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### **Important Women in Healthcare Interviewed by Laerdal Medical – Thought Leaders Dr. Beverly Malone and Dr. Tejal Gandhi**

WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY, June 25, 2019 – Over the past 25 years, the healthcare industry has undergone tremendous change in the individual roles of each team member and how patients are treated. Each year during the month of May, **National Nurses Week and National Hospital Week celebrate some of the hardworking individuals who directly affect patient care.** This year, to support these awareness weeks, Laerdal Medical interviewed two women who have been instrumental in shaping change in healthcare, [Dr. Beverly Malone](#) and [Dr. Tejal Gandhi](#).

National Nurses Week, sponsored by the American Nurses Association, took place May 6-12. **Laerdal interviewed Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN, CEO of the National League for Nursing, to learn more about the changes that she has witnessed throughout her career.** She discussed the influence of new technology, how nurse expectations have evolved, and how simulation training makes a big difference.

“I have to say that I am a fighter for simulation and making sure that nurses have the opportunity to practice. I think we’re like pilots in planes in that we need that practice to decrease the number of errors,” says Dr. Malone.

The following week, May 12-18, was National Hospital Week. Sponsored by the American Hospital Association, this week recognizes the hospitals, health systems, and hospital practitioners who support the well-being of their communities. **Laerdal interviewed Dr. Tejal Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS, Chief Clinical and Safety Officer for the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI).** She explained how attitudes towards patient safety have changed and how the healthcare community can continue to improve patient outcomes.

“[Having] those opportunities for everyone to come together and do training together on things like teamwork and communications can have huge value,” says Dr. Gandhi.



[Dr. Beverly Malone has been recognized as one of the top 25 women in healthcare and received the 2018 Nursing Outlook Excellence in Research Award.]



[Dr. Tejal Gandhi is ranked by *Modern Healthcare* magazine as one of the 50 most influential physician executives.]

### **About Laerdal**

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