

BROADCAST- National leader in pediatric surgery urges human-centered innovation in health care

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A national leader in pediatric surgery says the future of health care innovation won't come from the latest gadget or algorithm — but from rediscovering our shared humanity. OSF HealthCare's *Pearl Lecture Series* in Peoria featured Dr. Edward Barksdale Jr., who shared how medical simulation can teach empathy as well as skill.

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As health care systems across the country confront inequities and social challenges, Dr. Edward Barksdale says it's time for a shift — from high-tech to high-touch. He told an audience at the Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center in Peoria, Illinois that simulation — often using trained actors to mimic real-world medical encounters — is a powerful way for clinicians to “rehearse for humanity.”

SOT Dr. Edward Barksdale

“How can it help us be more human? How can it help us be more compassionate and empathic. So much of the work I do in Cleveland where I was, and now in Chicago is to look at how we can take technology to allow physicians to lead more with their hearts than their heads.” (:23)

Dr. Barksdale, recently named one of four icons of the American College of Surgeons, says places like the Jump Center are leading the way — showing that empathy can be learned, practiced, and put into action both inside and beyond hospital walls.