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Improve Healthcare Training Outcomes with Powerful Web Simulations Integrated with Text, Video, 3D Models

Simtics HealthcareTM delivers innovative simulations for learning how to perform healthcare procedures in an interactive, real-time, three-dimensional environment that runs in a web browser.

The Challenge

The world is facing severe shortages of competent healthcare personnel. Millions of new staff are required globally within the next ten years. In tandem, patient expectations are increasing, while budgets are reducing. The dilemma is how to train such large numbers, many in remote areas, while assuring quality standards are improved, not decreased.

Traditional classroom training has physical limitations and is often based on theory only. The apprenticeship model is costly, uses valuable supervisor time, and depends on available cases. Dedicated simulation hardware has high capital expense, space requirements, high cost of ongoing ownership, and often suffers from usage bottlenecks.

The Solution

Virtual reality cognitive simulation from SIMTICS offers an effective solution for learning complex procedures, and is especially powerful when embedded into an overall training curriculum.

Using a standard personal computer with a web browser, SIMTICS Healthcare™ delivers expert, interactive online training for students and professionals. An affordable, accessible, easily scalable solution that requires no special hardware or equipment.

The unique SIMTICS simulator allows trainees to learn procedures anytime, anywhere, in a safe environment. It is available in two modes: Learn Mode provides guidance to the user, and Test Mode checks proficiency in performing the procedure.

The simulator is supported by rich text, 3D anatomy, and video, bringing complex clinical procedures to life in a real-time three-dimensional environment. Quizzes check theoretical knowledge that cannot be tested in the simulator. A personal log book tracks the trainee's complete learning history with scores, time taken, and errors made, which can all be used to assess competency.

The SIMTICS Healthcare[™] catalogue offers over 100 procedure training modules across a range of disciplines.

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Challenge and Solution



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Evidence

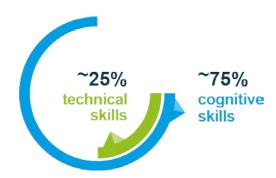
The Evidence

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons funded an evaluation study on the use of SIMTICS Integrated Cognitive Simulator at the University of Auckland School of Medicine that was published in 2010.

The study showed favorable training outcomes from using the software and led to a further study being conducted at Imperial College in the United Kingdom, the results of which are available on request. Other papers on the value of cognitive simulation are available.

Knowledge retention





~ 75%

Cognitive skills estimated to be ~75% of the skills required to safely perform procedures*

*Spencer FC., Observations on the teaching of operative technique. Bull Am Coll Surg 1983" 3.0

Technology

SIMTICS holds a unique place in the market with a solution that is driven by education needs and served by technology.



The Technology

Running as a cloud-based service, SIMTICS Healthcare is available on any modern computer with a good internet connection, and is a highly scalable solution ready for any number of users. All common browsers are supported.

The robust Application Programming Interface enables integration with any learning management system, facilitating user authentication, single sign-on, and transfer of student scores.

SIMTICS offers an iOS app with text, video, anatomy and quiz, which is available from the Apple app store for both iPhone and iPad.





Dual Mouse Interface

For greater realism, an advanced dual mouse option enables trainees to use both hands simultaneously in the sonography simulations.



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At SIMTICS we always strive

to use technology to improve

We're about helping people

And we want them to enjoy

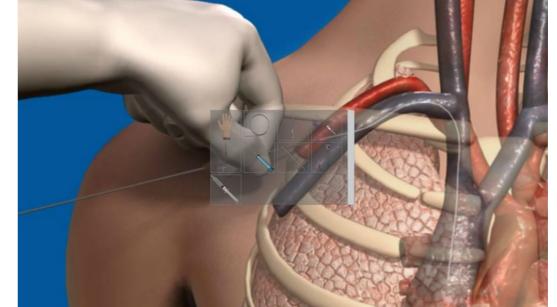
the process along the way.

to learn quickly and retain

the knowledge longer.

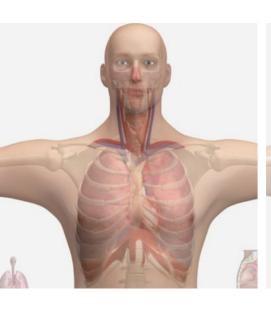
education outcomes.

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"Students can bring their laptops into class and we use SIMTICS in the classroom. Then they can go home and log into it from there. This gives the students more confidence."

