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The Keys for Success: What has made RESUS4KIDS a Successful National Simulation Based Program

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Introduction:

RESUS4KIDS is a New South Wales (NSW) Child Health Network interdisciplinary program designed to teach paediatric resuscitation knowledge and skills to healthcare workers that care for acutely unwell children. The program has a blended approach combining e-Learning with a 90 minute Short Practical Course, both parts incorporating Simulated Learning Environments as part of the instructional design. As of December 2012, 10,000 people have successfully completed the e-Learning and over 5,000 people have completed the Short Practical Course. RESUS4KIDS is currently being taught in NSW, Australian Capital Territory, Sunshine Coast and Metro South (Queensland), the Women and Children’s Hospital (South Australia) as well as a number of Universities across NSW.

Purpose:

To discuss the key features that have made the program a success, including potential and real barriers and how they have been overcome, so that other programs can learn from our experience

Discussion:

Key aspects that have contributed to the success of the program such as:

Personnel: Leadership, subject matter experts, instructional design and educators

Finance: Phased project grants, NSW Health support and governance

Engagement: of participants, trainers and administrators at local, area and State level

Course design: e-Learning, Short Practical Course, pause and discuss, round the table methodology, cost and time effective for participants and instructors, easy access and incorporating teamwork, leadership and communication into the Short Practical Course

Trainers: Train the trainer and Super trainer program, e-Learning trainer refresher and course standardisation