

Video-Based Simulation: Facilitator Guide

Team Leadership Briefs, Huddles, and Debriefs

TeamSTEPPS Training Curriculum





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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO-BASED SIMULATION TRAINING

TeamSTEPPS

TeamSTEPPS[®] is a teamwork system designed for healthcare professionals that is rooted in more than 20 years of research and training experience. It aims to improve healthcare quality and safety by helping teams work more effectively together.

Video-Based Simulation Training

Video-based simulation training is an easy-to-use method for teams to practice applying TeamSTEPPS principles to real scenarios. The goal of this training is for teams to learn to identify TeamSTEPPS principles and tools that promote effective teamwork and then apply these principles in day-to-day clinical work.

The training is composed of four core parts and one optional part:

- 1. Welcome and Introduction
- 2. Video Scenario
- 3. Small Group Debriefing
- 4. Video Scenario Recap and Summation
- 5. Followup With Participants (optional)

Advantages of Video-Based Simulation Training

Hour	It can be delivered in 1-hour sessions to conveniently fit into routinely available protected time for professional development.
	No formal training is needed to facilitate or deliver this teamwork training. This guide will help you successfully facilitate this teamwork training.





It can be delivered in any setting and only requires basic audio-visual capabilities for in-person training or a video conferencing platform for virtual training.

Recommendations for Preparing for This Training

Facilitators should become familiar with this guide and the videos before the training session to maximize the learning experience for participants. Most facilitators devote 1-2 hours preparing for the session. The supplementary resources section of this guide includes a <u>facilitator checklist</u> to help you prepare for the training session. (Accessible materials can be found <u>here.)</u>

Try to include participants from multiple disciplines and roles in the program. Hospital leadership, such as department chairs or executive leadership, can help achieve broad-based participation in the program. Including patients and caregivers can add an important perspective to the exercise.

Facilitators *and* participants should review the <u>TeamSTEPPS Pocket Guide</u> before the session. It provides a handy overview of the program and the learning objectives of this training. Relevant excerpts are included in the Participant Worksheet.

Encouraging Attendance

To strengthen attendance at the session, assess whether it is possible to offer continuing education credit for this session. Your institution's professional education staff may be able to assist you to obtain CME/CEUⁱ accreditation. In addition, providing food at the event can be an easy way to encourage participation and create a casual environment that can foster small group participation during the debriefing. Even something small, such as donuts or cookies, can draw participants.

Resource Requirements for Video-Based Simulation Training

- 1. 55 minutes of protected time to conduct the training.
- 2. Meeting space with an appropriate amount of room for participants to work in groups of 4-5 during the breakout debriefing discussions OR a secure video conferencing platform with the capability to create breakout rooms. If your internet connection may be unreliable, download video files to your device (computer or storage device) to avoid risk of internet failure during training session.
- 3. Facilitator to lead the session who can dedicate 1-2 hours of preparatory work to review the guide and video. Consider adding a second facilitator for groups larger than 20 participants.

ⁱ CME = continuing medical education; CEU = continuing education units. Other types of credit may be available for various professions.



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- 4. Computer, speakers, and screen to show the video segments (if presented in person).
- 5. Three participants at a minimum; the maximum is limited by available space.
- 6. Participant materials (printed if in person or shared in advance by email if virtual).
- 7. Facilitator materials (printed if in person).
- 8. Facilitator-initiated participant follow up emails after the session (optional).

For information on facilitation and debriefing skills, refer to the Supplemental Resources section of this guide.

SECTION II: MODULE OVERVIEW

Team Leadership - Briefs, Huddles, and Debriefs

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Identify the use of briefs, huddles, and debriefs.
- 2. Apply debrief checklist to identify opportunities for team improvement.
- 3. Recognize adjustments to observed communications to improve patient care.

