

POSTER #22 - The Way of the SAGE is to Act: Volunteer Perspectives on Integrating Volunteers into a Simulation Program

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DESCRIPTION:

This poster describes one organization's journey in piloting a volunteer-based standardized participant program as part of SAGE: Simulation Activities for Gerontological Education. A standardized participant (also known as a standardized patient) is an individual trained to portray a real patient, family or staff member. Standardized participants provide instructors and learners with opportunities to learn, assess and refine a variety of skills through simulation. Simulation is a teaching methodology to help achieve educational goals. Volunteers coordinating the pilot share enablers and lessons learned about the integration of volunteers into simulated gerontological educational activities.