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**CE-IT Community Call for Participation**

*AAMI/ACCE/HIMSS Collaboration to Build Upon Early Successes*

A collaboration of leading healthcare organizations is seeking information technology (IT), clinical engineering (CE), and medical device company professionals to serve on working groups to develop guidance on CE-IT convergence issues.

Volunteers are needed to serve on working groups to address integration, wireless, collaboration, and risk management issues. To join one or more of the working groups, [simply click here](#).

The CE-IT Community is a collaboration formed in 2008 by members 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).

By pooling resources, the collaboration seeks to foster a united voice for IT and clinical engineering concerns; and develop important resources, best practices, and networking opportunities to address the convergence of clinical engineering and IT issues in healthcare.

Over the past year, the CE-IT Community working groups have developed a guidance document on assigning “first call” responsibilities for healthcare networking issues; a matrix of questions healthcare facilities can ask vendors with respect to medical device integration; and a list of existing standards, references, and resources regarding medical device integration.

Now, as the working groups embark on several new projects, they are seeking additional volunteers to participate. Any member of AAMI, ACCE, or HIMSS can participate. The new projects focus on a variety of wireless, risk management, integration, and collaboration issues.

For more information about the CE-IT Community, visit [www.ceitcollaboration.org](http://www.ceitcollaboration.org)

## CE-IT Community—Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the CE-IT Community?

A: The CE-IT Community is a coalition of healthcare organizations that have pooled their resources to foster a united voice for IT and clinical engineering concerns and develop important resources, best practices, and networking opportunities to address the convergence of clinical engineering and IT issues in healthcare.

Q: Who formed the CE-IT Community and when was it founded?

A: The community was founded in 2008 by 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).

Q: What is the CE-IT Community structure?

A: The CE-IT Community currently consists of a Steering Committee and four active working groups focused on the issues around wireless infrastructure, integration, collaboration and risk management. The working groups and their sub-groups develop and implement projects that are needed and beneficial to healthcare industry. The projects are released in a variety of formats including: webinars, white papers, online resources, etc.

Q: Who can participate in the CE-IT Community?

A: Any member of AAMI, ACCE, and HIMSS is welcome to participate.

Q: What would I do if I joined?

A: You could join one or more working groups, participate in monthly meetings, and become active in working on any specific project that interests you.

Q: How do I join?

A: To join one or more of the working groups, [simply click here](#).

Q: What is the composition of the CE-IT Community's Steering Committee?

A: The Steering Committee is composed of two volunteers and two representatives of each of the three sponsoring organizations—AAMI, ACCE, and HIMSS.

Q: What are the current projects of the CE-IT Community?

A: The CE-IT Community provides a monthly update of ongoing projects. The update is available at [www.ceitcollaboration.org](http://www.ceitcollaboration.org).

Q: What is the review process after a deliverable is developed?

A: After a deliverable is developed within one of the CE-IT Community's working groups, the draft undergoes a four-step process before it is published. First, the full working group involved with the project reviews the draft and makes suggestions. Then, the full CE-IT Community is given an opportunity to review the draft. Next, the CE-IT

Community's Steering Committee reviews the draft, before the draft is made available for a 30-day public review period. After all suggestions are considered and/or incorporated into the draft, the deliverable is published.

Q: Are there any restrictions or fees related to accessing any of the CE-IT Community's deliverables?

A: The deliverables developed by the CE-IT Community are informational resources for the clinical engineering and healthcare IT communities, and therefore are made freely available to members of AAMI, ACCE, and HIMSS.

Q: Who can answer other questions that I may have, or to whom can I suggest a project?

A: If you have additional questions or comments regarding any of the working groups, please contact the appropriate contact below:

- **Working Group 1 (Wireless Infrastructure)** Contact: Christel Anderson, [canderson@himss.org](mailto:canderson@himss.org)
- **Working Group 2 (Medical Device Integration)** Contact: Patrick Bernat, [pbernat@aami.org](mailto:pbernat@aami.org)
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