TeamSTEPPS Tools and Concepts: huddle, debrief checklist, effective team leaders, situational awareness, shared mental model

Video Scenario:

The patient scheduled for clinic has a known history of dementia and has been easily agitated and combative in the past at office visits. No briefing is done despite the patient's daughter trying to initiate one ("can I talk to you before we go in?"). Then the patient becomes combative with escalating behavior and begins to assault the medical assistant. The nurse comes into the room and calls security and the physician assistant. The physician assistant gets flustered walking into a chaotic room and eventually security comes but by then the daughter has been able to calm the patient down. The patient's daughter is upset by the situation. The entire team debriefs after the incident, but it is a subpar debrief.

Debrief Focus:

The team missed the opportunity for a brief or huddle with the patient's daughter or among the team members before the visit began. After the event resolves, the team does a subpar debrief without a focus on identifying opportunities for improvement. The team excluded the patient's





family caregiver in a huddle or debrief. This failure to prioritize their input provides an opportunity to discuss how to include the patient and family caregivers in a more patient-centered way.

Optional Topics to Explore:

Should the clinicians initially involved be volunteering background information or expect to be asked to provide background information by those coming to their aid? Are professional roles or seniority the key to identifying the leader during a clinical event? Is it valuable for staff to "let off steam" during a debrief? How can you adopt a routine that promotes consistently sharing information among both staff colleagues and patients and family caregivers?





SECTION III: FACILITATOR GUIDE

Facilitator Guide Overview



This training module is primarily designed to be used with a series of prerecorded videos to introduce the session activities, in addition to the video scenarios. However, except for the "Video Scenario" and the "Video Scenario Recap" segments that must be used, the facilitator can choose to use the prerecorded videos to introduce the segments or narrate those introductions using the Content Outlines provided for each segment.

Each module has four mandatory parts and one optional part:

- 1. Welcome and Introduction
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- 5. Follow up With Participants (optional)

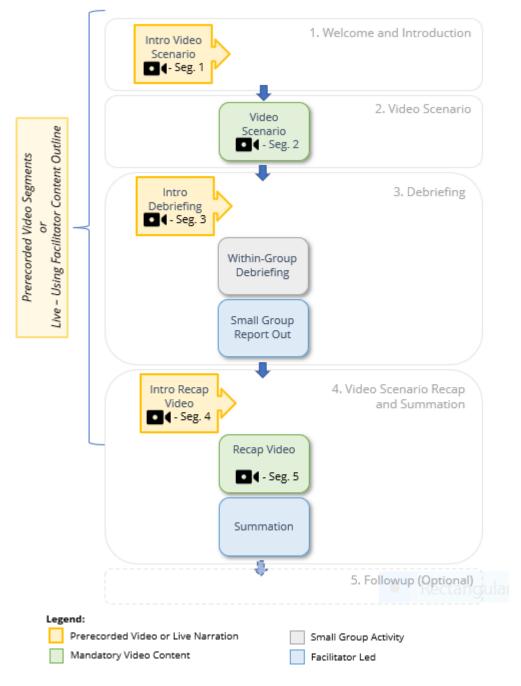
The training session is composed of several video segments and several group activities as shown on the visual representation below.

Legend of the icons used in the activities:

(3)	Used when the facilitator needs to narrate the activity. Narration examples are provided.
P	Used when a prerecorded video must be used. Selecting the play icon will launch the video.
OR (S)	Used when the facilitator can choose to use the prerecorded video (selecting the link will launch the video) or narrate the activity (selecting the link will bring you to the Content Outline for the facilitator), optionally using included slides.
II	Used when the facilitator has to pause to let participants ask questions or complete an activity.
222	Used when the facilitator has to check in or interact with participants.



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Visual representation of the training module





Note: Each video segment is provided as a separate video file. A compiled video of all the segments is also available. If you decide to use the compiled video, refer to the Facilitator Worksheet to identify time stamps for each segment.



Training Module Activities

1) Welcome and Introduction (~5 minutes)

Welcome participants.

Play the video - segment 1 (select here)

OR

(If virtual, share screen too).



or

Discuss importance of TeamSTEPPS video-based scenario team training and the learning objectives and agenda for the session (select <u>here</u> to access a content outline)



Pause and answer questions participants have on the learning objectives or agenda.

