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## **UCT launches simulation suite to fast-track women's health**

**Friday, 15 September 2023 | 14:00-16:00 | Seminar Room, H45 Old Main Building,  
Groote Schuur Hospital**

In an effort to improve women's health at all levels, the University of Cape Town's (UCT) Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology will launch a simulation suite aimed at advancing the teaching and training goalposts; and enhancing clinical and surgical training efficiency, effectiveness and safety.

Through this simulation suite, UCT intends to create a future-orientated innovative space with cutting-edge technology embracing a variety of simulators for various surgical and medical procedures to enable trainee development in the African context.

The simulation suite is housed in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Groote Schuur Hospital. This space is designed for multidisciplinary access to facilitate its collaborative function.

The spotlight in the simulation suite is the LapSim laparoscopic simulator. This sophisticated, revolutionary and sought-after piece of equipment – with its haptic feedback, integrated AI mentor software and data analytic capabilities – allows for tracking of trainees' laparoscopic skills progress and can be utilised as an assessment tool and for research purposes. This acquisition intends to extend the institution's access to other surgical disciplines for postgraduate trainees and specialists for continuous professional development and enhancing multidisciplinary collaboration.

The launch will be graced by Glaudina Loots, director for Health Innovation at the Department of Science and Innovation, along with UCT luminaries.

[RSVP](#) by Thursday, 14 September 2023, to attend the launch.

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