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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW
- Monitoring the health impacts of mandatory folic acid and iodine fortification

**NSW Health
- NSW SMHSOP Acute Inpatient Unit Model of Care Guideline
- Mental Health NSW Budget 2016-2017

**TGA
- TGA approved terminology for medicines
- Scheduling delegate’s final decisions June 2016 – Scheduling of medicines and poisons
- AusPAR added: Omalizumab (rch) Xolair Extension of indications (for children 6-12 years)
- Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs:
  Midostaurin (Rydapt™) for the treatment of AML, ASM and MCL
  Stiripentol (Diacomit™) for the treatment of severe myoclonic epilepsy in infancy
- Medicine shortage: Etoposide phosphate (Etopophos™) powder for injection vials and etoposide (Vepesid™) capsules
- Clomifene/ clomiphene: alternative product available

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network
- The impact of surgical safety checklists on theatre departments: a critical review of the literature

**CADTH**
- Pharmaceuticals Requiring Companion Diagnostics
  https://www.cadth.ca/reports?keywords=&result_type%5B%5D=report&sort=field_date%3Avalue-desc&amount_per_page=10&email=&page=1
- Linaclotide for Constipation: Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness
  https://www.cadth.ca/linacotlide-constipation-clinical-and-cost-effectiveness-0

**NICE**
- Guidance: Adalimumab for treating moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta392
- Guidance: Ceritinib for previously treated anaplastic lymphoma kinase positive non-small-cell lung cancer
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA395
- Guidance: Alirocumab for treating primary hypercholesterolaemia and mixed dyslipidaemia
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA393
- Guidance: Belimumab for treating active autoantibody-positive systemic lupus erythematosus
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA397
- Guidance: Evolocumab for treating primary hypercholesterolaemia and mixed dyslipidaemia
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta394
- Guidance: Trametinib in combination with dabrafenib for treating unresectable or metastatic melanoma
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta396
- Quality standard: Bronchiolitis in children
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs122
- Quality standard: Breast cancer
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs12

**NHS Evidence**
- Risk of venous thromboembolism in cancer patients treated with epoetins or blood transfusions

**Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists**
- The management of nausea and vomiting of pregnancy and hyperemesis gravidarum

**SIGN**
- ASD Patient booklets published for consultation
  http://www.sign.ac.uk/consultation/index.html

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**EMA**
- EMA warns that posaconazole (Noxafil™) tablets and oral suspension have different doses and are not interchangeable.

**TGA**
- Safety advisory: MAGNA-RX capsules contain undeclared sildenafil and paracetamol
- Safety advisory: King Wolf tablets contain undeclared sildenafil

**MHRA**
- Guidance: Widening the availability of Naloxone

**OTHER NEWS**
**NSW Medicines Information Centre Website**
- CIAP has temporarily disabled the online query form on the NSW MIC website. In the interim, please contact the NSW MIC by calling 028382 3047 or via email nswmic@stvincents.com.au

**GOV.UK**
- Unlicensed BCG vaccine: guide for parents and carers

**TGA Resources**
- Buying medicines and medical devices online
- Entering Australia (with medicines or medical devices)
- Leaving Australia (with medicines or medical devices)

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**AJHP**
- Reversal agents for use with direct and indirect anticoagulants
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/10_Supplement_2/S27.full

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Nonrandomized Intervention Study of Naloxone Co-prescription for Primary Care Patients Receiving Long-Term Opioid Therapy for Pain
  http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2531366

**The BMJ**
- Prolonged dual antiplatelet therapy in stable coronary disease: comparative observational study of benefits and harms in unselected versus trial populations
  http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i3163
- Letting post-marketing bridge the evidence gap: the case of orphan drugs
  http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2978
- Clinical review: QT interval and drug therapy
  http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2732
- Moderate LDL cholesterol reduction with statins shows similar benefit to aggressive lipid lowering in ischaemic heart disease
  http://www.bmj.com/archive/sevendays

**The BMJ Quality and safety**
- The problem with root cause analysis
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/06/23/bmjqas-2016-005511.full
- Perioperative diabetes care: development and validation of quality indicators throughout the entire hospital care pathway
  [http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/7/525.short?g=w_qs_current_tab](http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/7/525.short?g=w_qs_current_tab)

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Do patients with intake of drugs labelled as sleep disturbing really sleep worse? A population based assessment from the Heinz Nixdorf Recall Study

