



Medical Education & Research Institute

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MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MERI) EARNS ACCREDITATION FROM THE SOCIETY OF SIMULATION IN HEALTHCARE (SSH) AND FROM THE COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE SIMULATION PROGRAMS

MEMPHIS, TN (January 13, 2012)- On December 31, 2011, The Medical Education & Research Institute became the first program in Tennessee to earn accreditation in the area of Teaching/Education from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) and from the Council for Accreditation of Healthcare Simulation Programs. MERI will be internationally recognized for this achievement at the 12th Annual International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) held on January 27, 2012 in San Diego. MERI is the only non-transplant whole body donor organization also accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB). Accreditation is a voluntary test of the excellence of an organization. SSH promotes improvements in patient care and safety throughout the world through enhanced simulation technology, educational methods, health care student and practitioner continuing education outcomes assessment and research.

About MERI

The Medical Education & Research Institute (MERI) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit medical training and research school located in Memphis, TN. The MERI supports hands-on training and research in all medical specialties for physicians, nurses, CRNAs, physicians' assistants, paramedics, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, EMTs and other healthcare professionals and first responders from across the USA and around the world.

MERI's state-of-the art "Medical Simulation Center of Excellence" assists in the formulation and delivery of an educational strategy that supports enhanced patient caregiver competence and confidence by combining anatomic, physiology and simulation training. MERI is unique in that it can provide hands-on training and research using both anatomic donors and high fidelity human patient simulators.

Dr. Kevin Foley, MERI Medical Director and Board Chairman congratulates the MERI team on this important step in achieving MERI's vision to "be the leading hands-on medical education and training institute in the world."

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