Healthcare Technology Foundation News

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Annual Meeting
HTF continues to review discussions held at our annual meeting. We are working on planning for additional board members to complement our strategic projects described below. It is important to maintain depth for succession planning.

Fundraising
As with any foundation, fundraising is an important factor. We continue to follow-up with contacts made at the AAMI Expo. We are striving to present actual projects that can be funded. It has helped to form strategic partnerships with various organizations. HTF is also considering how to better engage ACCE members. How can we work together to support our missions? What projects does ACCE feel are important to bring forward? How can we use our collective expertise to develop projects and raise funds?

Patient Education on Technology Safety
Final touches are being placed on the next brochure: *Home Infusion – A Safety Guide for Patients and Caregivers*. We hope to release this in the next few weeks.

What other patient education materials are needed? We have historically been focused on home technologies. Is that a viable venue? As this area of focus is an important part of our mission we look forward to hearing from you.

HTF is a supporting organization for the AAMI/FDA summit on Healthcare Technology in Nonclinical Settings in October. We want to educate on our current brochures and further develop opportunities for distribution and future topics.

Clinical Alarm Management
Due to the recent release of the Joint Commission safety goal on alarms, this continues to be an important topic. Board members participated in a Q&A session with AAMI to develop an article for ACCE News. The draft notes from the roundtable discussion at AAMI will be sent to those attendees who completed the sign-up.
ACCE is set to host webinars on the topic of alarms. HTF will participate to bring some teeth and examples for folks to utilize in meeting the goal.

We are working with AARC on an article they want to push to their membership. It is focused on the survey results specific to respiratory therapy. A peer reviewed article Clinical Alarms: Have Attitudes and Practices Changed? has been submitted to the American Journal of Critical Care. American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) will be publishing an article on the AAMI roundtable co-hosted by HTF in their Bold Voices publication. Marge Funk continues to work with Yale University colleague Linda Pellico in analyzing the comments received on the most recent alarm survey.

**Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in the Healthcare Environment**
The group is reviewing the RFP submittals that were sent to AAMI. This is to develop content for a training program on risk management of integrated systems. Developers will draft content and present materials at face-to-face workshops held in late 2013 and 2014 and further expand and adapt content for an online program.

Be sure to visit the HTF website to see all the latest news from the foundation, our programs, and resources. While you are there, feel free to hit the DONATE NOW button. We will accept them anytime and they are always tax deductible!

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