

# Prebriefing: A Principle Based Concept Analysis

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# OBJECTIVES



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| <b>Identify</b> | Identify the elements of a principle-based concept analysis   |
| <b>Discuss</b>  | Discuss the evolution of prebriefing as defined in the INASCL Standards of Best Practice                      |
| <b>Propose</b>  | Propose research recommendations based on the findings of the principle-based concept analysis of prebriefing |



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**Why do a concept analysis?**

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**What is principle based concept analysis?**

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**How are the principles defined?**

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**How is prebriefing defined in the literature?**

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**What is the current state of prebriefing science?**

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**What is the future of prebriefing research?**



# WHY DO A CONCEPT ANALYSIS?

Identify concepts  
suitable for research

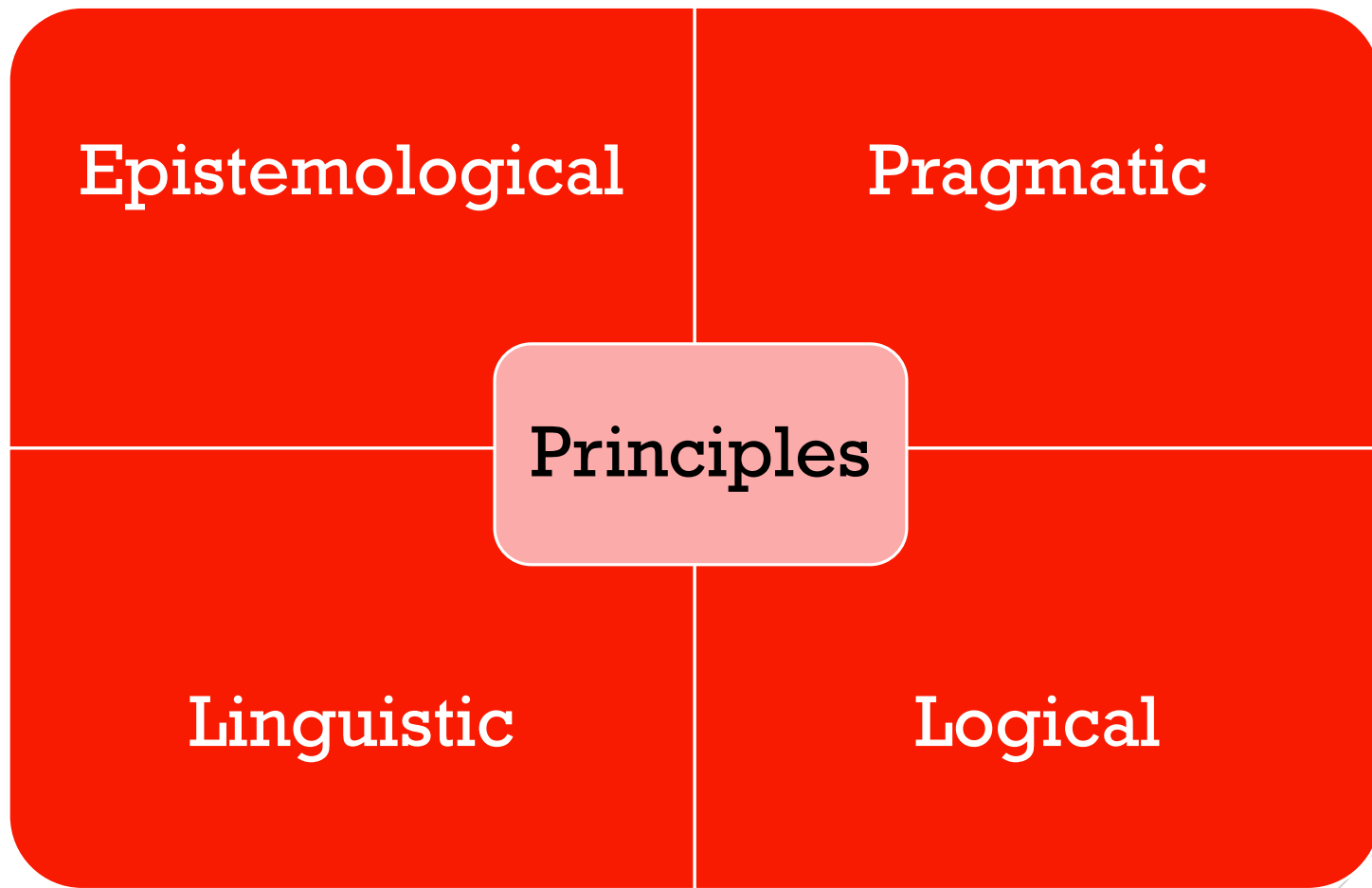
Explore the state of the  
science of a concept  
based on the literature

