



Transforming professional performance through the power of interaction

Study of SP role perspectives reinforce the impact of the social environment as well as the SP trainer

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Many, if not all of us, have experienced that we are much more dedicated to our work and are willing to invest more effort in our jobs when our work relationships are positive and the work satisfaction is high. In the end these factors lead to successful performance. Thus, it is important to take care of the factors that determine the quality of work satisfaction and work relationships.

Starting from that point of view, Claudia Schlegel and her co-authors investigated the SPs' perspective on workplace satisfaction, work-related relationships, and engagement - perspectives that are important for SP trainers as well as coordinators.

In the article cited below, 15 individual in-depth interviews with SPs from 8 different institutions were analyzed according to the qualitative methodology of "grounded theory." (Grounded Theory is a research methodology that involves constructing a theory after analyzing data, rather than forming a theory which is subsequently proven/unproven by subsequent data). The investigators' results shed light on key factors that are important for SPs to have a positive relationship towards their work and provide all of us involved in the well-being of our SPs to take heed.

We hope you enjoy reading this informative study.

Link to article:

http://journals.lww.com/simulationinhealthcare/Abstract/publishahead/Standardized_Patients_Perspectives_on_Workplace.99699.aspx

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- For additional reading, we recommend the following article published in the October 27, 2015 edition of *ASPE eNews*: Plakson J, et al. The Benefits and Risks of Being a Standardized Patient: A Narrative Review of the Literature. *Patient*. 2015 May 23.

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