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AAMI 2014 Recap

Managing Risk of Integrated Systems and Networks Training Course

Over 40 people attended the training course at AAMI 2014. The joint training program was developed by HTF and AAMI to help Clinical Engineers and IT professional obtain the tools necessary for risk management methodologies and mitigation. Preliminary feedback from the attendees indicated that it was very beneficial for the work they do and the presenters were knowledgeable and effective in presenting the materials. Next steps will be to consider additional locations to hold the course and utilizing resources within AAMI University to present the material to a larger audience. Special thanks to Ted Cohen who was an instructor at the course. Kudos to Yadin David for his guidance and leadership in getting the program to this juncture!

Alarms Roundtable

HTF was heavily represented at the Clinical Alarms Roundtable held Monday afternoon. Despite being the last session on the last day well over 60 people participated in the discussion. It probably helped that there was chocolate! The dialogue was a true roundtable where various HTF board members along with AAMI HTSI Marilyn Flack engaged the audience with a variety of questions:

*What have we done over the last year?
Are we where we want to be?
Do we have the tools and resources necessary?
What awaits us in the future?*

The interchange stepped through the various aspects of the 2014 TJC National Patient Safety Goal and also touched on the 2016 expectations. What we found is hospitals are at a wide range of compliance. HTF along with AAMI stand poised to help guide future direction so that everyone is not reinventing the wheel. Stay tuned for more!

HTF Annual Meeting

HTF held its annual meeting on June 3rd at the Philadelphia VA. Thank you to our host Cathy Hranek the Chief of Biomedical Engineering at VAMC Philadelphia. The main focus was on fundraising and how to take HTF into the future. We are exploring an expert panel concept to allow industry or others access to great knowledge we have within HTF. The concept has been touted at the recent National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition and at AAMI 2014.

Some current members were voted back for additional terms: Marge Funk will begin her 2nd term, Nancy Pressly her third term on the advisory board, and Tom Bauld his first term on the advisory board. We are happy to welcome Karen Giuliano RN, PhD, MBA to the board as an advisory member. Karen comes to HTF with a wealth of experience as a product development specialist. We look forward to working with Karen on our future path.

One aspect we certainly want to grow is to continue our partnership with ACCE and its members. We need to work in collaboration on projects and funding. If any ACCE member is interested in joining HTF please contact Tobey or Jennifer. We are looking for some fresh perspectives as we continue the journey.

HTF in the News

HTF is Proud to Support the [AAMI Publication on Cybersecurity in Healthcare](#)

We feel this is an important endeavor and hope this recent release will encourage more people to want to learn more about the AAMI/HTF Training Program on Managing Risks of Integrated Systems and Networks in Healthcare Environments.

HTF is Published in American Journal of Critical Care Thanks to Board Member Marge Funk!

See article Attitudes and Practices Related to Clinical Alarms from the [May 2014 issue](#)

HTF Board Member Yadin David Participates in Medical Design Excellence Awards

See the [cover page here](#). Full information on the award process and winners can be found here: <http://www.canontradeshows.com/expo/awards/home/>.

Clinical Engineering Certification Program Transfers to ACCE

Through the primary efforts of Healthcare Technology Certification Commission Chair Petr Kresta and ACCE President James Keller, a smooth transition was made to transfer the CCE program to ACCE. Thanks to Petr, Jim and many others from HTF, HTCC, ACCE, and AAMI, the future is looking strong for clinical engineering certification.

Be sure to visit the HTF website, www.thehtf.org to see 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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