**Cochrane**
- Sequential versus standard triple first-line therapy for Helicobacter pylori eradication

**European Heart Journal**
- Randomized comparison of intravenous procainamide vs. intravenous amiodarone for the acute treatment of tolerated wide QRS tachycardia: the PROCAMIO study
  [http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/27/eurheartj.ehw230.abstract](http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/27/eurheartj.ehw230.abstract)
- Updated European Heart Rhythm Association practical guide on the use of non-vitamin-K antagonist anticoagulants in patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation: Executive summary
  [http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/13/eurheartj.ehw058.abstract?papetoc](http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/13/eurheartj.ehw058.abstract?papetoc)

**International Journal of Medical Informatics**
- The effectiveness of information technology to improve antimicrobial prescribing in hospitals: A systematic review and meta-analysis

**JAMA**
- Intensive vs Standard Blood Pressure Control and Cardiovascular Disease Outcomes in Adults Aged ≥75 Years: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Effect of Escitalopram on All-Cause Mortality and Hospitalization in Patients With Heart Failure and Depression: The MOOD-HF Randomized Clinical Trial

**Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research**
- The impact of a hospital outreach medication review service on hospital readmission and emergency department attendances
- Audit of inpatient and outpatient paliperidone palmitate injection prescribing practices
- Pricing and utilisation of proton pump inhibitors in South Australian public hospitals and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- Evaluation of a clozapine decision support tool in a mental health
- Serious adverse drug reactions to zolpidem: does impaired metabolic clearance and concurrent SSRI/SNRI use increase risk?
- Anticonvulsant hypersensitivity syndrome
**The Lancet Infectious Disease**  
- Current evidence on hospital antimicrobial stewardship objectives: a systematic review and meta-analysis  

**Pediatrics**  
- Immunization Data Exchange with Electronic Health Records  
  [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/137/6/e20154335@sso=1&sso_redirect_count=1&nfstatus=401&ntoken=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&nfstatusdescription=ERROR%3a%48%3a%28%29%40local+token](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/137/6/e20154335?sso=1&sso_redirect_count=1&nfstatus=401&ntoken=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&nfstatusdescription=ERROR%3a%28%29%40local+token)

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[http://koawatea.co.nz/apac-forum/](http://koawatea.co.nz/apac-forum/)

**International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: Asia 26-28 September 2016, Singapore.**  
[http://internationalforumasia.bmj.com/](http://internationalforumasia.bmj.com/)

**The Guidelines International Network (G-I-N) 13th annual conference:**  
Philadelphia, September 27-30, 2016. (Co-hosted by the American College of Physicians, ECRI Institute and Penn Medicine.) "Individualised Guidelines and Clinical Performance Measurement in an Era of Personalised Medicine." For more information, visit the [G-I-N Conference Web site](http://internationalforumasia.bmj.com/).

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“Person Centred Healthcare: Achievements & Challenges”, 20-12 October 2016, Melbourne  

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[http://mm2016shpa.com/call-for-abstracts/](http://mm2016shpa.com/call-for-abstracts/)
**ASCEPT-MPGPCR 2016 Meeting, 27-30 November 2016, Melbourne Convention Centre**
Abstracts close: 26 September 2016
http://www.asceptasm.com

**Australian Pharmaceutical Science Association**
APSA 2016 Annual Conference, 2-5 December 2016, University of Sydney
https://expertevents.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/apsa2016/website

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**ACSQHC**
- AURA 2016: The first Australian report on antimicrobial use and resistance in human health
- Antimicrobial prescribing and infections in Australian residential aged care facilities: Results of the 2015 aged care National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey pilot

**AIHW**
- Back problems, associated comorbidities and risk factors
- Children’s Headline Indicators update

**NPS MedicinesWise**
- National Antibiotic Report: Misconceptions still prevail this cold and flu season

**NSW Health**
- NSW Health Budget: 2016-17

**TGA**
- Medicine shortage: Metformin extended release tablets
- AusPAR added: Simoctocog alfa rhu (Nuwiq™) for the treatment and prophylaxis of bleeding (also during and after surgery) in previously treated paediatric (≥ 2 years) and adult patients with haemophilia A (congenital FVIII deficiency).
- Terlipressin (Glypressin™) now indicated for the treatment of patients with hepatorenal syndrome (HRS) Type 1 to improve short-term survival where liver transplant is being actively considered.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Impact of errors in paper-based and computerized diabetes management with decision support for hospitalized patients with type 2 diabetes. A post-hoc analysis of a before and after study
- Medication reconciliation in oncological patients: a randomized clinical trial.

