



The SSH DAISY Team Award in Healthcare Simulation, jointly presented by the **DAISY Foundation** and the **Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH)**.

The DAISY Award is a long-standing recognition program that celebrates and recognizes nurses who go above and beyond to not only provide patients and families with excellence in clinical care but also compassion. The Society for Simulation in Healthcare has partnered with the DAISY Foundation to create an award that recognizes a team that exemplifies compassionate care, collaboration, and excellence in healthcare simulation education or practice. Teams that apply for the award should focus on programs and stories that demonstrate a significant positive impact on front-line clinicians or teams who have then gone on to impact patient safety or outcomes.

Examples may include:

1. Preparing clinicians for a rare event and then hearing that the event occurred and the patient survived because of the training provided.
2. Implementing a program in a low-resource environment and receiving reports of improved care and patient survival because of the training.
3. Creating a patient/caregiver-focused curriculum that impacts the care provided to loved ones at home.

Review all Criteria and Nomination Information Below

DEADLINE to Submit Application: Friday, September 18, 2026 @ 5pm US Eastern Time

SSH DAISY Team Award in Healthcare Simulation – Criteria

1. Team Composition and Collaboration

- The team must consist of two or more simulation and/or healthcare professionals. A nurse must be the lead/co-lead of the submitted program/project.
- Demonstrates leadership in advancing healthcare education to translational outcomes as a result of effective collaboration and communication among team members.
- Team roles and contributions should be clearly defined.

2. Compassionate Care in Simulation

- Utilizes knowledge, skills, or behavior changes learned during simulation to deliver compassionate, patient-centered care, demonstrating a commitment to the DAISY Foundation's mission.
- Uses simulation to foster empathy, ethical decision-making, and emotional intelligence in learners.
- Engages learners in a respectful and inclusive environment.

3. Innovation and Impact

- Utilizes simulation to improve healthcare education, patient safety, or system performance. Examples may include, but are not limited to, creative scenario design, use of technology, or novel approaches to team-based care.
- Provides evidence of measurable impact (e.g., learner outcomes, patient care improvement, systems change).

4. Commitment to Excellence in Healthcare Simulation

- Aligns with the SSH's core values and the SSH Code of Ethics.
 - Demonstrates use of best practices in simulation-based education and training.
 - Demonstrates commitment to continuous improvement and sustainability.
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Eligibility and Nomination Process

- Open to any team utilizing simulation-based education and training
- The team must have a nurse lead or co-lead
- At least one team member must be a current member of SSH
- Teams must be comprised of two or more individuals
- Nominations should include:
 - A detailed narrative (1,500 words max) addressing the criteria with demonstratable outcomes within the last year.
 - Optional: evidence of impact (infographics, photos, publications, testimonial from learner, patient care improvement example, etc.).
 - A brief description of each team member's discipline, role in the project, and contribution to the outcomes (max 200 words per team member, max of 5 team members)
 - If your team is greater than 5 team members, please provide a full listing of all team members and indicate the team members for whom a description of their role has been provided (please use asterisk for indication [*]).
- **All applicants will be notified of final selection no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2026**

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SSH DAISY Team Award in Healthcare Simulation Winner

- Presented at the annual IMSH President's Diamond Ball.
- Selected team will receive up to 5 complimentary tickets to the Diamond Ball and will also receive the award on stage (5 team members max).
- The team will receive one (1) Celebratory Healer on pedestal with portfolio and all team members will receive the DAISY Foundation pin.
- Any member of the team who is not an SSH member will receive a 50% discount code to join SSH for one year.