Shadow Health Newsletter

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Shadow Health has joined Extrait: This means more comprehensive curriculum resources to enhance your program. Learn more here.

Shadow Health adds COVID-19 vaccines for pregnant patients

Shadow Health’s Maternal Health and Gerontology DCEs’ patients are now vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination rates for pregnant women in the U.S. currently are below 40%, including individuals who chose to get vaccinated prior to and during pregnancy.

According to the CDC, “Pregnant and recently pregnant people are more likely to get severe illness with COVID-19 compared with non-pregnant people.”

One Maternal Health patient, Jennifer Wu, has experienced a particularly challenging pregnancy journey. Five years ago, she had a miscarriage at an early stage of her pregnancy, and she and her wife conceived her current pregnancy through IVF. While learners care for Mrs. Wu in the Focused Exam: Gestational Diabetes, she is 27 weeks along.

When asked about whether she chose to get a COVID-19 vaccine, Mrs. Wu shares, “Yes, of course. I’ve been vaccinated but I’m still cautious about contracting COVID-19.” She will also confirm that she wears a mask when in public.

Sign up for a demonstration now to learn more about these assignments and all of Shadow Health’s Digital Clinical Experiences.

Advanced Primary Care: Women’s Reproductive Health coming in 2022

We are thrilled to share that our team has begun work on a new graduate-level product, the Advanced Primary Care: Women’s Reproductive Health Digital Clinical Experience.

In these simulations, learners will engage with diverse patients with a primary focus on women’s reproductive health. Learners will conduct confidential interviews using therapeutic communication skills to discuss each patient’s needs, including topics such as seeking contraceptives.

Development has already begun on the ways learners will perform the pelvic exam, tentatively scheduled for inclusion in one of two of these assignments. All of these assignments will feature high-fidelity physical examination actions and items, giving students valuable practice with performing well-woman and problem-focused exams.

Learners will then apply their diagnostic reasoning skills, gaining experience with clinical decision making and developing treatment plans to continue the care for their patients of varying ages and backgrounds, including a case that carries around menopause.

Stay tuned for more updates as we head into the new year!

Medical Surgical Nursing to feature challenging, diverse cases

In the forthcoming Medical Surgical Nursing DCE, students will get valuable practice with new patients in a hospital setting while simulating hospital hourly rounds.

In the Respiratory System Hourly Rounds assignment, learners will interact with 33-year-old male Richard Trottler. Mr. Trottler is a member of the Turkey Mountain Band of Chippewa. To ensure authentic and respectful representation of Mr. Trottler, we have continued working with Dr. Monty Willer, a subject matter expert and member of the tribe who has advised us on previous DCEs.

In the simulation, Mr. Trottler has been hospitalized due to a COPD exacerbation. As learners assess Mr. Trottler, they will determine which nursing actions and interventions must be performed to stabilize his condition. In order to create this Care Plan, the learners will need to consider the concepts of gas exchange in patients with COPD. Learners must also consider Mr. Trottler’s cultural request to have a smudging ceremony before his procedure.

In the Gastrointestinal System Hourly Rounds assignment, learners will meet Scott Becker. Mr. Becker admitted himself into the hospital for ongoing fatigue and stomach pain.

Mr. Becker considers himself an active and healthy individual, and he is not sure what is causing his concern. Learners will engage in subjective and objective data collection with the patient to determine if a gastrointestinal bleed should be ruled in or out for Mr. Becker’s case.

Sign up for a demonstration now to learn more about these and all of our new patients in the Medical Surgical Nursing DCE.

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