2) Video Scenario (~5 minutes)



(If in person) Hand out participant worksheets.

(If virtual) Share the participant worksheet via email or in the chat.



Play the video scenario - segment 2 (select here)

(*If virtual*, share screen too).



Pause for participants to finish notes (on the worksheet or other medium).

3) Debriefing (~30 minutes)



Introduce the debriefing session.

Play the video - segment 3 (select here)

OR

(If virtual, share screen too).



or



Introduce the debriefing small group discussions (select <u>here</u> to access a Content outline)



Break into groups (in person or in virtual breakout rooms) for 20 minutes of discussion.

Note: Groups can be preassigned when possible. We suggest 4-5 interdisciplinary participants per group with a range of seniority and patients and family caregivers when possible.

Refer to the facilitator worksheet for instructions

As the facilitator, you will monitor the discussions in small groups as a roving observer and time-keeper.

(If in person) walk around, pausing at each group.

(If virtual) go into each group's breakout room at least once.

Keep in mind that the small groups should think about the scenario through the lens of TeamSTEPPS principles. Be prepared to help groups that have fallen silent or strayed into unrelated discussions. Consider guiding them: (1) Ask them to describe their own experiences related to the scenario, (2) Direct them to the optional topics highlighted earlier, (3) Ask the participants to review the Pocket Guide excerpt in their Participant Worksheet to see how its content relates to the scenario.



Remind participants when it's time to begin discussing key takeaways and that they will report out to the larger group. Ask everyone to wrap up their discussions.

"Please finish your discussions and make sure that you have someone from your group ready to present the key takeaways" (orally or in chat if virtual).



Small Group Sharing - Call on the spokesperson from each small group to share their group's key takeaways (5 mins).

If you have a large group, consider having groups put their key takeaways on a whiteboard or sticky notes (or in chat if virtual); then the facilitator can pick some or all to review with the group during the Summation.

"Let's have each small group share their key takeaways and how TeamSTEPPS principles and tools could have been used to improve communication in the video scenario."





4) Video Scenario Recap and Summation (~15 minutes)



Play the video - segment 4 (select here)

(If virtual, share screen too).

OR

or



Introduce the Video Scenario Recap (select <u>here</u> to access a Content outline).



Play the Video Scenario Recap - segment 5 (select here)

"We will now watch an example of the healthcare team working together and exemplifying good teamwork and communication. Consider how the application of the TeamSTEPPS skill improves communication and patient care."



Summation - draw the conversation to a close by summarizing common themes reported out by the small groups and highlighting how TeamSTEPPS principles and tools could have improved communication. The facilitator must keep the group focused on the following task:

"Please think of one or two changes that you could work on beginning today that would make you a better communicator with your teammates using briefs, huddles, and debriefs."



Provide closing remarks.

"Thank you for participating in today's training. (Optional) I will touch base by email soon to share the key takeaways we heard today and ask you to think about what today's lessons have meant in your work between now and then."

5) Follow up With Participants (optional)

After the session, you may want to follow up with the participants to reinforce what they learned. Consider sending an email within 2 weeks after the session revisiting the key takeaways and TeamSTEPPS principles/tools discussed during the wrap up discussion (template email is available in the supplemental resources section of this guide).





SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES

Facilitator Preparation Checklist

- Read through the Facilitator Guide and TeamSTEPPS Pocket Guide and watch the videos.
- **Determine the best format for training (in person or virtual)**. There are benefits to both formats. Consider the format of other well-attended meetings in your department, as well as participant access to and comfort-level with video-conferencing technology
- **Schedule the session.** Grand rounds or continuing education conferences are good opportunities. A mix of clinical backgrounds and experiences is ideal but not necessary.

(If the session is in person)

- **Book a room** that is an appropriate size with audiovisual equipment (can play a video with audio from a computer or speakers) and seating for your group
- If you might not have access to a stable Internet connection during the training session, download the videos from the link in this Guide to your computer or flash drive. (note: they are large files and may take time to download).
- Test the audiovisual equipment and video the day before the session

(If the session is virtual, obtain expert support for use of the video conferencing platform if needed.)

