



The Role of Simulation in Improving Clinical Practice in Australia and NZ

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Today....

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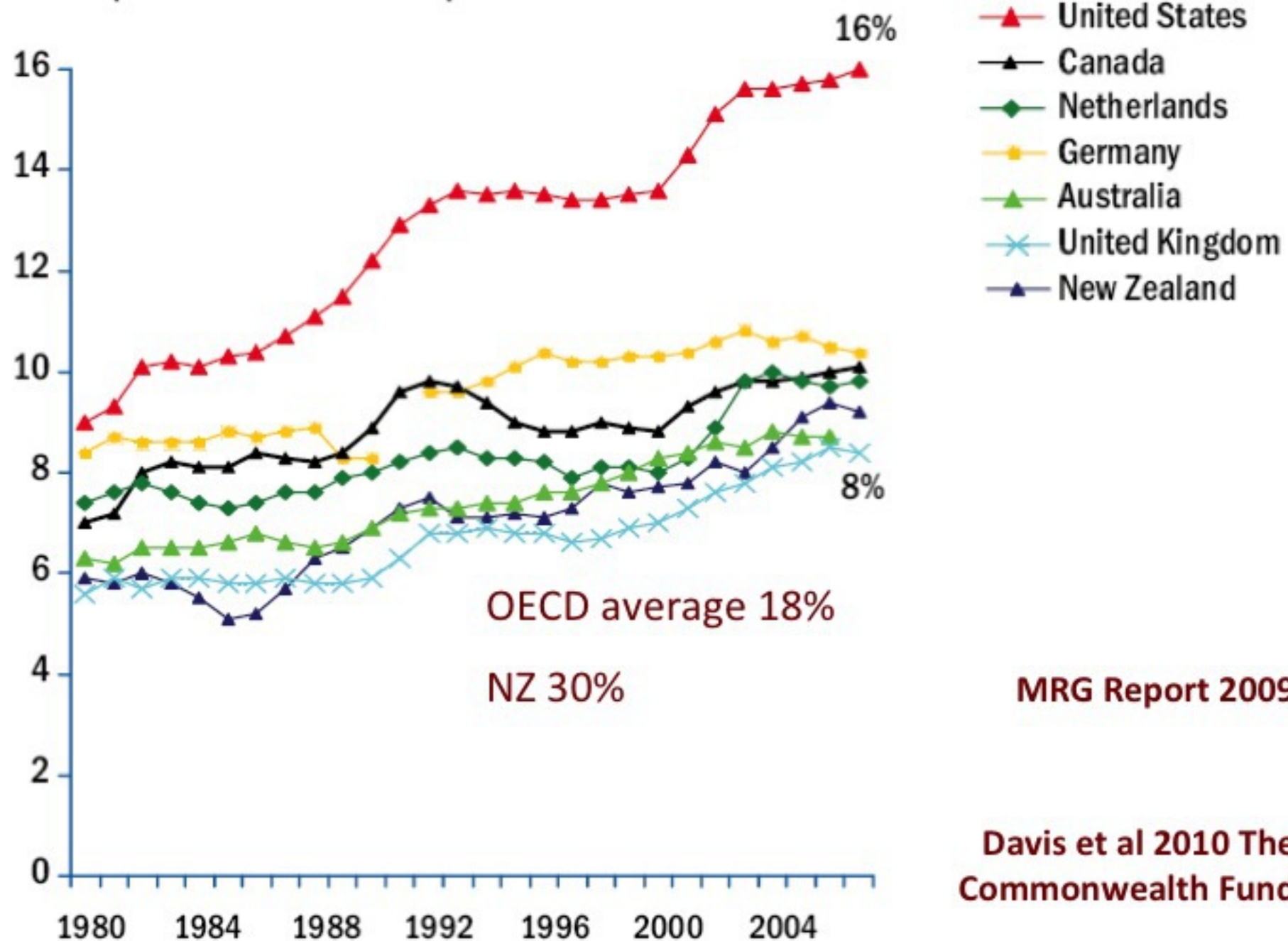
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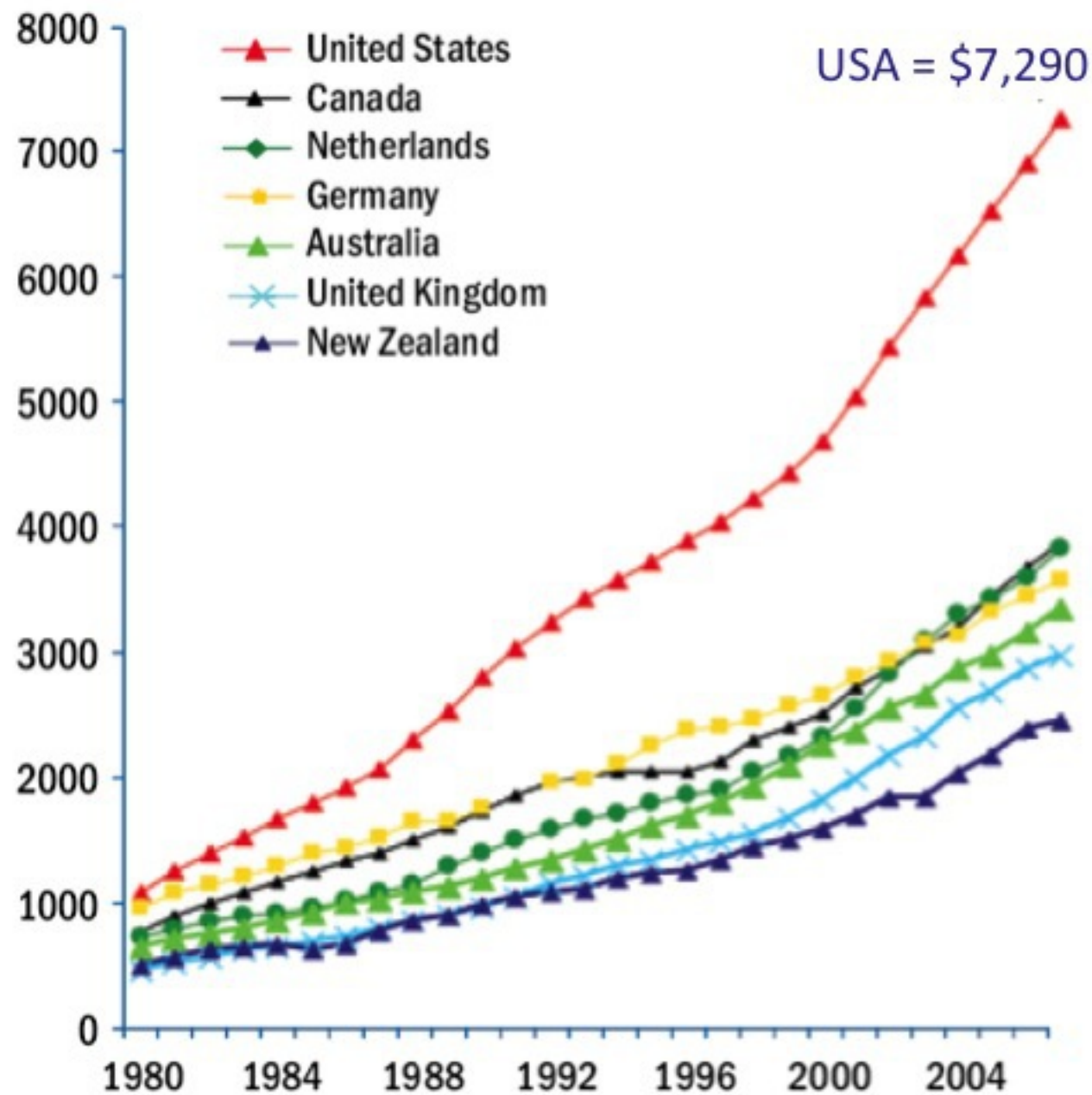
Total expenditures on health as percent of GDP



