

## EDITORIAL

## Introducing a new initiative: Short Reports on Simulation Innovations Supplement (SRSIS)

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Many countries have adopted simulation as one of their mainstream methods for healthcare education. The use of virtual, augmented, mixed reality and do-it-yourself 3D-printed low-cost task trainers is becoming popular among simulation educators and innovators to meet the specific educational needs of their learners. Educators and researchers who come up with innovative solutions to meet educational delivery or assessment gaps need a platform to spread the word within the greater simulation community. Having a venue to share these solutions acts as a valuable catalyst to help solve current problems or challenges. This special bi-annual supplement in the *International Journal of Healthcare Simulation* (IJoHS) titled 'Short Reports on Simulation Innovations Supplement (SRSIS)' is intended to help disseminate innovations, solutions or valuable lessons learned that will aid the international simulation community. The SRSIS includes studies that share compelling information from an early report without a complete dataset, pilot studies or studies that were stopped as they found that a specific solution to a problem does not work. The supplement also includes reports on innovative simulation curricula, assessment methods and programme evaluation strategies.

Reports are limited to 800 words. They will be screened by the SRSIS editors and then peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers selected from a diverse pool of simulation scholars and practitioners. Each submission will be scored across several criteria. Structure of a report includes a clearly defined introduction section having the background, context and/or the need of the innovation. This is then followed by the innovation section that describes the development process and the evaluation section that describes how the impact of the innovation was measured (if applicable). The outcomes section describes the findings and is followed by a section called 'What's next?'. This section was added to help researchers, simulationists and innovators communicate with the simulation community if further research is needed or how their innovation is applicable or relevant to similar educational and training needs.

We hope that this bi-annual supplement of the IJoHS will serve as a platform for the simulation community to share their innovations, their successes and their *failures*, and provide a means to network with other innovators. We also envisage that this supplement will fill the void of reports on innovations and encourage others to try, learn and share their innovations. We are thankful to the chief editor of IJoHS, Prof. (Dr.) Debra Nestel, for her everlasting support to researchers and innovators by adding this supplement.

As Supplement Editors, we hope you will enjoy reading the inaugural edition of the SRSIS due for publication in July. We invite you to submit studies or reports that you believe are a good fit for the SRSIS. See the submission portal for further details (<https://www.ijohs.com/page/article-types>).