- Ensure participants have access to the video conferencing platform.
- Create a meeting invite on the video conferencing platform.
- Test the video link, screen sharing, and creating breakout rooms functions before the session.
- Consider ways to increase participation, such as offering continuing education credits or snacks.
- Constitute the groups for the debriefing (Optional). Assign 4-5 people per group. A mix of different members of the healthcare team with varying levels of seniority is ideal. If your group is small, you can likely skip this step and make the teams during the session. If the session is virtual, you can create breakout room groups in advance, or you may assign a second person to create and assign people to the breakout rooms during the introductory section.
- **Prepare materials.** Print these for in-person sessions or send them in advance via email for virtual sessions:
 - Facilitator materials
 - Participant materials 1 per participant
 - Participant Worksheet
 - Pocket Guide

Return to Recommendations for Preparing for This Training



Facilitator Content Guide: Bullet Points for Narration by an Onsite Facilitator Slides for this content

1) Welcome and Introduction



Background on TeamSTEPPS program:

- History
- Purpose
- Importance of teamwork and communication in healthcare quality and safety

Describe simulation video scenario.

Recommendations for observing team interactions. Assume team members are capable and well intentioned: focus on their behavior, not their character.

- Are team members oriented to the issues at hand?
- Could tools such as briefings and huddles improve effectiveness?

Orient participants to the Participant Worksheet:

Notes to be taken during video.

Prepare participants for the small group discussions to follow:

• Expectation that all participants contribute to the discussion.

Return to Facilitator Guide (Welcome and Introduction)

3) Debriefing



Intro to the Debriefing session

Ground rules for small groups

Assume that the individuals portrayed in the scenario are intelligent, capable, and caring professionals who are doing their best

• This statement encourages respectful discussion, curiosity, and open dialogue among participants. You can learn more about it here.

Begin by reviewing notes and formulating thoughts.





Spend specified time discussing the following:

- What was your overall impression of the video? What went well? When did things start to go "less well"?
- What could the team have done to include the patient's daughter before starting the patient visit?
- Who was the leader during this situation? Who else could have taken on the role of leader? How could a leader help the team be more effective?
- How could the team benefit from a debrief after this situation? What information should they share?

Rotate role of discussion leader for each topic, by name alphabetically or by seating position.

Allow time after discussing these questions for the group to identify priority behaviors and skills for daily practice to share with large group.

Return to Facilitator Guide (Debriefing)

4) Video Scenario Recap and Summation



Recap video shows good use of TeamSTEPPS tools.

Consider content of recap video and small group discussion key takeaways during summation.

Goal of summation is to identify specific ways for each participant to improve teamwork skills in their own work.

Return to Facilitator Guide (Video Scenario Recap and Summation)





Facilitator Worksheet

We recommend keeping this agenda close by when conducting the session. The facilitator should keep the session running on time.

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(hh:mm)	Facilitator using prerecorded narratives	Facilitator narrating themselves (refer to Facilitator Content Guide and related slides)	
Welcome	and Introduction (5 min)		
00:00	Facilitator welcome	Facilitator welcome	
	Play the prerecorded introduction -	Why we are here	
	segment 1 (link)	Objectives of the session	
		Overview	
		Facilitator: Distribute agenda	
		Provide Video Scenario instructions	
00:05	Questions from participants?		
Video Sce	nario (5 min)		
00:05	*Facilitator: Distribute Participant Worksheet*		
	Play the Video scenario - segment 2 (link)		
	Provide time to participants to take notes		
Debriefing	g (30 min)		
00:10	Play the prerecorded debriefing introduction - segment 3 (link)	Provide debriefing instructions	
00:15	Groups break-out and discuss:		





