

Simulation Training in Anaesthesia Resuscitation & Teamwork (START) Program:

The **Simulation Training in Anaesthesia, Resuscitation & Teamwork** program is an internal course provided to all residents doing appointments within the Monash Medical Centre Department of Anaesthesia. Aimed at staff with minimal prior anaesthetic experience it provides simulation based education in ward resuscitation, acute pain management, intraoperative care, patient transfer and procedural skills including line insertion and airway management. All material is integrated with teaching of associated non-technical aspects of anaesthetic care including leadership, teamwork, communication and adopting a structured approach to the unwell patient. With a 5 day program at the start of the year and half day sessions once a month thereafter, this represents one of the most intensive education programs for junior anaesthetic staff in the country. Although currently only available to residents working in the MMC Anaesthetic Department, a series of START modules are being developed as an external course, suitable for any residents contemplating beginning a career in a critical care related speciality.