**CADTH**
- Combination Inhaled Corticosteroids and Long-Acting Beta2-Agonists for Acute Respiratory Tract Infections and Cough: Clinical Effectiveness

**Health Canada**
- Health Canada clarifies position on W-18 (a potentially harmful substance previously considered a synthetic opioid)

**NICE**
- Evidence summary - Moderate to severe acute post-operative pain: fentanyl transdermal system
  https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm77/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence

**SIGN**
- Acute coronary syndrome patient booklet
  http://www.sign.ac.uk/patients/publications/148/index.html

**TGA**
Safety advisory: Similarity between ingredient names mercaptamine (cysteamine) and mercaptopurine

**ISMP**
- Paralysed by mistakes: Reassess the safety of neuromuscular blockers in your facility

**MHRA**
- Topical miconazole, including oral gel: reminder of potential for serious interactions with warfarin
- Canagliflozin (Invokana™, Vokanamet™): signal of increased risk of lower extremity amputations observed in trial in high cardiovascular risk patients

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**AJHP**
- Relationship between vancomycin dosage and serum trough vancomycin concentrations in pediatric patients with cystic fibrosis  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/13/969

- A comparison of automated dispensing cabinet optimization methods  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/13/975

- Standardization of compounded oral liquids for pediatric patients in Michigan  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/13/981

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

- Long-Term Pioglitazone Treatment for Patients With Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis and Prediabetes or Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: A Randomized, Controlled Trial Long-Term Pioglitazone for Patients With NASH and Prediabetes or T2DM  

http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2513177

- Aspirin for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Events: A Systematic Evidence Review for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force  
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2513176

- Bleeding Risks With Aspirin Use for Primary Prevention in Adults: A Systematic Review for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force  

Aspirin Use for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease and Colorectal Cancer: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendation Statement  
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2513179

- Importation, Antibiotics, and Clostridium difficile Infection in Veteran Long-Term Care: A Multilevel Case–Control Study  
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2515050

**The BMJ**

- Polypharmacy and effects of apixaban versus warfarin in patients with atrial fibrillation: post hoc analysis of the ARISTOTLE trial  
http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.j2868

- Comparative effectiveness and safety of non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants and warfarin in patients with atrial fibrillation: propensity weighted nationwide cohort study  
http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.j3189

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**

- Respiratory effect of beta-blocker eye drops in asthma: population-based study and meta-analysis of clinical trials  

- Traditional Chinese medicines in the management of cardiovascular diseases: a comprehensive systematic review  

**EJHP**

- Compounding and stability evaluation of atorvastatin extemporaneous oral suspension using tablets or pure powder  
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/06/15/ejhpharm-2016-000913.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab
**JAMA**
- Opinion - Low-Dose Aspirin in the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease: Shared Decision Making in Clinical Practice

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Association Between Achieved Low-Density Lipoprotein Levels and Major Adverse Cardiac Events in Patients With Stable Ischemic Heart Disease Taking Statin Treatment

**JAMIA**
- Integrative review of clinical decision support for registered nurses in acute care settings
  [http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/21/jamia.ocw084](http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/21/jamia.ocw084)

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
- Endocrine Therapy for Hormone Receptor–Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Guideline
  [http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2016/06/15/JCO.2016.67.1487.abstract](http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2016/06/15/JCO.2016.67.1487.abstract)

**MJA**
- Valuing the benefits of new anticancer drugs

**NEJM**
- Low-Dose versus Standard-Dose Intravenous Alteplase in Acute Ischemic Stroke

**The Lancet Haematology**
- Rituximab maintenance versus observation alone in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia who respond to first-line or second-line rituximab-containing chemoimmunotherapy: final results of the AGMT CLL-8a Mabtenance randomised trial

**The Lancet Infectious Diseases**
- Antibiotic duration and timing of the switch from intravenous to oral route for bacterial infections in children: systematic review and guidelines

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**AIHW
Nursing and midwifery workforce 2015
Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia 2014-15

**Endocrine Society of Australia
- Position statement on thyroxine preparations available in Australia

**TGA
- Update to list of designated orphan drugs: Bosentan for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (specific causes)
http://www.tga.gov.au/updates-list-designated-orphan-drugs
- AusPAR added: Armodafinil (Nuvigil™) for the treatment of sleep disorders including narcolepsy, chronic shift work sleep disorder and as an adjunct to CPAP in obstructive sleep apnoea/hypopnoea syndrome
REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ
- Expenditures for commonly treated conditions

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network
- Ambulatory computerised prescribing and preventable adverse drug events

**FDA
- Vaxchora™ vaccine approved for the prevention of cholera caused by serogroup O1 in adults 18 through 64 years of age traveling to cholera-affected areas.
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm506305.htm

