FMC staff receives cutting-edge ER training at Tulane University

Just a day after a team from Franklin Medical Center won the Tulane Emergency Research Award for 2010, staff received state-of-the-art training at Tulane University for Advanced Medical Simulation and team training.

18 staff members from Franklin Medical Center went to Tulane on May 25. The intensive training was offered to help healthcare professionals the hospital works to stabilize women in labor for transport to another facility, but this time the patient and her baby weren't going to walk away.

"She was in active labor. There was no way I was going to transfer her," said ER physician Dr. Jeffrey Combetta, who immediately recognized the team's expertise. "We were ready for anything, no matter how acute it was. I just hope I never have just come from the simulator. It was a somewhat teamwork.

"The woman gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Howard Dee Smith. (Sun photo by Monica Huff)

"It was kind of an extraordinary occurrence for me," Combetta said. "Having lifelike robotic patients to practice things that would normally be uncomfortable doing thing is normal part of the hospital ER may not face, but can with any number of labor complications or emergencies occurring, it is important that they be able to respond to those cases. Combetta said.

"lifelike robotic patients to stimulate emergency situations that rural doctors may not see on a regular basis. Teams work through high-stress situations such as reviving a patient with a heart attack, responding to traumas or giving life-saving treatment to babies who've stopped breathing. They also practice obstetric and postpartum emergencies.

"The simulator helps us feel more comfortable doing things that would normally take place at a bigger hospital," Combetta said.

Blake Kramer, administrator of Franklin Medical Center, said that while the

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