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	1. What was your overall impression of the video? What went well? When did things start to go "less well"?		
	What could the team have done to include the patient's daughter before starting the patient visit?		
	Who was the leader during this situation? Who else could have taken on the role of leader? How could a leader help the team be more effective?		
	4. How could the team benefit from a debrief after this situation? What information should they share?		
	Facilitator monitors group discussions, assists as needed.		
00:35	Small group sharing		
Video Scenario Recap and Summation (15 min)			
00:40	Play the prerecorded intro to Recap Video - segment 4 (link) Introduce the Recap Video		
00:42	Play Recap Video - <u>segment 5 (link)</u>		
00:45	Summation		
00:55	Session concludes		

If you use the <u>full-length video file</u>, below are timestamp references for each segment:

Segment	Timestamp start (m:ss)	Timestamp end (m:ss)	Description
1	0:00	3:38	Intro to Video Scenario
2	3:39	6:27	Video Scenario
3	6:28	9:00	Intro to Debriefing





Segment	Timestamp start (m:ss)	Timestamp end (m:ss)	Description
4	9:01	9:41	Intro to Video Recap and Summation
5	9:42	end	Recap Video





Participant Worksheet

Learning objectives:

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Welcome and Introduction			
5 minutes	Welcome & Why we are here		
	Goals and Overview		
	Video Scenario instructions		
Video Scenario	0		
5 minutes	Video Scenario		
Debriefing			
30 minutes	Individual reflections		
	Small group discussions		
	Small group sharing - Key takeaways reported from each group		
Video Scenario	Video Scenario Recap and Summation		
15 minutes	Video Scenario Recap		
	Summation		
	Closing		

Record your thoughts as you watch the video. Pay special attention to how the clinicians in the video share information and speak up, as these topics will be discussed in small groups after the video.

Simulation Observations (for your notes)

Are team members oriented to the issues at hand?





Could tools such as briefs and huddles improve effectiveness?	

Small Group Discussion

Recommended Total Duration: ~20 minutes

Share general reactions

~2 minutes

- What are everyone's initial reactions to the video scenario?
- What went well? Where did things start to go "less well"?

Discuss including patients and caregivers as part of the healthcare team

~3 minutes

• What could the team have done to include the patient's daughter before starting the patient visit?

Discuss tactics for leadership

~3 minutes

- Who was the leader during this situation?
- Who else could have taken on the role of leader?
- How could a leader help the team be more effective?

Discuss systematic approach to learning from events

~4 minutes

- How could the team benefit from a debrief after this situation?
- What information should they share?





Prepare key takeaways - to be reported out by a member of each small group

~8 minutes

- What are the most important takeaways and TeamSTEPPS tools that you discussed?
- How do you plan to apply these in your daily work?

Optional topics to explore:

Should the clinicians initially involved be volunteering background information or expect to be asked to provide background information by those coming to their aid? Are professional roles or seniority the key to identifying the leader during a clinical event? Is it valuable for staff to "let off steam" during a debrief? How can you adopt a routine that promotes consistently sharing information among both staff colleagues and patients and caregivers?





Key TeamSTEPPS tools related to this module

Teams are sets of people communicating, coordinating, and collaborating to provide optimal care to patients. Sometimes teams are formally defined and permanent. Other times teams are rapidly created to respond to an emerging patient need. Patients and family caregivers are always part of the teams supporting them, although they are more active participants in some teams than others.

Effective teamwork and **team leadership** are one of the four TeamSTEPPS skills that are central to safe, effective, and patient-centered care.



Effective Team Leadership

The following are responsibilities of effective team leaders:

- Organize the team.
- Identify and articulate clear goals (i.e., the plan).
- Assign tasks and responsibilities.
- Monitor and modify the plan; communicate changes.
- Review the team's performance; provide formative feedback and critique when needed.
- Manage and allocate resources.
- Facilitate information sharing.
- Encourage team members to assist one another.
- Foster a learning environment.
- Keep conflict healthy through use of tools such as DESC.
- Reinforce patient-centeredness of all team members and actions.





Ensuring Coordinated Team Activities

Effective team leaders establish and maintain a shared mental model within and across the team to ensure optimal and continual progression of the patient's medical and operational plan of care. Consistently engaging in team events such as briefs, huddles, and debriefs can help structure the team for success.

