

CE-IT Community

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CE-IT Community Working Group Updates October 2009

Working Group 1—Wireless

Coordinating Organization: HIMSS

Contact: Christel Anderson, canderson@himss.org

- Call for participation! A call for participation has been issued to reenergize the group using all media available to the community including website, cosponsoring organizations membership and distribution to the listserv.
- The new workgroup will engage in current activities and collaborations i.e. the Wireless Healthcare Forum as collaborative partners of the CE-IT Community..

Potential Deliverables:

- 1) Develop a framework to define the technical specs for a medical grade network, including wireless.
- 2) Develop a whitepaper comparing the benefits and risks of wireless medical devices.
- 3) Develop a whitepaper comparing the benefits and risks of putting wireless devices on an isolated infrastructure vs. a shared enterprise infrastructure.
- 4) New Ideas welcome!

Get Involved: contact LaVerne Palmer at lpalmer@himss.org today!

Working Group 2—Integration

Coordinating Organization: AAMI

Contact: Patrick Bernat, pbernat@aami.org

Project: Develop a matrix of questions facilities should ask vendors with respect to medical device integration

Status: Sub-group is implementing suggestions received from CE-IT Community. Next step: Steering Committee review

Project: Release a document that compiles existing references, standards, and other guidance documents related to medical device integration

Status: Sub-group is implementing suggestions received from CE-IT Community. Next step: Steering Committee review

Project: Develop guidance on how facilities can design workflow models of device integration

Status: New project, subgroup will hold second meeting on Oct. 20.

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Working Group 4—Collaboration

Coordinating Organization: AAMI
Contact: Patrick Bernat, pbernat@aami.org

Project: Develop a guidance document on assigning first call responsibilities for healthcare networking issues.

Status: Final document is available [here](#). Document will be published in *IT Horizons* this fall.

Project: Conduct a webinar designed to help CE and IT departments communicate better with one another

Status: Draft developed; sub-group preparing to present rehearsal of webinar to WG4.

Project: Develop a deliverable to help CE and IT departments work together effectively on information security issues.

Status: On hold until next meeting

Project: Create a guide outlining the educational opportunities available to provide IT a basic understanding of CE, and CE a basic understanding of IT

Status: In development, expected to be completed in fall of 2009.

Project: Assess the current relationship between CE and IT departments in healthcare facilities.

Status: Draft questionnaire developed. Next step: Review by WG4

Project: Invite IT vendors to a WG4 meeting to discuss communication issues facilities face in working with IT vendors.

Status: To be discussed at next WG4 meeting on Oct. 21

Working Group 5—Risk Management

Coordinating Organization: ACCE
Contact: Steve Grimes, sgrimes@accenet.org

Goals:

- Articulate to the healthcare community the need for the application of good risk management practices in the acquisition, application and support of these new complex & integrated healthcare technologies
- Identify existing (or propose new as necessary) effective paradigms for the application of sound risk management practices in the process of acquiring, applying & supporting these technologies
- Educate the healthcare community on best practices in risk management as it should apply toward these technologies.

Projects: TBD

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Status: Call held October 1st, 2009. Get Involved: contact Steve Grimes at slgrimes@accenet.org today!

* **Note:** *Working Group 3—Emerging Technologies – is inactive at this time; and the activities of that working group are currently being met by other working groups.*