MRG Report 2009

Davis et al 2010 The Commonwealth Fund

Average spending on health per capita (\$US PPP)



Expenditures in \$US
PPP (purchasing
power parity)

Netherlands is
estimated

OECD Health Data,
2009

Australia = \$3,357

NZ = \$2,454

**Davis et al 2010 The
Commonwealth Fund**

HOUSING NZ, SAFEKIDS DRIVEWAY CAMPAIGN TARGETS 12,759 HOMES

The sound of hammers rings out on Bairds Rd. Mele and Teremoana Rima of Otara watch with transparent delight as a strapping team of Housing NZ contractors build a fence separating their driveway from their home and yard.

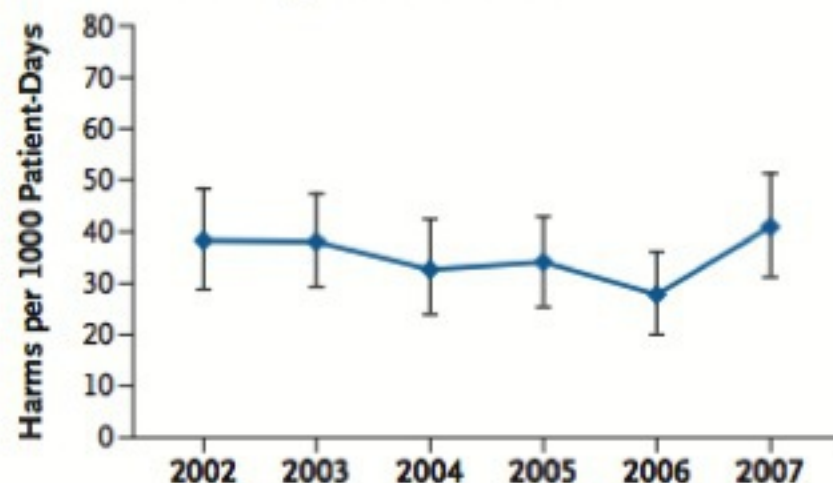


Home safe as... Mele and Teremoana Rima with grandson Malachi are delighted to see a fence going up to separate their driveway from their home and yard.

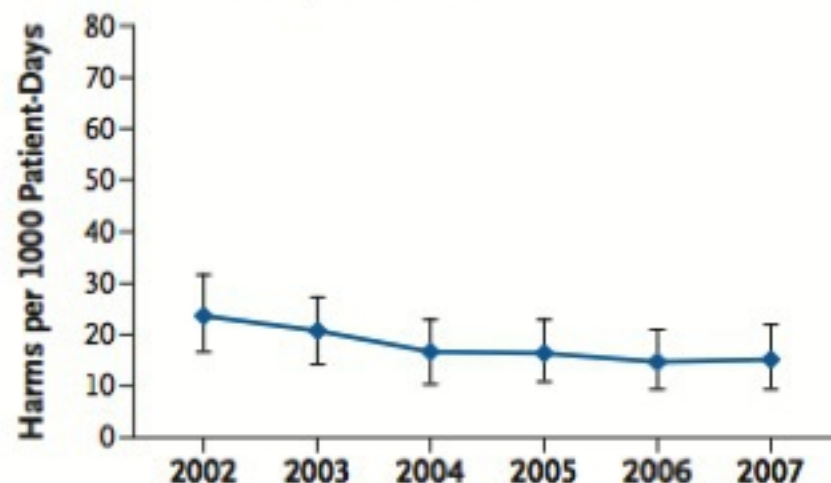
Temporal Trends in Rates of Patient Harm Resulting from Medical Care

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Catherine B. Bones, M.S.W., Andrew D. Hackbarth, M.Phil.,
Donald A. Goldmann, M.D., and Paul J. Sharek, M.D., M.P.H.

C Internal Reviewers, Preventable Harms



D External Reviewers, Preventable Harms



NZ Serious and Sentinel Events 2009 – 2010

- 374 people in serious or sentinel events
- 127 died during admission or shortly afterwards
- *Nearly 1 million people treated and discharged*
- *1.7 million outpatient discharges*



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Making Our Hospitals Safer



Serious and Sentinel Events 2009/2010

Minor Events Matter

243 arterial switch operations in 16 UK institutions by 21 surgeons → 25% death (6.6%) or near miss

- Major events
 - Significantly related to death and near misses
 - Risk reduced by appropriate compensation
- Minor events
 - Little consequence individually
 - Often overlooked
 - Total number closely related to death and near misses

de Leval et al 2000 *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 119:661-72

Solis-Trapala et al 2007 *Stat Med* 26:5189-202

Iatrogenic Harm - What Does the Injured Patient Want?