Identify gaps in  
understanding of a  
concept

Determine appropriate  
methodologies for  
research of those concepts



WHAT IS  
PRINCIPLE BASED  
CONCEPT  
ANALYSIS?





HOW ARE THE  
PRINCIPLES  
DEFINED?

# Epistemological

**“Is the concept clearly  
defined and well-  
differentiated from other  
concepts?”**

Principles



HOW ARE THE  
PRINCIPLES  
DEFINED?

# Pragmatic

“Is the concept **applicable and useful** within the scientific realm of inquiry? Has it been **operationalized?**”

Principles





HOW ARE THE  
PRINCIPLES  
DEFINED?

“Is the concept used  
consistently and **appropriately**  
**within context?**”

**Linguistic**

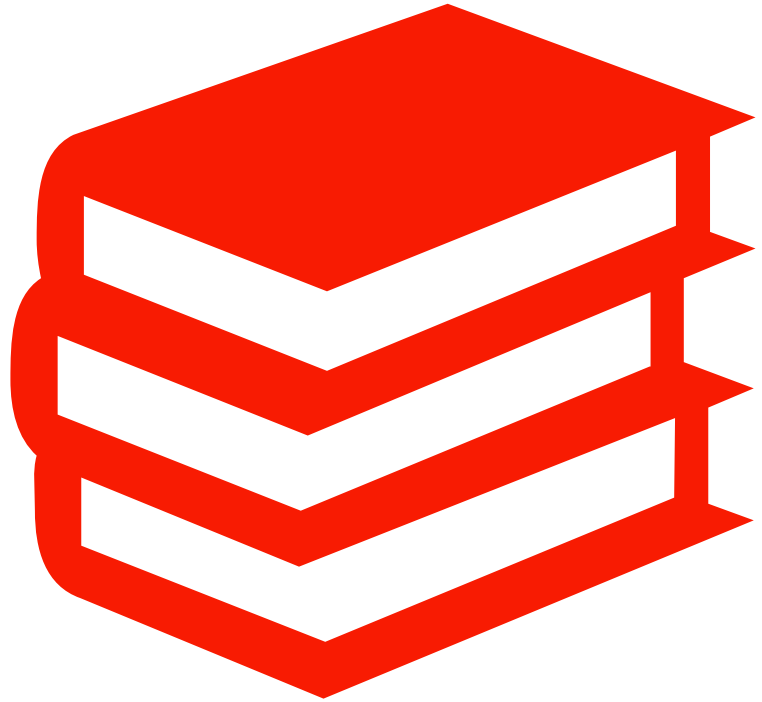


HOW ARE THE  
PRINCIPLES  
DEFINED?

## Principles

“Does the concept **hold its boundaries** through theoretical integration with other concepts?”

**Logical**



How is  
**PREBRIEFING**  
Defined in the Literature?



## DEFINITION

*“An information or orientation session immediately prior to the start of a Simulation Based Experience in which **instructions or preparatory information** is given to the participants. The purpose of prebriefing is to establish a **psychologically safe environment** for participants.”*

From: INACSL Standards Committee (2016, December). INACSL standards of best practice: Simulation<sup>SM</sup>  
Simulation glossary. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*, 12(S), p s43.



**Discussion:**  
What does simulation  
prebriefing look like at your  
institution?

Design

Prebrief

Scenario

Facilitate

Evaluate

Debrief

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE OF PREBRIEFING SCIENCE?



