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Des Moines medical school training students on Vidacare's system

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Vidacare Corp.'s vascular technology is being adopted by more medical schools throughout the United States.

After the Emory University School of Medicine began teaching future emergency room physicians using Vidacare's EZ-IO technology, the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine has also begun teaching its students how to use EZ-IO.

Des Moines University will begin training students on the medical equipment in mid-April. First and second-year medical students will learn how to use the company's power driver and patented needle as part of the human simulation lab. Students in the physical therapy and physician assistant programs also will be taught how to use the equipment.

Vidacare's EZ-IO system allows emergency medical personnel to drill a port into the bone of a patient when traditional intravenous access is difficult or impossible.

"The EZ-IO device will be an important component of the pediatric program in the human simulation lab," says Roberta Baldus, an instructor for the physician assistant program at Des Moines.

"As a flight nurse, I was introduced to this technology several years ago. Since then, it's gained wide acceptance as a first-line option for critically ill and injured patients, and it's crucial that the students in our medical programs understand how fast and effective it can be saving lives."

San Antonio-based Vidacare develops, manufactures and markets advanced intraosseous access

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