- Acknowledgement
- Apology
- Assurance others will not be injured in the same way
- Compensation

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Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand

Establishment

- December 2009 - agreed by Cabinet as a stand-alone Crown Entity
- 1 July 2010 - interim Board appointed
- 9 November 2010 – section 17 of the *New Zealand Public Health and Disability Amendment Act 2010*



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The New Zealand Triple Aim



Best value for public
health system resources

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Deaths from Difficulty Airways Coroners' Reports 2002 – 2007



Source:
**Prof Harry
Owen**

Can't Intubate Can't Oxygenate – Major Complications of Airway Management

of the Fourth National Audit Project of the Royal College of Anaesthetists and the Difficult Airway Society. Part 1: Anaesthesia†

T. M. Cook^{1*}, N. Woodall² and C. Frerk³, on behalf of the Fourth National Audit Project

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Major complications of airway management in the UK: results of the Fourth National Audit Project of the Royal College of Anaesthetists and the Difficult Airway Society. Part 2: intensive care and emergency departments†

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Background. The Fourth National Audit Project of the Royal College of Anaesthetists and Difficult Airway Society (NAP4) was designed to identify and study serious airway complications occurring during anaesthesia, in intensive care unit (ICU) and

Anaesth Intensive Care 1999; 27: 659-661

Airway Management in Ludwig's Angina

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Anaesth Intensive Care 2011; 39: 578-584

Point of View

Emergency surgical airway in life-threatening emergencies – why are we so reluctant to

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Anaesth Intensive Care 2011; 39: 16-34

Special Article

Equipment to manage a difficult airway during anaesthesia

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Anaesth Intensive Care 2009; 37: 171-174

Scout's motto

Failure to manage a patient is the most terrifying situation for anaesthetists. Crises related to anaesthesia often involve otherwise healthy patients undergoing relatively low risk surgery, so that a failure to manage can be particularly tragic. The mo

Simulation in Medical Education

Desirable attributes of medical education

- Actively engaging the learner
- Solving real life problems
- Providing opportunities for practice
- Giving feedback (formative assessment)
- Facilitating reflection
- Providing relevant experience

Simulation in Medical Education

- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate
- CPD
- Many disciplines
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Pharmacology
- Skills
 - psychomotor
 - cognitive
- Teamwork
- Crisis management

Simulation in Medical Education

Does simulation enhance education?

- Many studies
 - ? outcome measures
 - ? control groups

Simulation in Medical Education

Does simulation enhance education?

- Enthusiasm of participants is high
- Face validity is high
- Cost may be high
- Evidence for superiority over other methods is limited

Simulation in Medical Education

What the airlines do

- New airport
- New plane
 - 2 weeks classroom
 - 1 week Integrated Procedure Trainer (IPT)
 - 2 weeks A320 Simulator
 - qualified to fly the A 320



Simulation in Medical Education

What the airlines do

- A320 \$18 000 per hour
- A320 Simulator \$ 700 per hour
- (Purchase cost \$10 million)



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Simulation in the Assessment of Anaesthetists

- Formative vs Summative
- Basic vs “High Stakes”

Simulation in the Assessment of Anaesthetists

What the airlines do

- 4 times a year in pairs
 - 6 hour blocks
 - 2 × 2 hours with half-an-hour debrief at the end
 - skills knowledge and human factors
- Fail → off flying

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Which Reality Matters?