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**Introduction**

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- Translational research
- Evaluation methods
- Validity and reliability of instruments
- Ratio of clinical time to simulation time
- Pre-briefing
- Use of theory in simulation
- Measurement of higher order thinking (e.g. clinical reasoning)
- Faculty development
- Facilitator competence
- Communication



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SEARCH 

Spring 2017

- “*prebrief*” (102)
- “*prebrief*, nursing simulation” (34)
- “pre-brief, simulation” (47)
- “*prebrief*” AND “nursing” AND “simulation” AND “education”
  - 47 articles and dissertations
  - 13 relevant

Updated search in 2018: added “preparation”

- 10 additional articles

## Literature Review

*Is prebriefing **clearly defined** and **well-differentiated** from other concepts?*

Epistemological



- The formal definition has evolved and continues to evolve
- Not consistently differentiated in the literature





# INACSL STANDARDS

## 2011

**Standard I Terminology:** an information session held before the simulation that provides instructions, preparatory information and orientation to equipment

## 2013

**Standard IV Facilitation:**

- a facilitation method that occurs before the simulation
- includes orientation to the equipment, ground rules, expectations and background information on the scenario
- provide a psychologically safe environment

## 2015

**Standard IX Design Standard**

Criterion 7: Introduced “briefing”

Criterion 10: Participant Preparation



# 2016 INACSL Standards of Best Practice: Simulation<sup>SM</sup>

## *2016 Design Standard revised*

### **Criterion 7 Prebriefing:**

- required orientation phase of simulation
- structured and consistent element of simulation
- orientation to equipment, space, time and other logistical aspects of the simulation
- behavior expectations, establishment of trust, ground rules, and a fiction contract

### **Criterion 10 Participant Preparation:**

- “address the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors that will be expected of the participants during the simulation-based experience”



2016 INACSL  
Standards of Best  
Practice:  
Simulation<sup>SM</sup>

*2016*

*Facilitation Standard revised*

**Criterion 3:**

“Facilitation methods prior to the simulation-based experience include **preparatory activities** and a **prebriefing** to prepare participants for the simulation-based experience.”



## Essential elements of PB

- Discuss the **detail and expectations** of the simulation-based experience based on the purpose, goal, and/or objectives
- Provide participants **necessary background information**
- **Orient** to the simulation environment, modality for delivery, manikins, and equipment
- Provide **clear descriptions of assigned roles** for the scenario
- Discuss the **process to contact others** and ways to seek further information
- Provide **time for participants to prepare** before the start of the simulation experience



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Examples in the  
Literature

PAGE-CUTRARA & TURK, 2017

- *prebriefing* was “... structured by concept mapping- type activities and guided reflection”

CHAMBERLAIN, 2017

- Two preparation activities, both referred to as *prebriefing*: learning engagement and orientation.

*Is prebriefing **clearly defined** and **well-differentiated** from other concepts?*



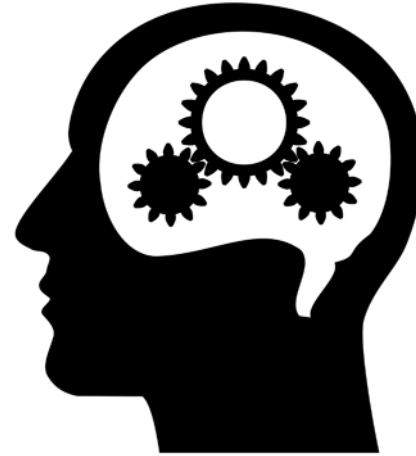
Epistemological

The concept of *prebriefing* is continuing to mature epistemologically and develop its own distinction within the knowledge base of simulation.



***“Is prebriefing applicable and useful within the scientific realm of inquiry? Has it been operationalized?”***

Pragmatic



- Defined by experts in a variety of ways
- Use of role-modeling as prebriefing?



## DELPHI Study

### McDermott, 2016

*“Prebriefing is an essential **three phase process of planning, briefing, and facilitating** that occurs prior to the SBL experience based upon the purpose/learning objectives of the scenario.”*

**Planning:** Learning activities

**Briefing:** Standardized orientation

**Facilitating:** Discussion and planning

*“Prebriefing is essential for a successful debriefing”*

# Expert Role Modeling

## CORAM, 2016

- “Both the control and treatment groups received standard **prebriefing.**”
- “The treatment group received the intervention of viewing an expert role modeling video.”

