

Unit 6b: HIT Facilitated Error – Cause and Effect

Component 7: “Working with HIT Systems”



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Error Vocabulary

- Omission
- Commission
- Slips/Lapses
- Mistakes



“Silent Cockpit”



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Technology Induced or Facilitated Error

- “Oh Schnocks!” The state of healthcare technology in 2009:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxQLzdLjwp4>



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Addressing the Issue

“Human Factors”

Ergonomics (or human factors) is the scientific discipline concerned with the understanding of interactions among humans and other elements of a system, and the profession that applies theory, principles, data, and other methods to design in order to optimize human well-being and overall system performance.

Human Factors in Surgery Video
From the Mayo Clinic

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR78dXTYy9c>

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Finishing out – Helping to Avoid Error In HIT

- Computer screens/layouts/systems that are:
 - Easy to read
 - Easy to understand
 - Logical
 - Support cognition – not thwart
 - Agile & flexible
 - Help to prevent error
 - Make the right thing the easiest thing

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In Summary

CONCLUDING: Is it Easy? NO!




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The End



**This completes the slide deck for Unit 6:
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