tour should contact the Office of External Affairs at (301) 295-1219.