

Call For Papers

Journal of Simulation

Special Issue: Simulation in Healthcare

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The use of simulation in healthcare has increased dramatically within the last ten years. However there is limited evidence of the effect that simulation actually has in this area. Sharing ideas and experience of using simulation in healthcare may facilitate and broaden the successful use of the methods, tools and application of simulation within the health field. This special issue aims to pull together novel and interesting uses of simulation in healthcare, including service planning, disease modelling and methodological development. Case studies or methodological pieces of work may be presented based on a wide range of local, national or international-level topics. Examples of papers which could be submitted include, but are not limited to:

- Resource planning
- Improving patient flow and reducing queues
- Estimating required future expenditure
- Informing and influencing policy
- Assessing the cost-effectiveness of new technologies
- Epidemiological simulation
- Developing simulation methodology in healthcare
- Developing techniques to improve the healthcare professional's understanding and confidence in simulation
- Healthcare-related simulation educational issues
- Simulation tool use and development for healthcare applications

Submission and Review Process

Papers submitted to this special issue should be original and must not be under review elsewhere. Papers will be peer-reviewed in the same manner as other submissions to The Journal of Simulation. Full author instructions can be found at http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jos/author_instructions.html. Papers must be submitted electronically via the Operational Research Society's website at www.orsoc.org.uk (please indicate that the paper is intended for this special issue in the "explanation of contribution").

Important Dates

Submission date 31st October 2008

Notification of acceptance/rejection 31st January 2009

Final revisions due: 31st March 2009