Sharing the Plan

• *Brief*—Short pre-care session to share the plan, discuss team formation, assign roles and responsibilities, establish expectations and climate, and anticipate outcomes and likely contingencies. The brief optimizes capabilities and readies the team to optimally care for the incoming patient or the patient already in front of them.

Monitoring and Modifying the Plan

 Huddle—Ad hoc meeting to ensure continual progression of care to the goal; to reestablish or affirm situational awareness, reinforce the plan in place, or assess the need to augment or adjust to optimize outcomes.

Reviewing the Team's Performance

Debrief—A structured, intentional yet informal, quick information exchange session
designed to improve team performance and effectiveness, team competence, and
capability. Teams analyze performance against the plan, identify lessons learned, and
collaborate and agree on methods that will improve performance and safety. Teams
that consistently debrief perform 15 percent better than those that do not (Salas,
2018). The debrief is how teams learn from one patient to improve and optimally care
for the next.

Brief and Debrief Checklist







Facilitator Followup Sample Email

Send within approximately 2 weeks after the session. Customize the portions as indicated.

Dear [Participants/Colleagues/Team],

Thank you for participating in the TeamSTEPPS video simulation training session. I appreciate that you took the time out of your busy schedule to join the training.

I trust that you have been able to use some of the strategies we learned in the training session. The objectives for the session were to understand the key tactics for effective team structure and Leadership and to apply these in our day-to-day clinical work.

The common themes from our session were [summarize key takeaways from the small group discussions.

Please take time to consider whether you have observed any of these strategies used since our session. Have you been able to apply these tactics to improve patient care? Think about whether you have been able to draw on the training and apply the strategies in clinical practice.

Your feedback on this training is valuable.

Thank you,

[your name]





Resources for Developing Facilitator and Debriefing Skills

Memory aids

Free

Promoting Excellence and Reflective Learning in Simulation (PEARLS) is a debriefing framework available on a physical or electronic pocket card that can serve as a cognitive aid to augment debriefing skills. PEARLS is available free of charge and is open source.

Estimated time commitment: <30 mins

https://debrief2learn.org/pearls-debriefing-tool/

Handbooks

Fee required

The *Pocket Book for Simulation Debriefing in Healthcare* offers a thorough review of the simulation facilitator literature in an accessible, reader-friendly format. Authored by leading international simulation experts, Dr. Denis Oriot and Dr. Guillaume Alinier, this book shares valuable tips and tricks that can help new debriefers acquire new skills and expert debriefers to hone their craft.

Estimated time commitment: Varies

Available in print or ebook through Amazon, Springer, and several others.

Informational digital resources

Free

Demian Szyld, M.D., Ed.M. is a practicing emergency medicine physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Senior Director for the Institute for Medical Simulation, Center for Medical Simulation, in Boston, Massachusetts. On this episode of the American Thoracic Society's Section on Medical Education Podcast, he covers a variety of topics including the phases of a debriefing, strategies for communicating with participants, ways to create a psychologically safe learning environment, and the subtle nuances of debriefing language.





Estimated time commitment: 50 mins

Structured Simulation Debriefings: An Interview With Demian Szyld

Free

The University of Washington provides an online tutorial for training new facilitators to deliver simulation-based education. This lesson provides a basic overview of debriefing, considerations in debriefing, and examples of techniques used in debriefing. It is not meant to be comprehensive but will familiarize a novice debriefer to the role and responsibility of a debriefer. You will need to register to gain access. Registration is free of charge.

Estimated time commitment: 30-40 mins

https://collaborate.uw.edu/course/sim-104-briefing-and-debriefing-thekey-to-learning-in-simulation/

Online courses

Fee required Sim One Online Course (in-person options available as well)

https://www.healthysimulation.com/medical-simulation/organizations/simulation-canada/

In-person courses and fellowship programs

Fee required

The Society for Simulation in Healthcare houses an up-to-date directory on available courses and fellowship programs.

https://www.ssih.org/

