Communications on 12/11/2006

Surgical Technology Distance Education Partners:
Kirkwood Community College will be upgrading its Perception Server on December 20th. The allotted downtime will be from December 20th - January 7th. This time frame allows for the following:
- Upgrade Perception Server from v3 to v4
- Replacing Perception Secure Browser with QuestionMark Secure on all testing machines.
- Verify that all exams and assessments have converted properly.

With this upgrade, there is a change in software used for taking secure tests. The Perception Secure Browser will no longer be used or supported after the conversion. In its place will be QuestionMark Secure, which can be obtained by the following link:

QuestionMark Secure is now more of a plug-in for your browser than a program. There will be no shortcuts on the desktop or start menu. The item that does appear in the start menu is a link to installation documentation which we will be removing from our computers.
The new procedure for taking a secured exam is as follows:
- log student onto Perception, via bookmarked site or shortcut
- student chooses his/her exam
- QuestionMark Secure activates and exam begins

At this time, Kirkwood Community College is not supporting IE7 on testing machines. However, there is a hotfix that can be downloaded in case you are using IE7. That hotfix can be obtained at:

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Kirkwood's Helpdesk at 319-398-5899 x1264.