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(May 21, 2009) The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Rowland as Medical Education Program Coordinator for the Department of Graduate Medical Education.

Rowland will be responsible for the development and implementation of medical education programs pertaining to simulation instruction. In his role he will serve as manager of UICOMP's Donald E. Rager, M.D., Clinical Skills Laboratory, which utilizes state-of-the-art simulation technology to enrich the educational experiences of medical students, medical residents, and the community.

Rowland comes to UICOMP from Kapi'olani Community College in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he served as Emergency Medical Services Coordinator for Maui County from 2006 to 2009. He is a certified American Heart Association Instructor and a member of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, the National Association of EMS Educators, and the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

Rowland received a B.S. in Liberal Arts from Western Illinois University in 1982. He spent six years in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Captain, and 16 years in the United States Army Reserve. His military accomplishments include more than 800 hours of accident-free flight time as a helicopter maintenance test pilot.

Rowland's background in aviation, with its emphasis on safety issues, will be an important part of advancing the simulation program's ongoing commitment to patient safety.

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