

Emphasizing Human Factors / Usability Engineering in the Systems Engineering Process for Medical Device Design

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Why is Human Factors Engineering (HFE) / Usability Engineering (UE) so important?

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FDA RECALLS





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FDA RECALL EXAMPLES



HFE/UE

Packaging / Labeling 13% Design 36% • A pa pa pa pa pa

• Significant recalls related to usability (Class I)

- A tracheal tube that kinks during patient use and blocks the patient airway
- Unclear labeling and training material for life-supporting cardiac-assist (LVAD) medical device
 - Resulted in 4 patient deaths, 5 patient injuries

Medical Device Recalls, FDA,

www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/RecallsCorrectionsRemovals/default.htm

USE ERROR





Adapted from the National Center for Health Statistics, BMJ, 2016 (353:i2139), *Medical error – the third leading cause of death in the US*.

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DEFINE THE PROCESS

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CHARACTERISTICS TO DEFINE



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HAZARDS DURING USE





RISK ASSESSMENT





Adapted from ISO 14971:2012, *Medical devices – Application* of risk management to medical devices.

HFE/UE PROCESS







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MAKE IT A CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM EFFORT

CROSS-FUNCTIONAL MEMBERS





HFE/UE VS. HAZARD ANALYSIS





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LINK TO SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PROCESS





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EXAMPLE: HOME USE MEDICAL DEVICES





Adapted from Bellerophon Therapeutics – INOpulse, http://www.bellerophon.com/pipeline/inopulse-technology



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USE ERROR ROOT CAUSES



Assumptions

- Focus placed on user and user interface
- Incomplete definition of tasks/use cases and the use environment
- HFE/UE disconnected from Systems Engineering Process

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- Build HFE/UE into System Requirements & System Design Description
 - Ensure full traceability

EXAMPLE: ANESTHESIA BREATHING SYSTEM





Adapted from GE Healthcare – Aisys CS², http://www3.gehealthcare.com/en/products/categories/anesthesia_delivery/aisys_cs2



ROBUST AND INTUITIVE DESIGN VS. INFORMATION FOR SAFETY

INFORMATION FOR SAFETY



Traditional Approach

- Training for the user
- Training for the trainer
- User Guides / Instructions for Use

INFORMATION FOR SAFETY



A lot of people wore their oxygen masks wrong during the Southwest emergency landing



By Thom Patterson, CNN () Updated 6:43 PM ET, Thu April 19, 2018



Adapted from CNN, https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/19/health/oxygen-maskssouthwest-emergency-landing/index.html

INTUITIVE DESIGN VS. INFORMATION FOR SAFETY

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Modern Approach

- Mitigate by design (no need for instructions or alarms)
- Intelligent user alarms
 - Initiated by multiple conditions
- Integrated Start-Up Guide
- Tailored user information
 - Based on user preferences, use trends, early indicators



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