

SimLa Innovations

Project: Patient Communication White Boards

Materials: Small dry-erase note boards

Cost: \$5.00 (local dollar store)

Time: One hour

Details: Communication boards are an integral part of many hospital systems. Located in the patient's room, these boards identify the nurse, caregivers, and patient goals. To integrate these into your sim scenarios, mount one at each bedside. Create the items you want your students to focus on (e.g. their name, date, patient goals) and print in a Word document. Cut out and tape over the trimmed section with packing tape. Leave an edge to the packing tape. Mount to board. I suggest buying a few extra dry erase fine-tipped pens. The nurse now identifies themselves on the board and creates a mutual (and measurable) goal for their patient that they, the patient, and the instructor can refer to during the scenario. *(It is also a good place to mount any isolation signage).*

