SimLa Innovations

Project: Words the Word

Materials: Access to Microsoft Word (or other document creator)

Cost: \$2.00 / binder, .05-10¢ per print page.

Time: Extensive (eat this elephant one bite at a time).

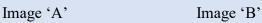
Details:

It may come as no surprise to suggest that Word documents can be used in scenarios. However, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint can have a dynamic impact on the simulation experience. Every scenario should be based on best practice. In the hospital, that best practice is found in the policy manual: 'policy guides practice.'

Every skill and procedure in a simulation scenario should have a policy – not a checklist from a textbook – that can be referenced in a policy & procedure manual (Image 'A'). P&P manuals allow the students in nursing roles to perform tasks, skills, or procedures correctly the first time. It also sets them up for locating proper references in practice. They become aware that everything they do has a policy behind it; they just need to know where the manual is.

- Create a table of contents (add to this as you create new policies)
- 'Bookmark' the policy within the manual (under 'Insert' tab / Links)
- Create a 'Hyperlink' to the 'Bookmark' in the table of contents
- Save a manual (hard) copy at the nurse's station
- Create a PDF version for download. Students can then access electronically via laptop, cell phone or iPad with hyperlinks (or by using CTRL+F) to find needed information (I have ours saved to a website I created for the simlab)







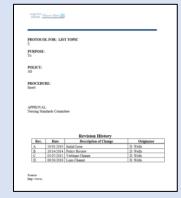


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