



## **Surgical Science Inc. and 3-Dmed together with Red Llama Inc. develop new training paradigm for laparoscopic surgeons**

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Surgical Science Inc. of Minneapolis, MN, 3-Dmed, Franklin, OH and Red Llama, Inc. Seattle, WA and Minneapolis, MN have formed an industry alliance to bring the laparoscopic surgical community, innovative solutions for the implementation of a new training paradigm with new advanced technologies and methodologies.

The three companies will introduce training programs designed around Cognitive, Real-time System and Virtual Reality training curriculums to provide users with educational solutions designed to provide a progression of laparoscopic training tools. Beginning with cognitive learning > progressing to hands on skill practice on a box trainer > progressing to basic skills and procedural training on a virtual reality simulator will provide trainees with a set of learning objectives to achieve along an educational continuum.

- Red Llama, an innovative cognitive simulation training company will provide the SimPraxis™ interactive cognitive simulation component allowing educators and faculty to evaluate and measure the cognitive learning abilities and proficiencies of their students using a built-in objective assessment examination tool.
- 3-Dmed, manufacturer and innovator since 1970, makers of the Minimally Invasive Training Systems (MITS), will provide a real-time laparoscopic training system that includes a variety of skill-building training activities and anatomical models.
- Surgical Science, a market leader since 2001 and the developer of the world renowned, LapSim® Virtual Reality Laparoscopic Simulation System, will utilize its strong network of highly utilized LapSim® systems to provide both basic skill and procedural VR training with the highly researched and validated objective assessment vehicle within LapSim®.

Portions of this training program are eligible for CME credit.

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