

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

THOMAS RILES, M.D.

SIMULATION IN HEALTH CARE EDUCATION



Dr. Thomas Riles is the Executive Director, New York Simulation Center (NYSIM) for the Health Sciences, one of the most advanced facilities of its kind in the United States. Its mission is to serve the academic needs of the health science schools and services of CUNY and NYU and to improve patient safety and quality of care. NYSIM also provides simulation training for first responders to disasters in New York City.

Simulation education has been used for many years in the military and in the aviation industry. In medicine, as in these professions, failure to perform a task correctly and timely can lead to harm to one's self or to others. For health care workers, simulation is the way to learn new procedures and to practice application of knowledge and skills in nearly real situations without risk of injury to a patient. It also provides an effective means of assessing competency before permitting an individual to participate in the direct care of a patient.

Many changes in the delivery of health care the past 20 years have dramatically impacted the education of health care workers. The transition to outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, shortened hospital stays, and greater demands on faculty time has disrupted the traditional apprenticeship model. As well, the added complexity of diagnostic and therapeutic modalities requires additional training in order for doctors and nurses to use them safely. As procedures have become more complex, there is a greater need for multidisciplinary training.

Dr. Riles has practiced vascular surgeon at NYU since 1977, where he has served as the Chief of Vascular Surgery and the Chairman of the Department of Surgery. Currently he is the Associate Dean for Medical Education and Technology and the Frank C. Spencer Professor of Surgery. He has published over 250 medical articles and text book chapters and has served as the President of the American Association for Vascular Surgery. He lives in Riverside with his wife Adriana.

RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.