Various ad hoc groups within HTF have been diligently meeting to move forward various strategic projects determined by the board: Patient Education on Technology Safety, Clinical Alarm Management, and Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in Healthcare Environment.

**Patient Education on Technology Safety**
Ad hoc group consists of Jennifer Ott, Jim Keller, Jim Wear, Marge Funk, Hank Stankiewicz, Paul Coss, and Don Tucker. The group is looking to obtain partner feedback on the brochures developed to date and obtain guidance on future subjects. A list of partner organizations was developed and each member agreed to make contact using an informative letter/script. Based on initial feedback we may delve into further questioning of partner society members such as AACN or AARC. HTF is currently working through draft reviews of a Home Infusion Safety brochure. We hope to have released in next couple of months.

**Clinical Alarm Management**
Ad hoc group consists of Tobey Clark, Jennifer Ott, Marge Funk, Jennifer Jackson, Yadin David, Nancy Pressly, Tom Bauld, Izabella Gieras and Paul Coss. Strategic planning activities have focused on fundraising for clinical alarm projects. Projects include a manuscript for the American Journal of Critical Care on the 2011 national survey which is nearly complete. The group is looking closely at the proposed Joint Commission 2014 National Patient Safety Goal on alarm improvement with plans to develop and send out a survey in 2013 and conduct a webinar on the subject. Other potential projects are around the use of clinical simulation for alarms studies, focused work on ventilator alarms, and analysis of the 2011 survey comments.

**Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in the Healthcare Environment**
Ad hoc group consists of Yadin David, Ted Cohen, Izabella Gieras, Marcia Wylie, and Bill Hyman. Group has met and reviewed all the historical documents. Next step is to develop learning objectives for the agreed upon topics. Each committee member is tackling that initial development. Once completed it will be standardized and shared with AAMI who is partnering
with HTF on this project. There is an aggressive schedule to validate the content, find subject
matter experts, find hospital participants, and develop e-learning opportunities. Fundraising
for future phases is also being considered.

Annual Meeting
HTF will hold its annual meeting following the 2013 AAMI Exposition in Long Beach, CA on June
4th. We always benefit from the face to face discussions and the enhancement to our strategic
plans.

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