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Clinical Alarms Project: The White Paper from the Clinical Alarms Task Force, available as a download from the Foundation website (www.acce-htf.org) has also been sent to all ACCE members with a Call to Action which is also available at the web site. This Call, initiated by Dave Dickey who encouraged action after research and discussion, asks ACCE members to follow-up on the study by presenting the recommendations in-house to the CEO, safety director, nursing executive, and/or the hospital’s patient safety or risk management committee. Further, documentation of this discussion back to the Foundation is requested.

The full report, with a slight change in format, will also be appearing in the Journal of Clinical Engineering, and a clinically oriented version is pending in a major nursing journal. Additional bound, hard copies of the report are available from Yadin David.

Foundation, Commission and Certification Secretariat: With the rising work load, Secretariat functions of ACCE are being separated from those of the Foundation, the Healthcare Technology Certification Commission, and the U.S. Board of Examiners for Clinical Engineering Certification. The new AHTF-HTCC-USBoard Secretariat is Cheryl Iden who takes over from the pioneering Alan Levenson. Alan did a great job in taking the Certification processes up to speed, and is continuing his efforts by facilitating a smooth transmission to Cheryl. And good luck to Cheryl!

Patient Safety Brochures: Remember that the Foundation website has the downloadable patient oriented Home Medical Devices brochure, in both English and Spanish. The next safety brochure on home oxygen use is in production. Anew set of public oriented patient safety links are also available at the Web site.

Shepherd Patient Safety Award: This award is a joint project between the Foundation and ACCE through the ACCE Advocacy Committee. Guidelines for nominations are under final review and will be available shortly.

Clinical Engineering Excellence Award: The Foundation will soon be rolling out the Clinical Engineering Excellence Award which will target Clinical Engineers who make strong leadership contributions at the institutional level.
Responding to Medical Device Incidents Colloquium: This Foundation co-sponsored event will take place on March 8, 2007 at the Texas Medical Center in Houston. It will bring clinical engineering, medical, FDA, and industry representatives together to address how to improve information sharing and learning from medical device incidents. Watch for further news of this event.

As always, donations to the Foundation are welcome at any time, and they are tax deductible.

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