DMS Program Director, St Louis







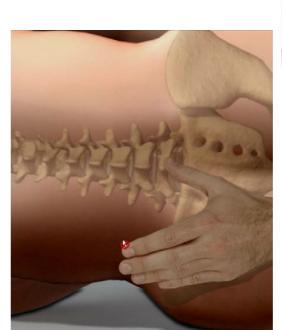
"I'm amazed by the depth of instruction in your modules. I've been looking for software like this for 12 years. I had a picture in my head of what I wanted, and finally I've found it."

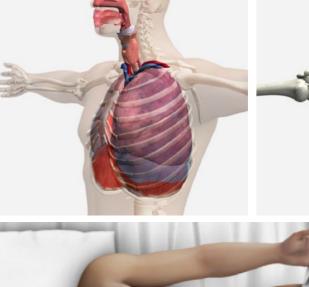
S.D. - Sonography School Director, Sacramento



"The logbook tracks errors that have been made, so students can go back and check where they need to practice. An instructor can track this and look at those focused problem areas."

CVT Program Director, Dallas







"I absolutely love your company and I'm going to order a few more on the topic of echo. I also tell everyone about your company & how amazing your programs are. People know I'm the research person so they always come to me for the best websites and you are on the top of my list! It truly is amazing."

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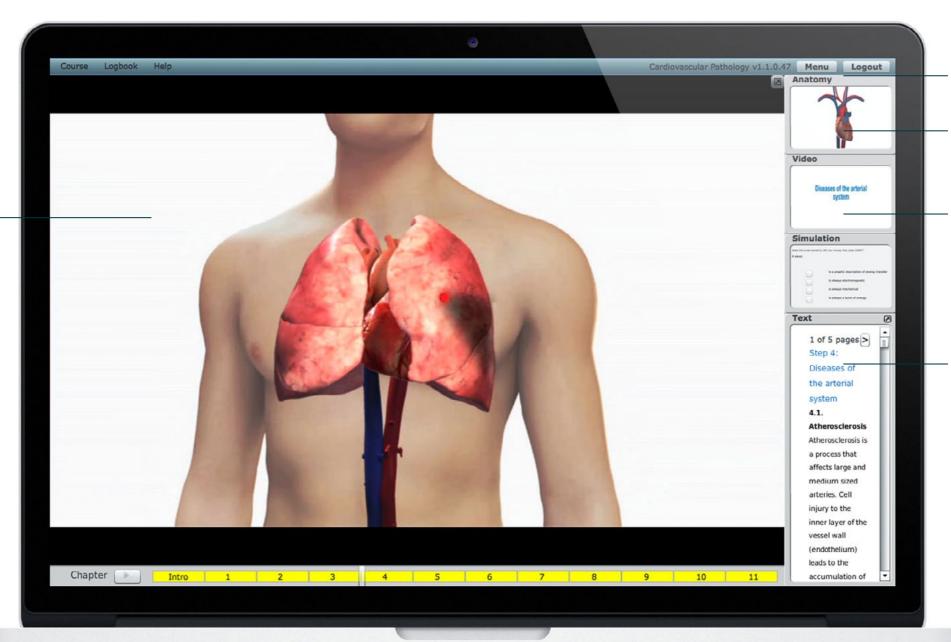


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SIMTICS Features

SIMTICS features:

- Video demonstration of the procedure, performed by an expert
- Quizzes to test theoretical knowledge
- Personal logbook to track learning history, scores, completion times, and errors made.



- Applied anatomy, with ability to drill-down to a 3D model with zoom and rotate functions
- Video and text are synchronised, allowing easy switching between the two media
- Simulation of the procedure in Learn Mode, with color cues and hints
- Simulation Test Mode to verify competence in performing the procedure unaided
- Rich text describing how to perform the procedure, with step-by-step instructions, illustrations, key terms, and links to external resources.

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What makes SIMTICS unique

SIMTICS Integrated Cognitive Simulator is a state-of-the-art, low-cost, online training solution that is easy to deploy.

A key benefit for our customers is speed of implementation.

No special hardware or equipment is required. You can partner with SIMTICS and have a 24/7 web-based simulation environment – for any number of concurrent users – running in a matter of days, not months or years.

SIMTICS solution:

- offers a virtual reality simulator on any modern computer with a good web connection
- is highly interactive and provides an engaging and durable learning experience with immediate feedback
- has built-in testing to verify competence
- provides multiple media for optimal learning of procedure
- can be accessed according to the individual user's needs.



