

Instructor's Toolkit for Damon McAdam Simulations

In these simulations, we are following a family through several scenarios that can be used with students at various times within a curriculum. The role of the nurse in each of the scenarios is to assess, plan, intervene and evaluate the patient and family at three different points of time, and in different healthcare settings. The cases were written so that they can be modified to meet the needs of diverse curricula and are provided in Word documents so they are easy to revise.

Considerations for Modification and Implementation

- Read through all three scenarios of the unfolding case.
- Consider increasing or decreasing the complexity of the simulation depending on the level of students who are participating.
- We have included best practices but realize that treatments vary by region. Faculty may wish to substitute medications, treatments, and standards of care that are current practice in their own geographic areas. No intentional errors were included in these cases, such as incorrect treatments or medication doses.
- Faculty may wish to modify these scenarios to provide an interprofessional educational (IPE) experience for students. When redesigning for this purpose we urge you to include the other health care professional(s) in the redesign process to ensure that the simulation accurately reflects their scope of practice.
- You may wish to include a role for Damon's father in the existing simulations, or develop a new scenario that focuses on the father.
- There are several autism screening tools that can be found on an internet search. You might consider incorporating these into one of the simulations.
- Students will be more successful if they review the introductory monologues and the recommended resources and tools prior to the simulation.

Other Resources

Review the Teaching Strategies section on the website for other ways to provide related content using active learning strategies.