- Physical
- Conceptual
- Emotional



Rudolph et al 2007 *Simulation in Healthcare* 2: 161-3

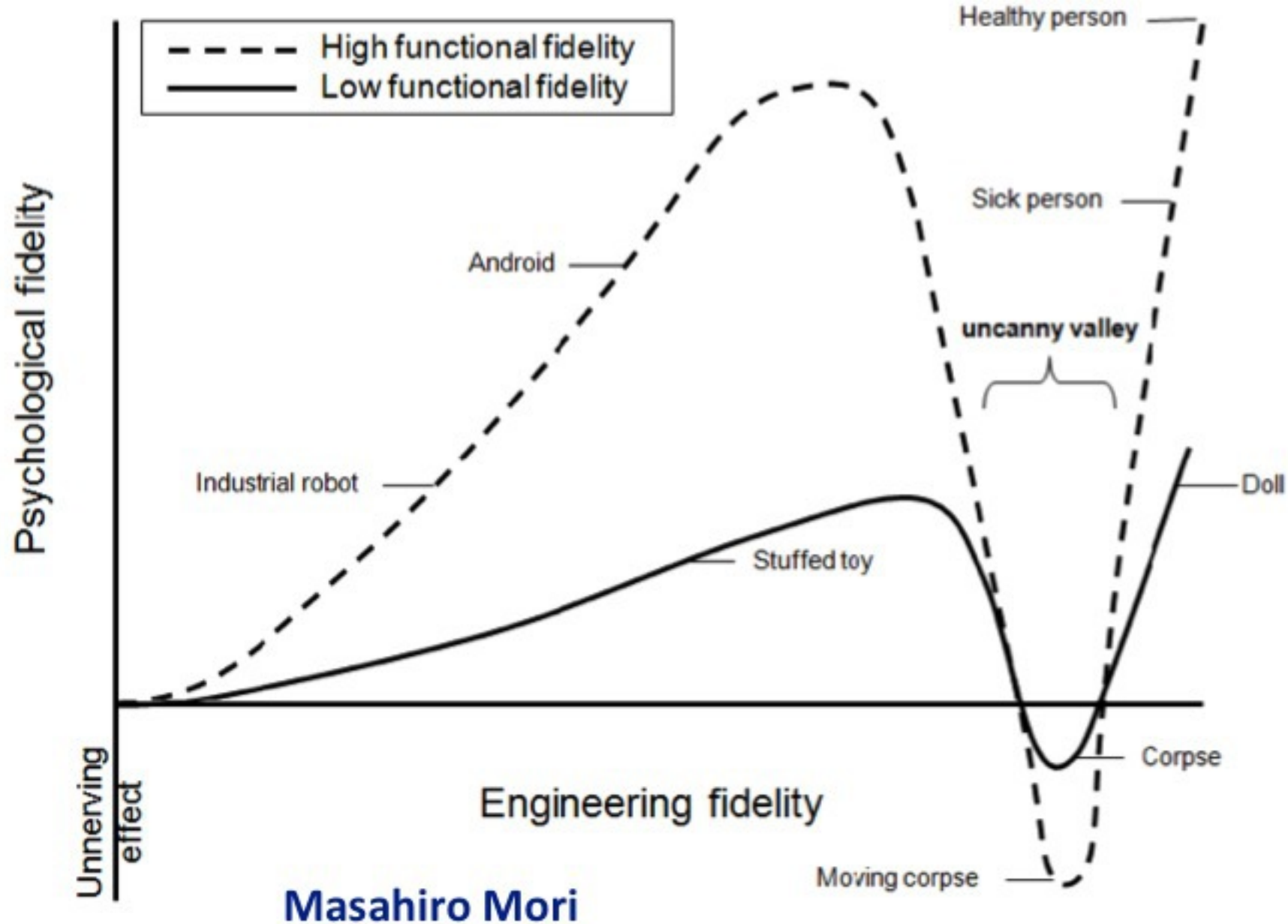


Figure 4-2: The 'uncanny valley' phenomenon seen in android design. Adapted from MacDorman