## FRANKLIN, ET AL., 2014

- Compared three **simulation preparation** methods
- “**Pre-simulation assignments**”
- Expert modeling, voice-over PowerPoint lectures and reading assignments
- Never referred specifically to prebriefing

Examples in the  
Literature

***“Is prebriefing applicable and useful within the scientific realm of inquiry? Has it been operationalized?”***

Pragmatic



**This inconsistency between the standard-based definition and description of *prebriefing*, its manifestations in the literature, and how it is identified by experts present a pragmatic challenge.**

# “Is prebriefing used consistently and **appropriately within context**?”



Linguistic

- Preparatory activities that occur **before** a simulation experience
- Consistently context bound to the activities that occur in the period **preceding** the simulation scenario
- Lack of consensus of the specific components



Examples in the  
Literature

**MARIANI, ET AL, 2017**

“all students received standardized *prebriefing*, including objectives, case overview, and preparatory work. The preparation included readings and review questions. In addition, students were oriented to their surroundings and given the opportunity to ask questions.”

**WODA, ET AL, 2016**

“activities... included orientation to the simulation room and manikin, *prebriefing*, a pre-quiz, the patient care scenario, and debriefing”



## Systematic Review Protocol

Tyerman, et al, 2016

“What are the characteristics/activities of effective pre-simulation preparation and briefing?”

Three stages: Preparation, Participation, Debriefing

**Pre-simulation preparation:** “...material provided at unspecified times **in advance** of the simulation experience.”

**Pre-briefing and briefing:** “...the interaction between the facilitator and the learner, **just prior to** the simulation experience.”

“Is prebriefing used consistently and **appropriately within context**?”



Linguistic

While there a lack of consensus in the literature as to what specific components comprise *prebriefing*, conceptually it is a component of the activities occurring prior to the simulation scenario.

“Does the concept **hold its boundaries** through theoretical integration with other concepts?”

Logical

## **Simulation is linked to a variety of learning theories**

- Situated cognition
- Constructivist learning
- Learning through reflection
- Cognitive load theory
- Kolb's Experiential Learning theory
- Bandura's Social-Cognitive theory
- Knowles adult learning theory
- Brain-based education/cognitive science
- NLN Jeffries Simulation Theory



**(Kaakinen & Arwood, 2009)**



## Situated Cognition

### Theoretical Frameworks in Research

#### CHAMBERLAIN, 2017

- Prebrief learning activities allow students to fully immerse
- More in-depth dialogue
- Followed cues

#### BRACKNEY & PRIODE, 2014

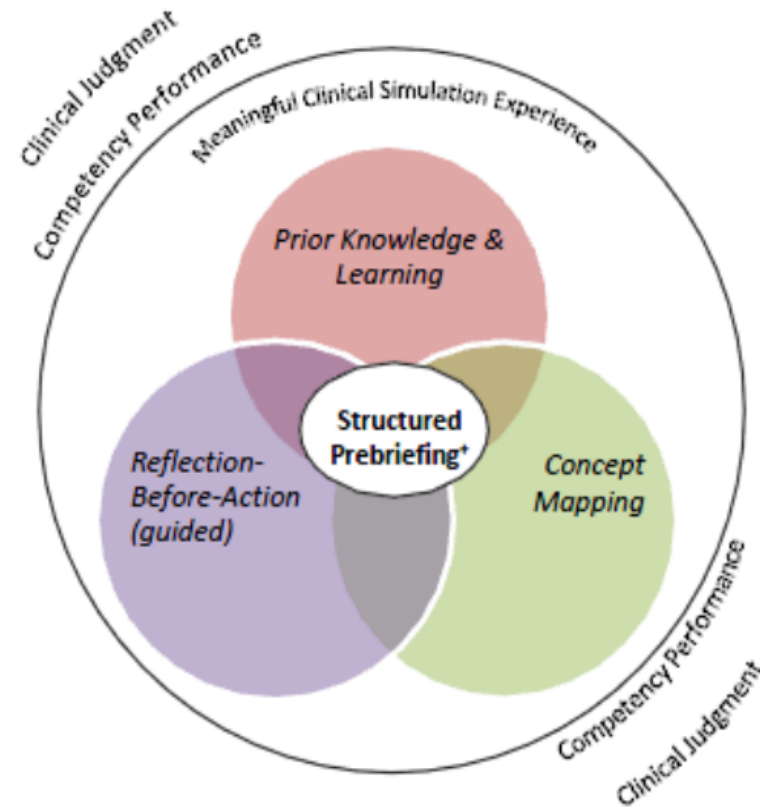
- RN reflection on a first code
- Discussed the experience
- Ways to prevent a code
- Take away:
- “Knowing how”, “Increasing confidence”, “Understanding roles”



