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It is time for an update on the ACCE Healthcare Technology Foundation initiatives:

1) Clinical Alarm Management and Integration

The survey officially closed in January with well over 1000 participants. Thanks to everyone who responded and encouraged others to complete. The task force has been busy pouring over the results and analyzing the data in preparation of an official white paper. An agreement has been forged with ECRI to share expertise in data review and paper development. The bibliography has been thoroughly researched and updated. FDA MAUDE data has been investigated. Many task force members have been very busy as they are involved with different sections of this project. Some are also pursuing further education with other safety arenas on alarm issues. Expect to see notification of the white paper in the very near future. The goal will be to share this information with other professional societies and manufacturers to improve alarm management tools for our busy clinicians.

2) Professional Credentialing Committee

It was another successful certification round in November with 15 people taking the exam including 2 international candidates. The scheduling of the corresponding orals has begun. Upcoming test dates include May 6\(^{th}\) followed by an exam on June 27\(^{th}\) in conjunction with the AAMI Meeting. There will also be an exam on November 18\(^{th}\). Please check our website for additional information on deadlines, study assistance, and application materials. The body of knowledge questionnaire has been completed and the analysis of the results will be used by the Healthcare Technology Certification Commission to develop questions for the test bank in order for the creation of new field current exams. All clinical engineers are encouraged to pursue certification and to maintain their certification through the renewal process.

3) Patient Safety and Education Committee
Ode Keith has assumed leadership of this group. The promotion of the first educational module “Taking Medical Devices from Home to Hospital” is underway. The primary goal of these education modules is public education. The next step for the group is to further promote the program in order to develop more modules and provide additional public education opportunities. Author solicitation is underway for additional educational module development.

4) Annual Meeting

No joke, our next annual meeting is the weekend of April Fools Day, hosted by Yadin David in Houston. We have a packed agenda including a tour of Cyberonics, vagus nerve stimulation developer, a full day of meetings, elections, planning and brainstorming on Saturday followed by a wrap-up on Sunday morning. Look for further information during our next update.

5) Fundraising:

Fundraising is one of the biggest challenges we face. Yadin David has done a phenomenal job, however, he needs all of our help. Fundraising for our mission cannot be accomplished by one person. We appreciate any assistance you can provide either personally or through contacts with vendors you routinely work with every day. Should you wish to assist please contact Wayne Morse at vicepresident@accefoundation.org.

The ACCE Healthcare Technology Foundation continues to move forward on many projects. We again would like to thank our supporters and please let us know if you have any questions or an interest in a particular project. We thank you for your support of the Foundation’s mission either personally or through your daily contacts. More information is available at our website: http://www.acce-htf.org

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