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Consent to Participate in a Research Study
Adult Participants
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Title of Study: Evaluation of the Center for Geriatric Simulations' Electronic Library of Cases

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What are some general things you should know about research studies?
You are being asked to take part in a research study. To join the study is voluntary. You may refuse to join, or you may withdraw your consent to be in the study, for any reason, without penalty.

Research studies are designed to obtain new knowledge. This new information may help people in the future. You may not receive any direct benefit from being in the research study. There also may be risks to being in research studies.

Details about this study are discussed below. It is important that you understand this information so that you can make an informed choice about being in this research study.
You will be given a copy of this consent form. You should ask the researchers named above, or staff members who may assist them, any questions you have about this study at any time.

What is the purpose of this study?
The purpose of this project is to improve the geriatric nursing competencies of registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), and nursing assistants (NAs) caring for acutely ill older adults. The electronic library is part of this project. Therefore, we need to evaluate the use and quality of this resource.

How many people will take part in this study?
All users of the electronic library will be asked to participate in the evaluation.

How long will your part in this study last?
Information will be collected from this website through 2012. You will be able to use this site at your convenience, as much or as little as you want to.

What will happen if you take part in the study?
If you take part in this study and want to access the clinical cases, we will require that you provide some demographic and background information in order to access the library. We also request that you fill out the case evaluation at the end of each case.

To enter the library, we will ask you for your name and email address. Unless you are receiving continuing education hours, you do not have to use your real name. We are asking you to use your email address as your username so you will remember it each time you visit the library and we will be able to send you're your password information if you forget it. Your name and email address will not be used for any other purpose. It will not be released to any one on the project team, even for data analysis. It will only reside on the computer server and only be accessible to those who maintain the website.

What are the possible benefits from being in this study?
Research is designed to benefit society by gaining new knowledge. You may also expect to benefit by participating in this study by being able to access the information in each of the cases, providing you with an opportunity for self-paced professional development.

What are the possible risks or discomforts involved from being in this study?
There are no known risks associated with participating in this study.

How will your privacy be protected?
Participants will not be identified in any report or publication about this study. Although every effort will be made to keep research records private, there may be times when federal or state law requires the disclosure of such records, including personal information. This is very unlikely, but if disclosure is ever required, UNC-Chapel Hill will take steps allowable by law to protect the privacy of personal information. In some cases, your information in this research study could be reviewed by representatives of the University, research sponsors, or government agencies for purposes such as quality control or safety.

Your email address, which you will use to create a username, is stored in a secure manner on the web server. It will only reside on the web server and not be printed or released to any person or organization. Identifiable user information (your email address) is stored separately from your survey responses; therefore your survey responses are anonymous.

What if you want to stop before your part in the study is complete?
You can withdraw from this study at any time, without penalty.

Will you receive anything for being in this study?
You will not receive anything for taking part in this study.

Will it cost you anything to be in this study?
There will be no costs for being in the study

What if you have questions about this study?
You have the right to ask, and have answered, any questions you may have about this research. If you have questions, complaints, concerns, or if a research-related injury occurs, you should contact the researchers listed on the first page of this form.

What if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?
All research on human volunteers is reviewed by a committee that works to protect your rights and welfare. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject, or if you would like to obtain information or offer input, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at 919-966-3113 or by email to IRB_subjects@unc.edu.

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Please click the button below to indicate that you have read the information above and that you agree with letting us collect this information.

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