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**Healthcare Technology Foundation News**

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**HTF Facilitates Education Assessment in the Clinical Engineering Community**

Over 500 responses were received to the needs assessment survey that was posted on-line by the Healthcare Technology Foundation, ACCE, AAMI, and ASHE plus promotion of local BMET chapters and the VA CE Network. This jointly created survey will be used to focus a new education program on specifically needed tools for managing risk related to integrated technology in healthcare delivery organizations. The target audience would include biomedical equipment technicians, clinical engineers, facility engineers, IT engineers, and others responsible for implementing and planning device and IT integration systems in a healthcare facility.

With updated competencies, members of this community may gain new opportunities to become responsible for healthcare technology management and similar clinical engineering services in integrated environment of collaborative systems. The results of this survey will be invaluable as the plan for the course curriculum progresses. It is particularly important to gauge the size of the gap in skills so that the coming training will provide the bridge to cross this gap and delivers the knowledge about how to deal with growing complex issues surrounding facility readiness for more and more wireless technologies, ‘systems of systems’ networks, IT-device integration, pending FCC rulings on WMTS devices, and much more.

The next step will be to analyze the volume of responses received and to collaborate in developing the course curriculum. The survey results will reveal critical information for the project, profession and healthcare.
New brochure is available!

Through a joint effort of HTF and ECRI Institute, the *Home Ventilation Patient Safety Guide* for patients and caregivers has been published to improve the ventilator safety in the home. This document is available in both English and Spanish on the HTF website.

**Presenting HTF Board Members**

ACCE President and HTF advisory board member James Keller presented in the *System Level Design Considerations for Safety Critical Technologies* session at the recent AAMI-FDA Interoperability Summit. In November, William Hyman ScD, Past President of HTF, will be making a keynote talk at the 4th Annual Medical Device Connectivity Conference on *Meaningful Use – Stage 2*. James Keller, Marge Funk, PhD, HTF Board member, and Tobey Clark, HTF President, will be making presentations in the *Cardiac Monitoring and Alarm Fatigue Session* at the American Heart Association Annual Meeting.

**New HTF Website**

The Healthcare Technology Foundation website at http://www.thehtf.org has been redesigned. Visit the enhanced site 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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