The Carl J. Shapiro Simulation and Skills Center (SACS) at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston has established a reputation as one of the premier and most advanced simulation centers for surgical training in the country — if not the world. The Center was the first regional Education Institute to be accredited by the American College of Surgeons in 2006. At the Center, students are introduced to an intensive program of state-of-the-art training techniques including basic open, laparoscopic and endoscopic skills and patient care management, all with the end goal of achieving safer surgery through simulation.

“It’s no longer good enough for surgeons to pass a written test. They now must demonstrate their communication, judgment and technical skills,” said Daniel Jones, MD, FACS, Associate Professor of Harvard Medical School and Co-Director of SACS. “Simulation allows you to hone your skills and prove your ability.”

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