

CLINICAL ENGINEERING

Facility Management

1996 Air Force Medical Facilities Management Symposium

The Air Force, Army, and Navy, will host a Joint Services Medical Facilities Management Symposium in conjunction with the 33rd Annual Conference and Exhibition of the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) in Orlando, Florida, 24-28 June 1996.

Attachment 1, pages 1 through 10 is a registration form for the hotel and symposium, and a list of educational sessions offered by ASHE. AFMLO will pay all ASHE registration fees for Air Force personnel and make reservations for hotel accommodations. The ASHE conference will be held at the Marriott Orlando World Center (MOWC). However, we have reserved rooms at the neighboring Marriott Residence Inn to stay within the per diem rate of \$66 per night for lodging. **Hotel reservations cannot be made directly with the hotel.**

The Residence Inn, located on the same resort property as the MOWC, offers one and two-bedroom suites. Each suite contains a full kitchen, dining area, living room, and a queen-size sofa bed. Each two-bedroom suite consists of two separate bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The tax inclusive rate for a two-bedroom suite is \$121 per night (\$60.50 per bedroom) and a single suite is \$83 per night. You may stay in a single suite; however, we have reserved the majority of these suites for special guests. **Note: You are responsible for expenses above the lodging per diem.**

If you choose to stay at the Residence Inn, you are encouraged to find a roommate. You can split the cost of a double suite and stay within the per diem lodging rate. It is important you and your roommate have the same arrival and departure dates so you do not have to pay full price if you are in the room alone. We can provide a roommate for you if you are unable to find one. You are encouraged to pay for an entire double suite if you bring your family. **You will be responsible** for making your own lodging and transportation arrangements if you stay at another location. The attached registration form is still required.

Please fill out the registration form on page 1 of **Attachment 1**, and return it via fax to DSN 343-2557 or mail it to the address listed on the form. If you are *not* 100 percent confident you will be attending the symposium, complete the registration form and make a note indicating such. We must complete lodging arrangements as early as possible since hotel space is limited. You may, however, cancel up to one week before your arrival date. If you need to cancel (not later than 18 Jun 96) or have questions, you may contact Teri Baal at (301) 619-4182, DSN 343-4182; or Lt Ford. (AFMLO/FOMF, 1Lt Dennis Ford, DSN 343-4119)

Quality Assurance

**Safety Alert --
Anesthesia Units, MDC 10134,
Narkomed 2B, North American Drager**

Reference ECRI *Health Devices Alerts* Number 1996-A10, 8 March 1996, Accession No. A2978. ECRI reports that the user's manual does not adequately explain how to perform a battery test. If the "Battery Test" button is pressed with the AC plug in the outlet, the green indicator will light. However, this only tests the charging circuit, not the battery status. To test the battery status, the AC plug should be removed from the outlet before pressing the "Battery Test" button. The manufacturer initiated a labeling modification to the user's manual by Product Bulletin No. 054 dated 31 January 1996. It provided the revised battery test procedure. All facilities should verify receipt of the Product Bulletin from North American Drager and inform all users the pre-use checkout procedure has been modified to require removal of the AC plug before performing the battery test. For further information, U.S. customers should contact Nadine Optsbaum, North American Drager, at (215) 721-5400, extension 2510; customers outside the U.S. should contact their local North American Drager distributor.

**Safety Alert --
Centrifuges, Tabletop, MDC 10780,
HSC10 Series, Savant Instruments, Inc.**

Reference ECRI *Health Devices Alerts* Number 1996-A11, 15 March 1996, Accession No. A2983. ECRI reports that the rotors may fragment if the rotor has been damaged, misused, or over stressed. In the event of rotor failure during normal use, the centrifuge may not provide complete containment of fragments. Savant Instruments issued a Safety Alert dated December 1995 and a Safety Warning letter requesting customers to contact Savant to arrange for inspection and possible modification of the units. All users should verify receipt of the Safety Warning letter from Savant Instruments. For further information, contact the Savant HSC10 program coordinator at (800) 327-2643.

**Safety Alert --
Radiographic/Fluoroscopic Units,
Mobile, MDC 11758, Siremobil 2000
Mobile C-Arm Units, Siemens Medical
Systems Inc.**

Reference ECRI *Health Devices Alerts* Number 1996-A11, 15 March 1996, Accession No. A2987. ECRI reports that a member hospital reported lower than expected dose-reduction measurements during testing in the pulsed fluoroscopy mode. The difference between the measured and specified reductions varied with the noise-reduction setting. The manufacturer will release a software upgrade in April 1996 to correct the actual dose reduction. If your facility has not been contacted by Siemens by the end of April 1996, contact your local Siemens service office to request the upgrade. For further information, contact Rohit Inamdar, ECRI, at (610) 825-6000, ext. 277. (AFMLO/FOM, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recalls/Alert Notices

Attachment 2, paragraph 1, provides information on FDA medical equipment recalls and alerts. Personnel from clinical engineering, biomedical equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and safety should follow the guidance provided to ensure the effective maintenance and management of medical equipment. (AFMLO/FOM, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Medical Equipment Management

Shared Procurement Equipment Items Currently Available

AFMLL 06-96, Attachment 1, pages 4 and 5, contains a list of all current Shared Procurement contracts and optional contracts available through the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC). If you plan to order any of these items for your facility, use the specific ordering instructions and overall program guidance contained in AFMLL 4-96, pages CE-4 and CE-5. (AFMLO/FOM, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

“Piggyback” Contracts Currently Available

Attachment 1, pages 11 and 12, contains a list of all current “piggyback” contracts currently available through DPSC. These contracts will allow facilities to “piggyback” requirements onto existing orders placed for specific quantities. Many of these contracts are designed to buy large quantities at reduced prices, and are written with the option of buying additional quantities at the same price. The list includes available quantities and “Order By” dates. To order, send your requisitions to DPSC (using the MILSTRIP process), Attn: Mr. J. Gallagher/DPSC-MQA, and reference the contract number (from the listing) in the notes section. (AFMLO/FOM, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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