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SimMan® and SimBaby™ visit Burnett Medical Center

Grantsburg, Wis. – Portable, advanced patient simulators provide effective training for nurses and providers at Burnett Medical Center. Thanks to Burnett’s participation in the region’s Healthcare Alliance, Burnett Medical Center was able to use these interactive, technologically-advanced manikins, normally housed at PTC, at no cost. On Jan. 6 and 7, staff from Burnett’s Continuing Care Center, critical access hospital and rural health care clinic listened to an array of heart, lung and bowel sounds on SimMan® and SimBaby™.

“The realistic anatomy and clinical functionality of these simulation manikins allowed our healthcare professionals to conveniently practice the treatment of patients,” explains Cindy Michaels, RN, Burnett’s Education Coordinator, ICN. “Having access to these SimMan® resources is a huge benefit to our staff, and our patients,” Michaels adds.

Born in 2007, the Healthcare Alliance is a vibrant partnership between k-12, higher education, healthcare providers and the workforce center system. Just over three years later, and more than two dozen partners strong, the assembly has “built a vision for a strong, qualified workforce with opportunities for professional growth,” according to Pine Technical College President Robert Musgrove. As a result, in the spring of 2010, the Alliance was awarded a \$4.2 million grant under the President’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), as implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration, to fulfill its mission. The purchase of these simulation manikins was fully-funded by this federal ARRA grant.

For more information about the Health Care Alliance, visit <http://www.facebook.com/Health-Care-Alliance/> or call 320-629-4566. For more information about Burnett Medical Center, visit <http://www.burnettmedicalcenter.com/> or call 800-293-5353.

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Photo above: Staff at Burnett Medical Center practice healthcare skills using a SimMan®.

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