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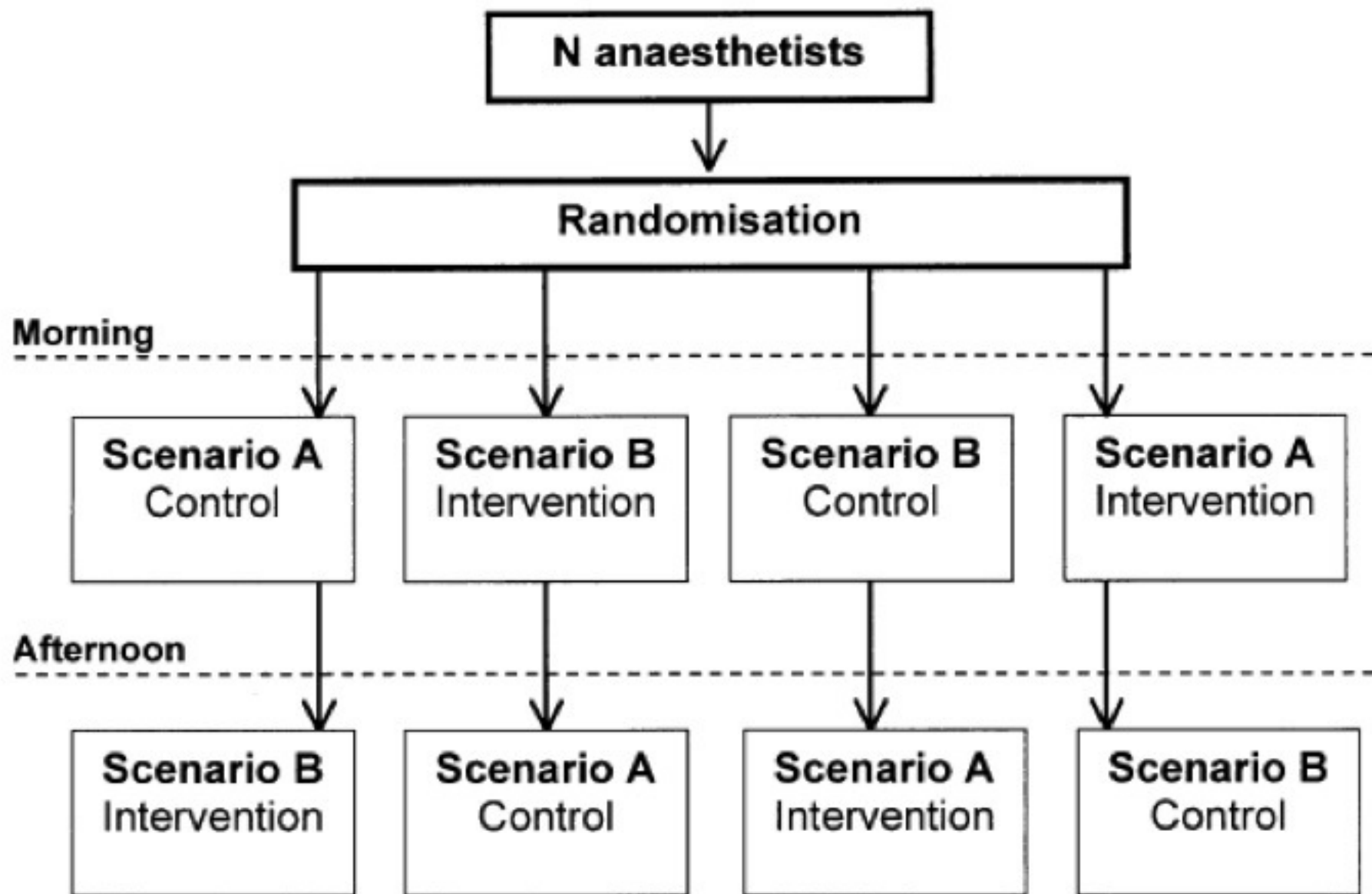
A simulation design for research evaluating safety innovations in anaesthesia★

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**Merry et al 2008 *Anaesthesia*
63: 1349-57**



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Results

- Scenarios 20
- Total errors 193
- **Drug administration errors 49**
- Mean (SD) errors/scenario 9.7 (3.5)
- Mean (SD) difference 0.3 (5.3)

24 subjects would be needed for 80% power to show a reduction in error rate of 30% from baseline with $P \leq 0.05$



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"Fire!"

