



Dear Clinical Engineering Colleagues:

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The Healthcare Technology Foundation (HTF) and the American College of Clinical Engineering (ACCE) are pleased to announce the formation of a new governance structure for the Certification in Clinical Engineering Program. The new structure will preserve the high quality and integrity of the Certification Program and create exciting new opportunities for development and growth.

The Healthcare Technology Certification Commission, administered by HTF, started work on establishing a new structure for the Certification Program in the fall of calendar 2012. The Commission worked in an open and transparent fashion involving numerous stakeholders throughout the process. Communication with the clinical engineering community and related organizations was important to fully inform the Commission's work. The Certification Program plays a vital role in the clinical engineering profession. Ensuring the Program's ability to contribute to the long term growth and success of the profession was paramount for the Commission.

The Commission consulted broadly in its work to arrive at the new structure including: 1) direct communication with all individuals currently certified under the Commission; 2) an open letter to the broader clinical engineering community; and 3) numerous meetings with key stakeholder organizations including: AAMI, ACCE and ASHE. The Commission worked closely with the US and Canadian Clinical Engineering Boards of Examiners to ensure that all aspects of the Program's operation were considered.

In the new structure, the Certification Program will operate as an entity of the ACCE and work in collaboration with Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI). The Healthcare Technology Certification Commission will continue to oversee the operation of the Certification in Clinical Engineering Program. The existing two Boards of Examiners, one for the United States and one for Canada, will continue to deliver the Certification Program components which include a written and an oral examination.

ACCE's Healthcare Technology Certification Commission membership will include at least one representative from AAMI's certification programs and at least one member from ACCE will participate in AAMI's certification programs. This partnership will foster alignment between AAMI's new management certification and the CCE certification offered by ACCE. This collaboration will also enhance the clarity of certification options for individuals and employers and will strengthen the Programs overall.

The Commission extends its thanks to the Healthcare Technology Foundation for its stalwart support and stewardship. The HTF created the Healthcare Technology Certification Commission in 2003 and has provided strong leadership and guidance to the Certification Program along with financial and administrative support.

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