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Welcome to Volume Two of the TraumaMan Tribune. This issue contains some exciting news about the TraumaMan System and, as usual, a helpful hint and feedback from our valued customers!

TraumaMan is Going Straight to DVD!



Simulab just completed filming TraumaMan to provide users with an Introductory DVD and a User's Guide DVD.

Simulab currently offers written manuals for users, maintenance and instruction with this system, as well as the services of our committed customer care team to provide information and assistance. These DVDs will augment those services, offering a visual, hands-on overview of the system.

The introductory DVD lasts a few minutes and serves as an introduction to the system. It will be accessible through Simulab's website - so a link can be sent to a new course instructor who will be able to view it from his or her own desk. This DVD covers the features and benefits of the system and a general overview of each of the procedures.

If you own or annually lease a TraumaMan System -the Users Guide DVD will be available to you. It will cover everything from basic set-up to maintenance to troubleshooting, giving each TraumaMan System owner a great resource for easily training new course coordinators and instructors. It's also a great refresher course for long time users!

Helpful Hint #2: Always Change the Cricothyroid Membrane



It is important to always replace the cricothyroid membrane after it has been surgically dissected. The membrane acts as a seal for the ventilation system, so if it is not replaced, the airway response will be considerably weakened. This can negatively impact the realism of the student's experience when completing the Chest Tube Insertion procedure, since the student will not receive a rush of air when the pleural cavity is penetrated.

What TraumaMan Users are Saying

Q: How do you use your TraumaMan System?

A: We use TraumaMan in ATLS training. Our course includes midlevel providers who are often the first provider for trauma patient encounters in our rural state settings. This is an opportunity to help them plan what kits and tools they need to have in their rural ER's to make sure the equipment that people practice with is consistent with what they should be able to assemble in their ER. We link training with the chest tube drainage container to the chest tube insertion itself. We use the RN and the EMT pairs who staff the course to run the TraumaMan tables and we place a digital picture of the table with all the surgical tools set out to help them set up and tear down. A rolling tool chest from Home Depot has lots of drawers for groups of tools and works great. Plus we put a "recycle skins" box or bag at each TraumaMan table so we don't end up digging through the trash after a long day!

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Question of the Quarter

Q: What is the combination on the TraumaMan case?

A: 821