Teamwork and Communication Influence Outcome and Efficiency

SalaKunzle et al 2010 *Safety Science*
48:1-17

Mazzocco et al 2009 *Am J Surg*
197:678-85

Symons et al 2012 *Int J Surg* 10:355-9

Lingard et 2004 *Quality & Safety in
Health Care* 13:330-4

Curry et al 2011 *Ann Intern Med*
154:384-90

Shared Mental Models

Loss of \$125 million Mars Climate Orbiter in 1999

- Lockheed Martin specified engine's thrust in English units - pounds
- Navigators assumed metric units - newtons



Chang 1999
ABCNEWS.com

Communication

- Clear, concise, explicit
- Directed
- Closed-loop



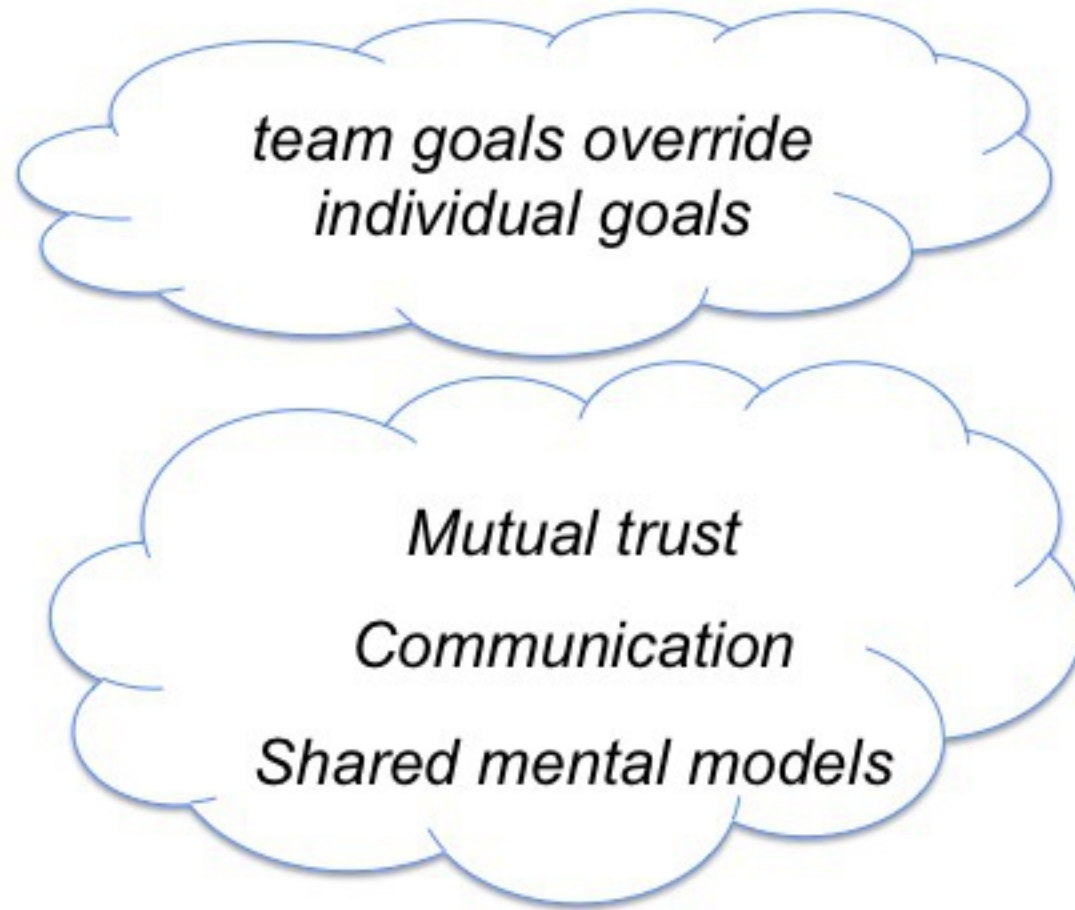
Challenges to Teamwork in Healthcare

- Traditional training and the “hero” model
- Power gradients
- Fear
- Tribalism
- Unstable teams
- Shifting leadership

Teamwork

Five dimensions

- Team orientation
- Team leadership
- Mutual performance monitoring
- Backup behaviour
- Adaptability

