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UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY USES DISTANCE EDUCATION

BETHESDA, Md. – This year the Naval School of the Health Sciences, National Library of Medicine, and the National Capital Area Medical Simulation Center are linking up with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) through the newly developed Advanced Distance Education Network (ADEN).

The ADEN is the result of a joint collaboration between the USUHS Patient Simulation Laboratory (PSL), Information Systems, and the Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Underserved Areas located at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa.

After a professor's lecture on a topic such as the cardiovascular effects of anesthetic agents, students can see the topic on a monitor demonstrated in the PSL.

PSL officials believe the ADEN will enhance the lectures at the university.

"We work with instructors to create a combined didactic lecture and a live simulated clinical example of the instructors teaching objectives," said Richard Kyle, operations director of the PSL at USUHS.

Future plans of the ADEN includes a link with Walter Reed Army Medical Center and other medical installations.

Established by Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University is the nation's only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. It has provided the country with

more than 3,000 outstanding military and public health physicians, scientists and health care practitioners. USU also is recognized as a leader in education, research and consultation programs in areas such as military medicine, medical readiness, tropical diseases and disaster medicine.