Welcome new Board Members!
HTF extends a warm welcome to Barrett Frankin and Steve Merritt, two new board members. Both are ACCE members. They will attend their first meeting in September. We look forward to their contribution on HTF initiatives.

Advisory Panel
HTF is continuing to look to strengthen its advisory panel. Various groups have been in contact with partner organizations with the goal to foster collaboration which may result in additions to the advisory panel. Organizations including AARC, HIMSS, American Association for Home Care, and Georgia Tech Research Institute. Let us know of any other groups that you think would fit our mission.

Members Making Noise (or helping reduce!)
HTF board members have been heavily engaged with AAMI HTSI on the alarms management webinar series. Marge Funk has been assisting as developer and moderator. Tom Bauld will be a speaker on “Educating and Training Staff”. See http://www.aami.org/htsi/events.html for more information.

Tobey Clark will be a speaker at the AAMI/FDA Summit on Healthcare Technology in the Nonclinical Setting. He will participate in the session Instructions for Use: Ensuring That Patients and Caregivers Understand. It is a perfect opportunity to relate our Patient Safety and Education focus area. Are you aware of this focus for HTF? Please visit http://www.thehtf.org/patient.asp for more information and checkout the patient education brochures.

We also had a group of members participate in the kick-off ACCE Teleconference session: Alarm Management Best Practices. Tom Bauld, Izabella Gieras and Jim Keller hosted this webinar to provide resources and proven systems based on best practices to enhance alarm management and meet the Joint Commission recommendations.
Patient Education on Technology Safety
Final touches are being completed on the brochure *Home Infusion – A Safety Guide for Patients and Caregivers*. It is currently being translated into Spanish and should be posted on the HTF website. We are also making good contacts with partner organizations encouraging them to distribute and announce or patient education materials. Current assessment of future topics is leading the group towards beds utilized in the home setting. If you have any suggestions on patient education materials please contact Jennifer Ott at secretary@thehtf.org

Clinical Alarm Management
Besides the noisy updates mentioned above, Marge Funk is working on two separate articles. One for the American Journal of Critical Care which will summarize the nursing results and a second on a review of the comments received with the last survey. HTF members were also part of an AAMI News article further discussing the Alarms Systems Management Roundtable. This is such a hot topic and we are pleased to have people engaged at various levels.

Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in the Healthcare Environment
Significant progress has been made on HTF’s newest high impact project. RFPs were reviewed with AAMI and writers were selected. All writers are of excellent quality and experience representing hospital community, industry and standard organizations. Copyright for the training material is to be shared between HTF and AAMI. Two face to face training workshops are planned for February and April and additional workshop (after coordinating schedules) will be offer immediately following the AAMI annual meeting. HTF project task force (and any other willing assistants!) will review the training material and approve prior to final acceptance of the project deliverables. HTF is working with AAMI on creating a folder on their website for promotion. We are looking for at least two medical centers that are willing to host a workshop. Any volunteers? Any recommendations? The feedback from the workshops will be used to modify the content as needed and prepare it for conversion into eLearning modules on AAMI university project.

Supporting Organization
HTF is proud to support the 5th Annual Medical Device Connectivity Conference and Exhibition. It will be held in Herndon, VA on November 21st and 22nd. Please see [http://tcbi.org/mdc2013/](http://tcbi.org/mdc2013/) for further information.

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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