

Dear ASPE members,

We are proud to announce an emerging collaboration with MedEdPORTAL, a service offered by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). This collaboration will bring additional professional development opportunities to ASPE members, while also offering our expert SP knowledge to MedEdPORTAL users. Our services will include peer review of SP related materials, as well as encouraging and increasing the publication of such materials to this resource.

MedEdPORTAL is a free web-based system that promotes collaboration across disciplines and institutions by facilitating the exchange of peer reviewed educational materials, knowledge, and solutions. MedEdPORTAL serves as a central repository of high-quality medical education materials such as standardized and virtual patient cases, mechanical simulation cases, and faculty development materials. If you do not know about this resource, please visit their site at: www.aamc.org/mededportal.

This collaboration will not replace the ASPE Resource Bank. Authors can choose to submit cases and other resources for peer review and consideration for publication to either or both the ASPE Resource Bank and MedEdPORTAL.

Professional opportunities for ASPE members include:

1. Serve as a peer reviewer for the ASPE Resource Bank and MedEdPORTAL.
2. Publish SP materials in a peer-reviewed online publication that is associated with a highly respected and visible international association, the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Please note that this resource is not limited to AAMC members only. All health educators and students around the globe are welcome to both submit and access all MedEdPORTAL resources for free.

To access SP materials already peer-reviewed and published in MedEdPORTAL click on the ASPE collection logo located in the middle of the MedEdPORTAL homepage (www.aamc.org/mededportal).

If you are interested in serving as a peer reviewer for MedEdPORTAL please download and follow the instructions on the "Reviewer Signup Form" located at www.aamc.org/meded/mededportal/signup.doc

If you have any questions about serving as a peer reviewer or general questions about the peer review process please feel free to contact Chris Candler, MD, Editor of MedEdPORTAL at ccandler@aamc.org or Nancy McNaughton, MEd, PhD, MedEdPORTAL Associate Editor for Standardized Patient Resources at n.mcnaughton@utoronto.ca

If you would like to submit SP materials to MedEdPORTAL please select "Publish Resources" at the top of the MedEdPORTAL homepage located at www.aamc.org/mededportal (be sure to read the Author Instructions first).

We hope you will be as pleased with this association as we are and will consider submitting materials and/or becoming a reviewer.

Sincerely,

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