# PAGE-CUTRARA & TURK 2017

## Structured Prebriefing Model

Theoretical  
Frameworks in  
Research



- Reflective practice and constructivism
- *Reflection-before-action*
- Theoretically based model

Page-Cutrara, 2015

# Cognitive Load Theory

## Theory- Based Instructional Design

### REEDY, 2015

- Provide brief of scenario and clinical protocols in advance
- Refresh clinical skills before
- Focus on nontechnical skills during the simulation
- Lessens the extraneous cognitive load



### JOSEPHSEN, 2015

- *Scaffolding:*  
practice a skill in a simple to complex manner
- *Worked out example:*  
expert modeling before the simulation

Fraser, Ayres & Sweller, 2015

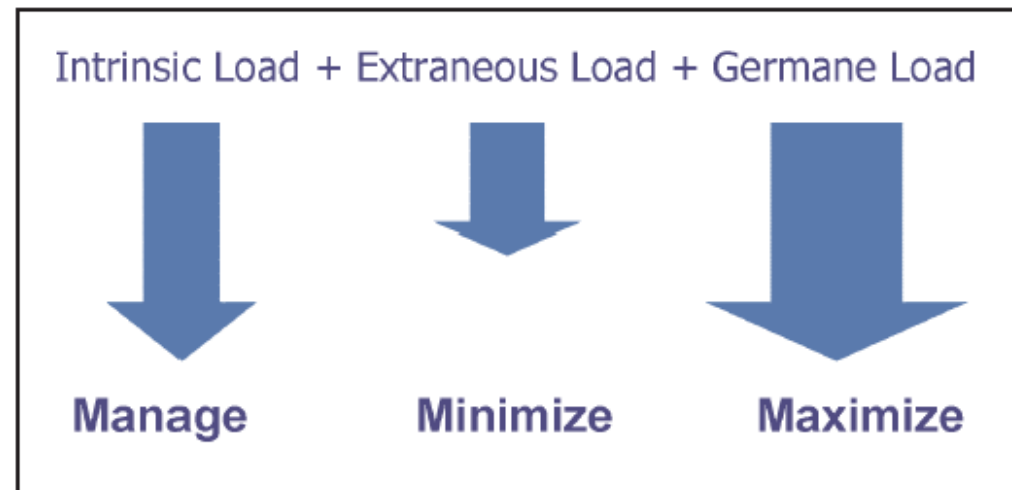
## Cognitive Load Theory

Theory- Based  
Instructional  
Design

## FRASER, AYRES & SWELLER, 2015

Design recommendations:

- Pretraining
- Segmenting
- Scaffolding



## Situated Cognition

### Theory- Based Instructional Design

## ONDA, 2012

- *Reflection-before-action*
- Informed prior to lab day
- May use resources to prepare
- Reflect on actions that will be expected



# Kolb's Experiential Learning Theory

## Theory- Based Instructional Design

CHMIL, 2016

- Prebriefing should be based on:
  - Experiential theory, nursing process, and outcomes
  - *Concrete experience, reflective observation, abstract conceptualization, active experimentation*
- Intro to case scenario and roles
- Identify expected outcomes
- Devise plan of action

