

## **Fake and expired medications in simulation-based education: an underappreciated risk to patient safety.**

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[Simulation-based education](#) in health care is common, and typically training exercises use artificial and expired medications instead of actual products. This commentary describes how these fake medications can introduce [risks](#) when they are accidentally incorporated into active medication inventory and suggests strategies to reduce such confusion in care environments.