



Policy Name:	Centre for Advanced Medical Simulation Equipment and Supplies Separation Policy	
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Related Policies and Procedures:	CAMS Storage and Maintenance of Equipment and Supplies Policy	

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

This policy's purpose is to ensure separation of equipment and supplies used in simulation from those used in the care of real patients. There are potential issues with supplies, such as medication being placebo or expired, or equipment not being standardized for human use in simulation-specific equipment.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy will include guidance on the following:

- Orientation provided to facilitators and participants about separation of equipment and supplies
- Labeling
- Usage of simulation-specific equipment

3.0 DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
Clinical Equipment	Medical equipment or supplies that are used on real life patients. In CAMS, this includes the first aid kit.
Facilitator	An individual involved in the delivery of simulation activities under the guidance of the Lead Facilitator.
Patient Model (PM)	An individual utilized in simulation that does not have a significant acting role, interaction with students, or require training for their role. Instead, the PM acts more as a substitute for a manikin in simulations where a manikin would be insufficient.
Participants	Includes students and clients.
Simulation-Specific Equipment	Medical equipment or supplies that are used in simulation activity. They are not intended for use on actual patients. This includes all equipment and supplies in CAMS, except for the first aid kit.
Standardized Patient (SP)	An individual trained to portray a real patient with medical problems or a bystander, allowing students to practice clinical skills on them to further their education.

4.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 4.1 The School of Health and Life Sciences does not treat real patients and is not associated with a hospital; therefore, all equipment within the Centre for Advanced Medical Simulation (CAMS), except for the first aid kit, is simulation-specific equipment. During orientation, facilitators and participants are informed of this and how all simulation-specific equipment must not be used on real patients. This equipment is labelled indicating that it should not be used on humans or real patients. The only equipment from CAMS that can be used on real patients for non-simulated emergencies is the first aid kit, which is located in the southwest corner of the waiting area. Note: there is an automated external defibrillator outside of CAMS by the elevator bank.
- 4.2 Simulation-specific equipment may be labeled “NOT FOR PATIENT CARE,” “NOT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL INJECTION,” “NOT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL USE,” “NOT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION” or “FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY.” All individual medications and AED’s must be labelled with an appropriate label, as above. Note: CAMS does not support the use of expired medications.
- 4.3 Simulation-specific equipment will be stored in locked storage rooms when not in use.
- 4.4 Participants are not permitted to remove any supplies, materials, or equipment from CAMS. Participants are required to leave backpacks and personal belongings outside CAMS (in their personal lockers or lockers provided by CAMS.)
- 4.5 CAMS keeps no records of real patients. If there is an incident involving a real patient in CAMS, any incident reports generated will be stored and maintained by NAIT Health, Safety and Environmental Services, separate from CAMS records.
- 4.6 The following equipment is simulation-specific equipment that cannot be used on standardized patients, patient models, or confederates: x-ray with exposure, automated external defibrillator, medications, gases, or any equipment involved in invasive procedures (including urinary catheters, IVs, etc.)
- 4.7 Both clinical equipment and simulation-specific equipment will be stored, managed, cleaned, and disposed of according to CAMS’ Storage and Maintenance of Equipment and Supplies Policy.

5.0 OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS

- CAMS Storage and Maintenance of Equipment and Supplies Policy

6.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

DATE	ACTION/ CHANGE
June 15, 2017	Initial draft.
June 13, 2019	“NOT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION” added to 4.2
February 6, 2020	Changes approved by Operational Leadership Council.
November 29, 2023	Reviewed. Updated to reflect current terminology.