SIMTICS platform

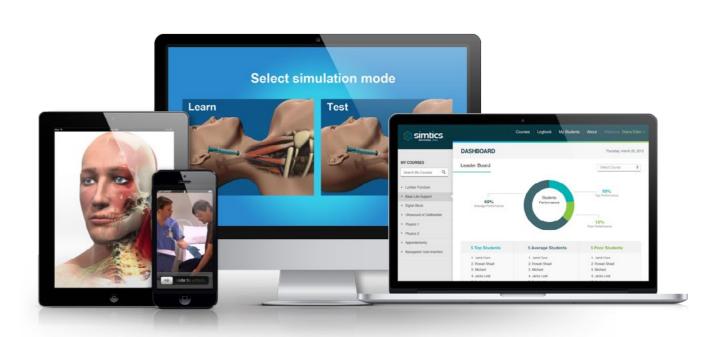
 four different media plus testing and reporting for optimal performance

SIMTICS is proven to:

- help trainees become faster, more competent, and more confident compared to those learning only through traditional methods
- enable trainees to learn procedures cognitively, reducing time required on hardware simulators and preparing them better for real-life clinical time
- reduce the resources required for training, including consumables, teacher time, lab time, time on simulation equipment
- reduce capital investment through ability to use existing computer equipment to access a cloud-based solution.

It delivers:

- cognitive training, required for the safe performance of complex procedures
- consistency in content, approach and assessment criteria
- the ability to train remotely and at any time, anywhere
- the facility to 'test your skills as you train', improving learning outcomes
- best-practice learning
- the ability for health professionals to refresh and maintain clinical skills
- objective assessment of competency against pre-defined standards.



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6.0 Company

Our aim is to use cognitive training to revolutionize the way professionals learn procedures.

SIMTICS was founded by two doctors -Professor John Windsor, an internationally renowned surgeon and academic, and George Oosthuizen, a general and trauma surgeon. They had a joint goal of using technology to make it easier to learn how to perform clinical procedures.

Having grown up in a remote part of India, John has always been passionate about making education accessible, scalable and affordable. George also wanted to have "everything in one place" to streamline the learning process. These concepts are founding principles that have guided the product design.

A prototype was developed in 2006. The first commercial product was released in early 2008, and the current web version was released in 2010. The company began to establish its reseller network in 2011.

Today SIMTICS services large and small institutional customers in USA, UK, Australia, India and New Zealand. The largest US customer runs up to 40,000 simulations per month.

SIMTICS also supports individual subscribers, both students and professionals, around the globe.

The current SIMTICS catalogue contains over 100 modules, covering procedures in the healthcare field with over 40 dedicated to the clinical medicine.

Institution and corporate subscriptions are available on an annual or semester basis.

Individual subscriptions are also available from the website for students and healthcare professionals undertaking personal study.



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Catalogue – Clinical

Simtics Healthcare[™] Training Catalogue

SIMTICS Medicine

- Male Urinary Bladder Catheterization
- Female Urinary Bladder Catheterization
- Suprapubic Catheterization
- Arterial Blood Gas Sampling
- Arterial Line Insertion
- Venous Cannulation
- Central Venous Catheterization
- Subclavian
- Central Venous Catheterization
- Internal Jugular
- Bimanual Pelvic Examination
- Cervical Smear
- Nasogastric Tube Insertion
- Proctoscopy
- Rigid Sigmoidoscopy
- Digital Rectal Examination
- Digital Block
- Lumbar Puncture
- Intercostal Drain Insertion (Simple Technique)
- Intercostal Drain Removal (Simple Technique)
- Intercostal Drain Insertion (Mattress Suture)
- Intercostal Drain Removal (Mattress Suture)
- Electrocardiography (ECG) 12 Lead
- Electrocardiography (ECG 3 Lead
- Laparascopic Appendectomy

SIMTICS Medical Assisting

- Intramuscular Injections
- Subcutaneous Injections
- Intradermal Injections
- Obtain Vital Signs Adult
- Obtain Vital Signs Pediatric
- Pediatric Assessment Infant
- Perform Venipuncture
- Irrigate Eyes and Instill Medication
- Preparing for Minor Surgical Procedure
- Skin Preparation before Surgery
- Assisting with Minor Surgical Procedure
- Suture Removal
- Administer Nebulizer Treatment and Assess Peakflow
- Perform and Interpret an ECG 12 Lead
- Obtain Swabs for Culture
- Perform Capillary Puncture and Hematology Testing
- Assist with Pap Smear



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"This system is all-inclusive, it really has everything. The simulations will definitely improve the quality of our education."

DMS Program Administrator, Fort Lauderdale



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