HUMAN FACTORS IN HEALTHCARE

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W21C Research & Innovation Centre, Foothills Campus, 3330 Hospital Drive NW, Calgary AB

COURSE OVERVIEW:
This multi-day course will discuss the role of Human Factors in Healthcare across a variety of application areas, including safety and quality improvement, procurement, process implementation, and capital planning. Participants will have opportunities for the application of Human Factors knowledge and methods through course projects in seven course modules covering case studies and methodologies in various relevant clinical areas.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
At the end of this course, participants will be able to:
1. Understand and describe the applicability of human factors in healthcare
2. Recognize when Human Factors considerations or involvement is applicable in the work I do
3. Meaningfully involve end users to enhance quality improvement and patient safety

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Physicians, nurses, allied health care professionals, health professions learners, hospital administrators, and health systems managers.

PLANNING COMMITTEE
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DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL FINANCIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:
In keeping with accreditation guidelines, speakers participating in this event have been asked to disclose to the audience any involvement with industry or other organizations that may potentially influence the presentation of the educational material. Disclosure will be done verbally and using a slide prior to the speaker’s presentation.

STUDY CREDITS:
This course has been approved as a one-credit-per-hour session by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 3) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by the University of Calgary Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development. You may claim a maximum of 19.5 hours (credits are automatically calculated).

QUESTIONS?
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Module 1: Introduction to Human Factors in Healthcare (1.5 hours)
1. Define Human Factors and its role in Healthcare as an applied discipline for healthcare improvement
2. Highlight various Human Factors evaluation methodologies.
3. Identify relevant and reliable sources of information to engage in self-directed learning on the subject of Human Factors in healthcare

Module 2: Human Error and Cognitive Biases (2 hours)
1. List and describe different types of cognitive errors
2. Differentiating between the person and system approach to error reduction
3. Identify various error reduction strategies

Module 3: Human Factors in the Design and Evaluation of Icons, Labels, and Forms (3.5 hours)
1. Define information requirements [context of use] to be included to set up a usability test
2. Define objective performance metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of labels, forms and icons
3. Analyze the strengths and limitations of common Human Factors methods
4. Discuss the potential risks of poorly designed labels, forms and icons

Module 4: Human Factors in the Design and Evaluation of Digital Interfaces (3.5 hours)
1. Define principles commonly utilized in a Heuristic Evaluation
2. Evaluate the design of generic labels, forms and icons in health care documentation applying knowledge of task analysis and heuristic evaluation
3. Define reporting requirements for the evaluation of a digital user interface
4. Calculate aggregate performance metrics from usability test data

Module 5: Human Factors in Procurement (3.5 hours)
1. Describe the steps to conduct a Task Analysis for a ‘simple’ system
2. Analyze the strengths and limitations of common Human Factors methods for the purposes of procurement activities
3. Define information requirements [context of use] to be included to set up a usability test
4. Describe how Human Factors evaluation methodologies can be incorporated into procurement activities

Module 6: Human Factors in Process Evaluation (3.5 hours)
1. List multiple human factors methodologies relevant to planning for the evaluation of a process
2. Differentiate between design-focused and human-focused solutions to process and implantation problems
3. Consider the interaction of system elements within a complex environment and the impact those interactions have on process outcomes
4. Discuss various observational methods and how they can be used to study and optimize processes

Module 7: Human Factors in the Design and Evaluation of Environments (3.5 hours)
1. Define the resource requirements for mock-up and post-occupancy evaluations of built environments
2. Describe how observed behaviours and user feedback can be used for the assessment of built environments
3. Outline and discuss how to translate evaluation findings into recommendations to improve the effectiveness of built environments