Improve healthcare delivery outcomes by promoting the development, application and support of safe and effective healthcare technologies.

Healthcare Technology Foundation News

July/August 2012

SEE W Hyman 8/12 email for AAMI announcement

Work continues with the joint HTF/AAMI project, “Tools for Managing Integrated Technology Risk in Healthcare Delivery Organizations”. HTF and AAMI have had numerous meetings to plan the various activities and overall project schedule and milestones. A needs assessment will go out soon to various stakeholders including other involved societies. This will allow the core group to identify the major content areas for module development. Leadership building components are high on the list of importance. Goal is to have a face-to-face program followed by an electronic or distance learning tool. Look for a joint press release shortly with further details on how you can be involved!

Board member, Marjorie Funk PhD RN, recently participated in a National Patient Safety Foundation webinar. The topic: ‘Monitor Alarm Fatigue: Lessons Learned’. She was joined by Maria Cvach, a well known researcher in this topic. The slides from the webinar can be viewed at, [http://www.thehtf.org/clinical.asp](http://www.thehtf.org/clinical.asp). The objectives of the program were:

1. Define the problem and implications of alarm fatigue for caregivers and patients
2. Identify best practice strategies to reduce alarm fatigue
3. State three methods to assure secondary alarm notification
4. Specify four recommendations for the design of future research on monitor alarm fatigue

Don’t forget about HTF for your donation opportunity. We will accept them anytime and they are always tax deductible! Please visit our website: [http://www.thehtf.org/](http://www.thehtf.org/)