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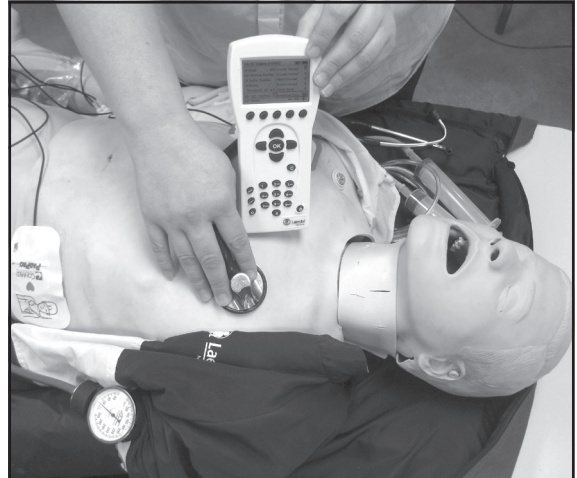
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# EMS MANIKIN HAS PULSE, HEART BEAT



**What is It?**

Vital Sim, Vital Signs Simulator, acquired in 2009

Love County EMS Training Director Natasha West (inset) programs vital sign scenarios into Vital Sim that should indicate to the EMT or Paramedic when a life-threatening condition is at hand.

**Pulse & BP:**

A lifelike pulse can be programmed into three arterial locations, including the wrist (above left). Medics learn to distinguish among weak, normal, and strong pulses. Separately, the manikin's blood pressure also can be set at various strengths. Medics should come up with that reading when using a blood pressure cuff.

**Heart Beat:**

Up to seven different heart rhythms can be programmed into Vital Sim, and the manikin can also simulate heart failure. Medics use a stethoscope (above right) and ECG test to hear and analyze heart behavior. They can also shock the manikin with a defibrillator and measure the success of their attempt to restart the heart.

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