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## **Learning to Voice Empathy as a Physician-in-Training**

The great power of the standardized patient is to allow health care learners to communicate with a “real” patient. State-of-the-science mannekin simulators provide the opportunity to practice clinical skills in ultra-realistic settings, very often while interacting with other members of the health care team - practicing MDs, RNs, etc., or with trained standardized clinicians. However, even after several decades of the exponential growth of the incorporation of standardized patients into medical training, many still consider them inferior to so-called “actual” patients in clinics.

Exactly for that reason, we know that it surprises novices to standardized patient interactions when they have an epiphany about the power of the simulation activity, particularly how SPs provide what other training components (such as mannekins) cannot. We at *ASPE eNews* periodically like to remind ourselves that the practice of using SPs is still not universally embraced as the standard for realistic, high-fidelity medical training. It remains a bit satisfying to be exposed to such articles as the one attached about how a young learner discovered the experiential power of the SP.

Please click on the link to read the relatively brief article.

<http://www.india.com/lifestyle/learning-to-voice-empathy-as-a-physician-in-training-714345/>

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