

# I HEAR BELLS

Simulation requires all manners of reenacting real hospital scenarios.

Our senior level nursing students have a multi patient simulation. The standardized simulation requires the use of a call light by one of the patients.

Our facility is not equipped with call lights in the simulation bays. We wanted to get the students' attention while they were in the other room of their multi patient SIM. The standard requires that the students move as a group, they cannot send one person off to check the patient on their own. The students are doing their assessment on Patient 1 and Patient 2 is ringing her call light and yelling out from her room.

We discussed how we would simulate a call light. With all the technology at our disposal, we certainly could figure out a device to use. I went online to find a call light recording. None suited my needs.

I recorded a few call light sounds. I then saved them to my phone. For the SIM, I bring in my blue-tooth (we are going to purchase one for the department since it works so well) connect my phone and play the call light thru the blue-tooth. We set up the blue tooth speaker in the patient's room behind the monitor that displays the vital signs.

The other patient, played by a simulation specialist, is confused and she verbalizes that she hears bells ringing, alerting the students to the call light if they have not identified it.

This has worked out very well for us. We have used this technique for at least three sessions.

Note to self: Be sure your phone is on "Do not disturb",

We are in the process of figuring out how to move these sounds to a flash drive but then not sure how to access them while running the simulation.

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