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**Laerdal Medical Joins National Minority Health Month – Addressing Health Disparities Using Simulation Training**

WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY, April 2, 2019 – Racial and ethnic minorities represent more than 25% of the total U.S. population, but only 10% of the nation’s healthcare providers. And [research](#) shows that, compared with non-Hispanic white patients, members of minority backgrounds are less likely to receive preventative health service and often receive lower-quality care.

National Minority Health Month, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, aims to raise awareness of minority health disparities. Laerdal Medical is supporting the initiative throughout the month of April, promoting simulation resources that can be used to better prepare healthcare providers to treat patients who are part of a racial or ethnic minority.

Laerdal, which specializes in simulation training solutions, has made the conscious decision to expand product offerings to include different skin tones and scenarios that account for differences in specific populations. The intent behind this is for simulated patients to better represent the diverse population that healthcare providers treat. This affords learners the opportunity to develop cultural competence and situational awareness about cultural characteristics that can play a major role in a patient’s care.

Solutions that have expanded with various skin tone options include:

- SimMan® 3G Platform
- Nursing Anne Simulator
- SimBaby
- SimNewB
- SimJunior®
- Nursing and MegaCode Manikins
- IV Training Arms and Task Trainers
- Little Junior QCPR
- Little Anne QCPR
- Little Family Pack
- Baby Anne



[Learners work together as a team to perform clinical tasks on SimMan® 3G.]

“Our vision is that no one should die or be disabled unnecessarily during birth or from sudden illness, trauma, or medical errors,” says David Johnson, President, Laerdal Medical, Americas. “We are proud of our commitment to making that vision a reality. This can only be accomplished if providers are trained to address very real health concerns in the U.S. Our hope is that our expanded solution offerings will help.”

To read more about how simulation can help, visit [www.Laerdal.com/Diversity](http://www.Laerdal.com/Diversity)

### **About Laerdal**

Laerdal Medical is dedicated to the mission of helping save lives through the advancement of simulation-based training in the fields of resuscitation, patient care, and emergency care training. Laerdal products and programs are used by educational institutions, hospitals, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and military around the world. For more information, visit [www.laerdal.com](http://www.laerdal.com).

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