

# CE-IT Community

## A Clinical Engineering/IT Collaboration

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### *CE-IT Community: Announces Public Comment for “First Call Duties Guidance Document”*

The Clinical Engineering/Information Technology (CE-IT) Community is now accepting public comments on a guidance document designed to help healthcare organizations assign first call duties for healthcare networking issues. This is the first deliverable of the CE-IT Community.

The CE-IT Community’s Working Group 4, which is charged with providing resources and tools to further CE-IT Collaboration produced the document. The public comment period is open until August. 28, 2009. To view the document, [click here](#) Comments may be submitted to Patrick Bernat at [pbernat@aami.org](mailto:pbernat@aami.org)

Traditionally, clinical engineering has supported medical devices, and IT supported network servers, personal computers (PC) and more. But as more medical devices become connected to networks, the decision on which department to call for technical support becomes muddled. The document walks an organization through the creation of a medical device support plan, which includes the roles and responsibilities of both clinical engineering and IT.

*About the Community:* Leaders of the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI), the American College of Clinical Engineering (ACCE), and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) in 2008, joined forces to develop the Community. The CE-IT Community provides an effective point of connection between IT and biomedical/clinical engineering individuals and groups, and the broader healthcare community. The community is open to all individuals including, but not limited to biomedical equipment technicians, clinical engineers, clinical engineering technology managers, IT professionals, device designers, device manufacturers, clinicians, and those interested in the broader field of clinical engineering-IT convergence. Learn more at <http://www.ceitcollaboration.org/>