ACCE Healthcare Technology Foundation News

The Foundation continues to advance a number of exciting initiatives. The White Paper from the Clinical Alarms Task Force chaired by Toby Clark, is now available as a download from the Foundation website, www.acce-htf.org. This task force had a broad and productive membership including contributors who are not members of the Foundation Board. Such participation is essential to the activities of the Foundation. The title of the report is “Impact of Clinical Alarms On Patient Safety”. It contains analyses of the original survey conducted by the Task Force, reviews if the FDA-MAUDE and ECRI databases, and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of clinical alarms. Hard copies of the Alarms report can be requested from Yadin David. They are also being distributed to device manufacturers, the FDA, patient safety organizations, and other relevant parties. The availability of this report was the subject of a professionally prepared press release, resulting in a number of high profile publications including 24x7 and forthcoming in the Journal of Clinical Engineering and in Biomedical Safety & Standards. The website also features a new resource of links to patient focuses external web resources.

In addition, the Foundation website also has the downloadable patient oriented Home Medical Devices brochure, in both English and Spanish. The official home of Certification in Clinical Engineering information is also found at the Foundation website. This program is moving strongly ahead with a steady supply of new applicants. The first round of three year CCE renewals is also now coming due, so if you are one of the early CCE’s under the current program you should be watching for renewal information. It is, of course, also available at the Foundation CCE web page.

The Foundation is also nearly ready to officially role out the Clinical Engineering Excellence Award which will target Clinical Engineers who make strong contributions at the institutional level. This award joins the Shepherd Patient Safety Award as Foundation initiatives. Think of your colleagues for these recognitions.

The Foundation is also co-sponsoring a Technology Safety conference which will be held in March, 2007 in Houston. Watch for further news of this event. This program is being organized by Yadin David and William Hyman.
The current officers of the Foundation are Wayne Morse, President; Jennifer Ott, Vice President and Development Chair; William Hyman, Secretary; and Henry Montenegro, Treasurer. The rest of the Board includes Tobey Clark, David Dickey, Denise Korniewicz, James Keller, Ode Keil, Frank Painter, Bryanne Patail, Elliot Sloane, Henry Stankiewicz, Jr., and James Wear. In addition Stephen Grimes represents ACCE on the Board. Yadin David now serves as the first Immediate Past President and has been further recognized with the title President Emeritus.

As always, remember that donations to the Foundation are always welcome, and they are tax deductible.

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