



## **Acknowledging Excellence: Five newly accredited simulation programs recognized by The Royal College**

**October 14, 2016 – St. John’s, Nfld.** – This morning, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada officially recognized five new accredited medical simulation programs with a special presentation at Canada’s national Simulation Summit.

Medical simulation allows healthcare workers to test their skills in improvised scenarios with the use of advanced technology such as realistic mannequins. Simulation programs accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada enjoy national recognition thanks to a rigorous peer-review process that measures their ability to meet the highest standards in administration, education and ethics.

The newly accredited simulation Programs include:

- **KidSIM Pediatric Simulation Centre** (University of Calgary/Alberta Children’s Hospital, Calgary, AB)
- **Centre for Simulation Based Learning** (McMaster University, Hamilton, ON)
- **Canadian Surgical Technologies & Advanced Robotics (CSTAR)** (London Health Sciences Centre, London, ON)
- **Programme de formation de l’Académie CHUM** (Centre hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC)
- **Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre** (King Abdulaziz University Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia)

The Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre in Saudi Arabia also signals the first-ever accreditation of an international simulation program by the Royal College.

“We’re so excited to add these five, cutting-edge simulation programs to the Royal College’s list of nationally recognized accredited programs,” said Susan Brien, MD, Director, Practice and Systems Innovation & VP Asia Pacific, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

“The accreditation of our first international simulation program is a significant milestone for the Royal College, and more broadly, for healthcare training and practice on a global scale,” she continued. “By extending our rigorous accreditation processes to international programs, we can help ensure that physicians and other healthcare professionals are undergoing the best possible training; which results in optimal patient care.”

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## **About the Simulation Summit and the Royal College**

*The Simulation Summit is a unique and practical, interprofessional medical simulation education conference. The 2016 conference theme, **Extreme Simulation**, will explore simulation research, learning and practice in a spectrum of contexts and settings, from hospitals and university teaching centres, to rural and remote locations.*

*Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the Simulation Summit is hosted by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, a national, not-for-profit organization with more than 42,000 members in 87 countries. The Royal College contributes to improving the health of Canadians by setting the highest standards for specialty medical education, and advancing sound health and public policy.*

*As a part of its mandated tasks, the Royal College accredits simulation programs across Canada and internationally, through a rigorous peer review process that measures their ability to meet the highest standards in administration, education and ethics.*

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