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HTM: Benefits of Networking and Cybersecurity Certifications

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About the moderator



Chris Nowak is currently the Corporate Senior Director at Community Health Systems where he leads the medical equipment capital and Biomedical Services Program. The program has responsibility for over 221,000 medical devices located at 68 acute care hospitals, numerous free standing emergency departments, imaging centers and clinics across the United States. The Biomedical Services Program includes developing data security strategies for connected medical devices and any devices containing PHI.

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About the Speaker



Eddie Myers

National Director, Cybersecurity

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Eddie Myers has over 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry. He currently is the National Director of Cybersecurity at Intelas.

Starting off first in Hospital IT and then moving in to the HTM field he understands the importance of certifications while holding both IT and Biomed certifications

About the Speaker



Doug Cesconetto

*Devices Integration and Cybersecurity
Specialist*

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Douglas Cesconetto is an Electrical Engineer, with over 15 years of experience working with medical devices — supporting, servicing, and integrating them within hospital IT environments.

Doug's focus has been in workflows and solving complex technical challenges that help improve patient care and streamline clinical operations.

Doug has also recently obtained the CompTIA Security+ certification.

Session Description

Discover how certifications in IT, networking, and cybersecurity can elevate your career in Clinical Engineering (CE) and Healthcare Technology Management (HTM). This session will guide you through:

- Choosing the right certification for your career stage
- Deciding between entry-level and advanced credentials
- Creating a personalized study plan to stay on track
- Hearing real-world experiences from professionals who've earned their certifications

Learn how these certifications not only boost your professional growth but also enhance your ability to tackle everyday technical and operational challenges in healthcare environments.

Eddie - From IT to HTM

- 3 Years Hospital IT
- 3 Years PACS Admin
- 15 Years HTM

- IT Certifications
- DICOM and HL7
- BMET, Sec+, HCISPP

- PACS Go-Live
- EMR Switch Over
- New Hospital Install

Where to start?



Tech+

- New to field
- Mid Career
- Little to no IT experience



A+

- Previous IT Knowledge
- Mid Career
- Site Leader



Network+

- Imaging Engineer
- Advanced IT Certifications
- Device Integration Specialist

So Many Certifications!!!



ISC2



Windows Client Pro



a+ Cyber



CC – Certified in Cybersecurity



SecurityX



Linux+



Doug - From FSE to Device Integration and Cybersecurity



My path with certifications



A+

Network+

Security+

HL7 (In Progress)

Career Goal vs Career Path

- Define a goal and enjoy the ride, the path to get there is not always predictable.
 - Over-planning every career step can limit opportunities
 - Certifications help shape your path, but your path also guides which certifications matter most
 - Use job descriptions as a roadmap to identify relevant certifications



Study Plan

- Finding your study plan matters.
 - Everyone learns differently—adapt to your own style
 - Match your study plan to your time availability
 - Choose tools and methods that fit your workflow
 - Personalization is key: what works for others may not work for you
 - **Being ready is not a feeling, it is a decision**



Study Plan

- Finding my own pace

Experimented with different study methods—some failed, some clicked

Tools that worked for me:

- Carrying study materials everywhere
- Gamifying the process with quizzes

Proven study tricks that made the difference:

- Focus on one subject at a time
- Set realistic, achievable goals
- Stick to scheduled study blocks for consistency
- Track progress to stay motivated



Applying Certifications Knowledge in Real Life

In a real scenario of integrating medical device in a hospital, cumulative knowledge from all certifications were used. Knowing the technical jargon helped me understand the assignments and communicate in the same level with other teams

- **A+** → Helped me quickly troubleshoot a device issue by applying OS fundamentals
- **Network+** → Guided me in configuring a network property to restore reliable connectivity
- **Security+** → Supported the decision to implement BitLocker for data protection on hospital devices



"Certifications aren't just about passing an exam, they are about building confidence, credibility and skills that improve clinical engineering"

Thank You

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Director, Clinical Systems Engineering

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