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HIBCC CHAIR, STRYKER’S JEFF HUTCHISON, ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

PHOENIX, AZ (February 26, 2007) – Jeff Hutchison, Chair of the Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) Board of Directors and Director of Information Technology for Stryker, has announced the 2007 Committee Chair and Co-Chair Appointments.

Selections were made in order to provide a broad representation of both individuals and organizations that participate in HIBCC and the healthcare industry. The appointments are as follows:

- **Executive / Finance Committee:**
  - Pat DeGrace (Director of Customer Care, Hospira)
  - Larry Egger (IT& S Assistant Vice President, HCA)
  - Jeff Hutchison (Director of Information Technology, Stryker)
  - Greg Stivers (Vice President of Customer Technology, McKesson Medical-Surgical)

- **Auto-ID / UPN Committee:**
  - Irwin Thall (RFID Manager, Precision Dynamics Corp.)
  - Luis Figarella (Matrix Patent)

- **HIN User Group**
  - Doug Clark (Customer Analysis & Contract Mgmt, Merck Vaccine)

- **eBusiness Standards Committee**
  - Elizabeth Clark (Business Analyst, Cardinal Healthcare)
  - Cindy Hassak (Manager of eBusiness Services, Becton Dickinson)
HIBCC is an industry-sponsored, non-profit standards development organization (SDO) that maintains labeling standards for hospitals and their suppliers. It was founded in 1983 and has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). HIBCC’s bar code labeling standards are accredited by both ANSI and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). The HIBCC mission is to facilitate electronic commerce by developing appropriate standards for information exchange among healthcare trading partners. This mission is extended globally via IHIBCC, a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world.

Additional information regarding the HIBCC organization can be accessed from the HIBCC web site at: www.hibcc.org