



2020 GNSH Virtual Summit Overview

The 2020 GNSH Virtual Summit was successful, productive, and led to the development of a bold set of goals for the upcoming year. The Summit, held on August 26th and 27th, consisted of a mix of panel discussions, presentations, as well as small and large group planning. The goals of this Summit were to first, contribute to the planning and launch of the 30-minute team engagement campaign, and next, to discuss how COVID-19 has changed the landscape of healthcare, its impact to simulation, and the opportunity to reset simulation to have a more significant impact. The Summit concluded with the 2020 GNSH Business Meeting. Recordings of both days of the Summit can be found [here](#). To access the recording of the business meeting, you must be a GNSH member and request credentials via exec@gnsh.org.

On the first day, following a presentation on the 30-minute weekly team engagement campaign, and a robust panel of healthcare system executives discussing *what are the needs of hospitals today, globally*, summit participants identified a list of six broad areas of challenge related to the impact of COVID-19 within hospital settings. This list included **scaling up provider skills in telehealth and telepresence, access to telehealth technologies; crucial conversations around resource availability/utilization of PPE; moral distress, self-care/wellness/resiliency; testing new protocols, identification of latent safety threats, over protection and risk assessment; leadership training around how to lead in an unprecedented crisis; implicit bias and healthcare inequities/disparities**. The participants voted to select three areas to focus on, as GNSH aims to develop three new cases as part of the 30-minute weekly team engagement initiative in the coming months. The three challenge areas selected were **crucial conversations around resource availability/utilization of PPE, moral distress, and self-care/wellness/resiliency for care teams, and preparation for leading during a crisis**. Three workgroups were established that afternoon to explore possible story sources and obtain initial case information. Notes were taken in each group and will be provided to the case development team for each challenge area.

To prepare for the second day, we asked members and healthcare partners to complete one of two surveys to provide baseline data regarding the impact of COVID-19 on simulations and operations (healthcare organizations and academic institutions). Therefore, the conversations on day two focused on how simulations can evolve to have a greater impact on healthcare in light of the ongoing pandemic. Following an engaging panel discussion on *the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare and academic simulation programs*, summit participants identified several priority areas pertaining to the future of simulation. The remainder of the discussion focused on how GNSH can make the greatest impact, including opportunities to **advance the scholarship surrounding the effectiveness of simulations by authoring white papers, editorials, etc.**, and the need for a **robust, comprehensive and engaging PR campaign**. Summit participants brainstormed how to approach each of these opportunity areas. Notes were taken for each priority area and will be provided to the teams working on both areas.

We invite both members and our partners to consider serving on one of the three case development teams, on the design team for a GNSH PR campaign or the editorial development team, by completing the brief [Summit Follow-Up & Engagement Form](#). In order to capture as many voices as possible, we'd like this invitation to extend past our usual mailing list. We invite these parties to also share this overview and the Summit Follow-Up & Engagement Form with others in your organization so they can consider participating as well. Attendance at the Summit is not a requirement to participate in any of these initiatives.