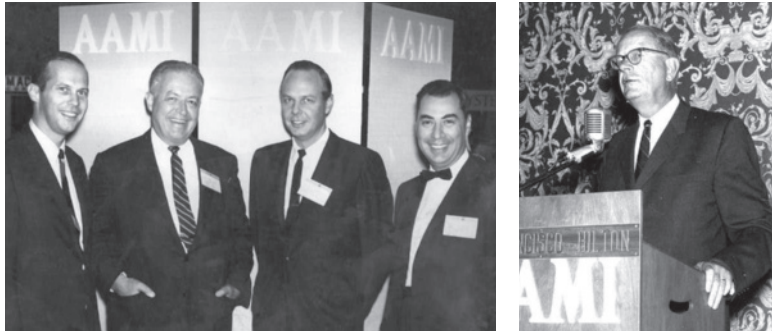


AAMI 50

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50 Years of People, Progress, and Patient Safety

1960s

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1967 AAMI, which had been created by Robert D. Hall and Robert J. Allen—who were in the advertising business and worked for high-tech companies in the Boston area—underwent an organizational shake-up, setting it on a path to become the association it is today.

1969 AAMI holds the National Conference on Medical Devices in Bethesda, MD, which leads to the publication of *The Cooper Report* and to the 1976 Safe Medical Devices Act Amendments.

1971 Ralph Nader launches the electrical safety scare with his article in the *Ladies Home Journal*.

1972 The first BMET (biomedical equipment technician) examination is given.

1974 AAMI and the FDA jointly sponsor the first AAMI/FDA Conference on Medical Device Regulation.

1976 Medical Device Amendments to the U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act are enacted to promote safety and effectiveness of medical devices.

1977 AAMI is accredited by ANSI as a National Standards Organization.

1980 The first sterilization recommended practice (*Good hospital practice: Steam sterilization and sterility assurance*) is published.

1983 International Certification Commission for Clinical Engineering and Biomedical Technology formed from merger of the Certification Commission and the American Board of Clinical Engineering.

1984 AAMI's first book of American National Standards is published.

1989 Two journals (*Medical Instrumentation* and *Biomedical Technology Today*) are merged, and *Biomedical Instrumentation & Technology (BI&T)* is launched.





1990s

- 1990 AAMI is named secretariat for a new ISO committee on sterilization.
- 1993 AAMI is named secretariat for a new ISO committee on quality management.
- 1997 AAMI launches its Quality Systems course and exam.
- 1997 The U.S. Certification Commission is established, taking over certification programs.

2000s

- 2002 The first Dwight E. Harken Memorial Lecture is delivered at the AAMI Annual Conference & Expo, by Stephen H. Mahle of Medtronic, on the topic of cardiac rhythm management.
- 2003 AAMI launches a new Technology Management Council (TMC) to provide resources, services, support, and programming for healthcare technology professionals.
- 2003 The first issue of *Horizons*, exploring information technology in healthcare, is published.
- 2005 AAMI's TMC initiates a benchmarking project for clinical engineering departments.
- 2009 Mary Logan joins AAMI as its second president and CEO.



2010s

- 2010 More than 300 participants gather for the first AAMI/FDA summit, the focus of which is infusion device safety.
- 2011 Healthcare technology management (HTM) is coined as the name for the field at the first Future Forum.
- 2014 AAMI University opens its virtual doors.
- 2015 *Money Magazine* includes the BMET career among a group called "The Five Best Jobs You've Never Heard Of."
- 2016 A record-breaking 2,349 people attend the AAMI Annual Conference & Expo in Tampa, FL.
- 2016 Robert Jensen is hired as AAMI's third president and CEO.