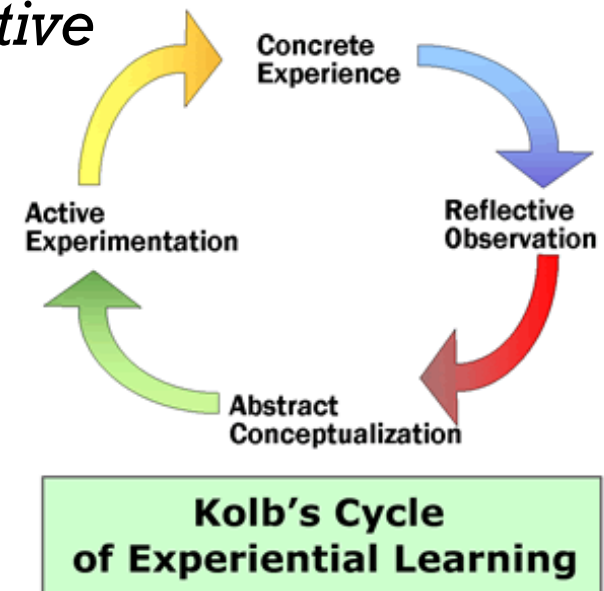


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# Bandura's Social Learning Theory

## Theory- Based Instructional Design

### BETHARDS, 2014

- Extrinsic motivation- promise of reward or punishment
- Orientation:
  - Clear description of the responsibilities
  - Role of observer in debrief



“Does the concept **hold its boundaries** through theoretical integration with other concepts?”

Logical



*Prebriefing* as a preparatory activity is an element that fits in many teaching and learning theories as they are applied to simulation as a pedagogical method.



CHAMBERLAIN, 2015

OTHER CONCEPT  
ANALYSES

## Terms

- *Prebriefing, pre-scenario, pre-simulation, briefing +simulation*
- 23 articles

## Findings

- Process: orientation to mannikin, prep work, providing information
- Goals: safe environment, identifying objectives and expectations

## Surrogate terms

- Pre-scenario, pre-simulation, preparation, briefing, pre-scenario huddle, pre-simulation briefing, reflection-before-action

## Chamberlain

*“Prebriefing is an educator designed phase of simulation ...at a designated time prior to the ‘hands-on’ scenario and includes ... orientation tasks and learner engagement activities that will enhance learner satisfaction, participation, and effectiveness of the simulation experience.”*

**PAGE-CUTRARA, 2015**

**OTHER CONCEPT  
ANALYSES**

**Terms:**

- *Prebriefing, briefing, pre-simulation*
- 31 articles

**Themes:**

- Considering the situation
- Perceiving the meaning
- Anticipating a plan

**Theory:**

- Tanner
  - noticing, interpreting, responding, reflecting

Page-Cutrara

*“Prebriefing should include information and activities ...to learners in consideration of their level of knowledge, learning needs, and prior experiences; structured for anticipatory reflection and planning; and facilitated by a qualified nursing simulation educator to support decision- making, psychological safety, and debriefing activities.”*

# Think- Pair- Share





**WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF  
PREBRIEFING RESEARCH?**

*Prebriefing* is context bound to the time period **preceding simulation scenarios** and is **linked to** learning theories. It is not yet a unique and distinct concept in the literature nor does it manifest itself consistently. The line between ***prebriefing*** and participant **preparation** is blurred. The goal of future research in *prebriefing* should be to **unify these elements and expand the concept of *prebriefing*** beyond an orientation phase and into a **theory driven, structured process** that takes into account the **needs of the nursing student as a learner** in simulation.



Conclusion

# Proposed Model of Prebriefing

## Preparatory phase (cognitive)

- learn about the content and concepts that will be encountered
- develop a foundation to build learning
- videos, case studies, concept mapping, prep sheet, chart review

## Orientation phase (psychomotor)

- become familiar with space and equipment
- provide time to plan, gain comfort and eliminate distractions
- review report and chart, procedure review, skills practice

## Prebriefing phase (affective)

- review expectations, psychological safety, fiction contract, confidentiality, process of debriefing and simulation elements
- interactive, discussion and answer session
- alleviate anxiety and gain sense of self-efficacy

Adapted from: McDermott, D. S. (2016). The Prebriefing Concept: A Delphi Study of CHSE Experts.



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QUESTIONS??

THANK YOU!