DEBRIEFING TIPS FOR SIMULATION

CHECKLIST FOR DEBRIEFING

☐ Reiterate that the debriefing space is a “safe zone” – simulation is THE place to make mistakes

☐ Allow time at the beginning for participants to vent any emotions they may be feeling about the activity

☐ Ask participants to answer questions instead of answering them yourself

☐ Ask open-ended questions

☐ Ask clarifying questions to challenge thinking, help participants formulate ideas, and to understand participants’ perspectives

☐ Solicit input from everyone in the group; even observers

☐ Summarize answers from the participants and ask if your summary makes sense

☐ If you do not understand the rationale of a participant’s comment, genuinely ask for further explanation

☐ Encourage participants to evaluate what they did well, what they need to improve, and offer suggestions for improvement

☐ As appropriate, provide adequate discussion time for participants