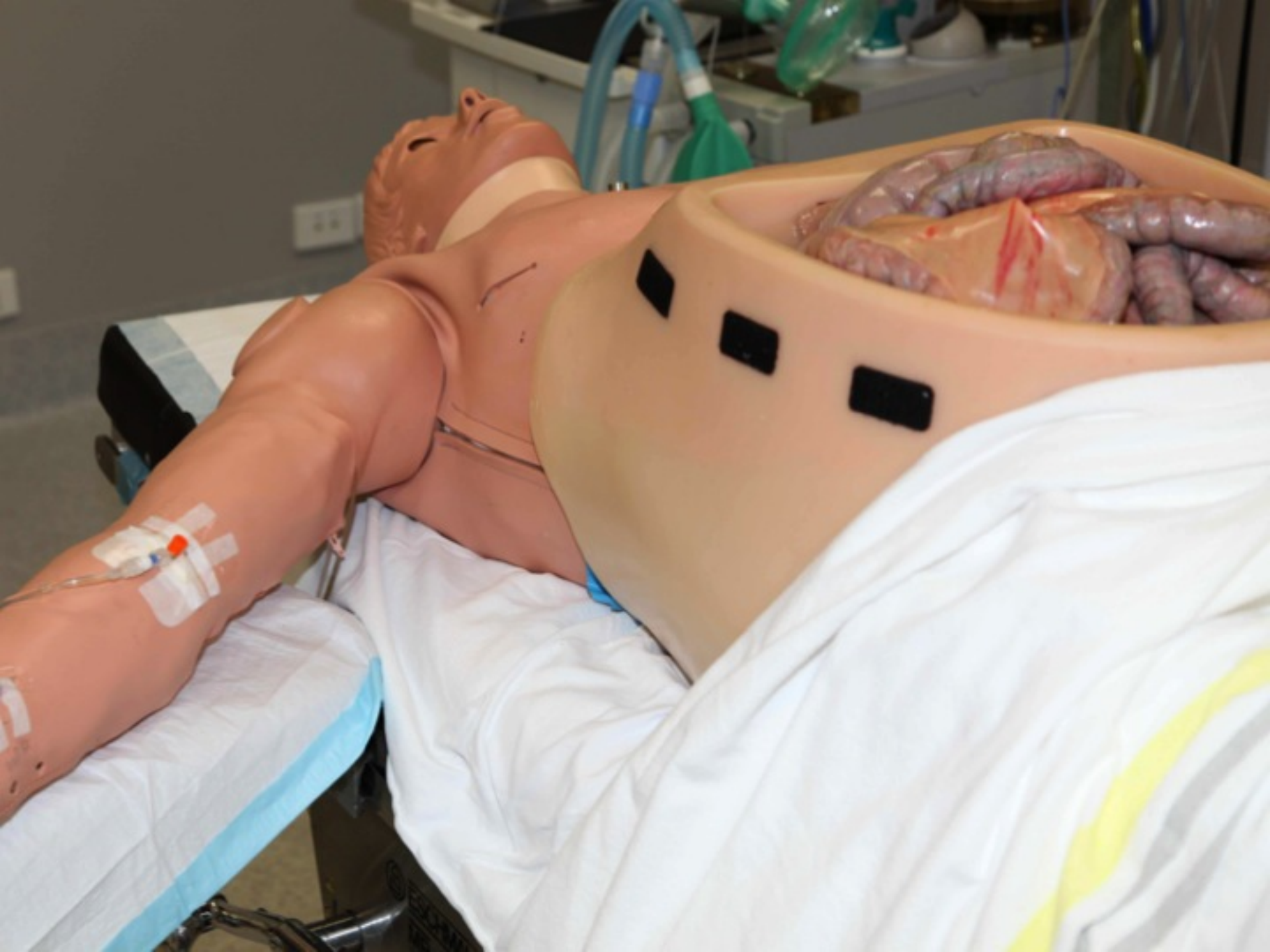


Team Training Improves Team Performance

Meta-analysis - 2,650 non-clinical teams

- Nearly 20% of the differences in team processes and outcomes attributed to previous participation in team training

Salas et al 2008 *The Journal of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society* 50:903-33





Speaking Up

Probe

Alert

Challenge

Emergency

Response

The Two Challenge Rule

Juniors are expected to express their concerns

Seniors are expected to listen and reply



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Reducing Harm



We need to reduce harm caused by

- falls
- healthcare-associated infections
- medication
- surgery



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Aipiri Taurangi Hauora o Aotearoa







“The real problem isn’t how to stop bad doctors from harming, even killing their patients. It’s how to prevent good doctors from doing so.”

Atul Gawande 1999

The New Yorker