**IHI
- Addressing the opioid crisis in the United States
  http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Publications/Addressing-Opioid-Crisis-US.aspx?utm_campaign=tw&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=30532371&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-95S1b0LUG5b0jMU4upKccqyLee-1QhqYWRqvDm_2y3AO5-czS2EVEVLq3InIsMWORWNO5WhzC3gRYlbfl6u3m1BAA&_hsmi=30532371
- White Papers: Sustaining Improvement
  http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/IHIWhitePapers/Sustaining-Improvement.aspx

**NICE
- 'Eyes on Evidence’ end of service: Perioperative anticoagulation for people with atrial fibrillation; Nurse-led titration of drug doses in chronic heart failure
  http://us8.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7864f766b10b8edd18f19aa56&id=23f40847e6&e=2a0bbe3dbc
- Evidence Summaries:
  Complicated urinary tract infections: ceftolozane/tazobactam
  https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm74/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence
  Complicated intra-abdominal infections: ceftolozane/tazobactam
  https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm75/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence
  Visual impairment due to myopic choroidal neovascularisation: aflibercept
  https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm76/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence

MEDICATION SAFETY

**TGA
Safety advisory update: hydroxymethyl starch (Voluven™ and Volulyte™) – increased risk of death and kidney injury in critically ill patients

**FDA
Drug safety communication: canagliflozin (Invokana, Invokamet) and dapagliflozin (Farxiga, Xigduo XR) - Strengthened Kidney Warnings

OTHER NEWS
**FDA**
Purple Book: Lists of Licensed Biological Products with Reference Product Exclusivity and Biosimilarity or Interchangeability Evaluations
http://www.fda.gov/drugs/developmentapprovalprocess/howdrugsaredevelopedandapproved/approvalapplications/therapeuticbiologicapplications/biosimilars/ucm411418.htm

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Cardiovascular Events Associated With Use of Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors in Chronic Myeloid Leukemia: A Population-Based Cohort Study
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2528278

**Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy**
- Clinical and Economic Outcomes from the Implementation of Hospital-based Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
http://aac.asm.org/content/early/2016/05/27/AAC.00825-16

**Australian Prescriber**
- Editorial: The challenge of costly drugs
http://www.australianprescriber.com/magazine/39/3/72/4
- New Drugs: Ceftolozane sulfate with tazobactam sodium for specified infections

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- The impact of a medication review with follow-up service on hospital admissions in aged polypharmacy patients
- Is the era of intravenous proton pump inhibitors coming to an end in patients with bleeding peptic ulcers? Meta-analysis of the published literature

**BMJ**
- Telehealth for patients at high risk of cardiovascular disease: pragmatic randomised controlled trial
http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2647

**BMJ Open**
- Applying quality improvement methods to address gaps in medicines reconciliation at transfers of care from an acute UK hospital
http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/6/e010230.short?g=w_open_current_tab

**European Respiratory Journal**
- Modafinil/armodafinil in obstructive sleep apnoea: a systematic review and meta-analysis
http://erj.ersjournals.com/content/47/5/1420.long

**Gut**
- Endoscopy in patients on antiplatelet or anticoagulant therapy, including direct oral anticoagulants: British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) guidelines
http://gut.bmj.com/content/65/3/374.abstract?sid=4d49bb2b-95af-4b45-a9bb-884ab458268c
**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Methamphetamine-associated cardiomyopathy: patterns and predictors of recovery

**International Journal for Quality in Health Care**
- Does clinical supervision of health professionals improve patient safety? A systematic review and meta-analysis
  [http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/08/intqhc.mzw059](http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/08/intqhc.mzw059)

**JAMA**
- Prescription of Long-Acting Opioids and Mortality in Patients with Chronic Non Cancer Pain

**JAMIA**
- Maximizing data use to propel informatics practice and research
  [http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/3/437](http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/3/437)
- The feasibility of text reminders to improve medication adherence in adolescents with asthma

**JPPR**
- A proactive quality strategy to decrease the risk of error associated with medication procurement
- The impact of a hospital outreach medication review service on hospital readmission and emergency department attendances

**Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing**
- Adherence to Antihypertensive Medication in Older Adults With Hypertension
  [http://journals.lww.com/jcnjournal/Fulltext/2016/07000/Adherence_to_Antihypertensive_Medicatio
n_in_Older.4.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/jcnjournal/Fulltext/2016/07000/Adherence_to_Antihypertensive_Medicatio
n_in_Older.4.aspx)

**NEJM**
- Liraglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes
- Empagliflozin and Progression of Kidney Disease in Type 2 Diabetes

**The Lancet**
Addition of high-dose cytarabine to immunochemotherapy before autologous stem-cell transplantation in patients aged 65 years or younger with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL Younger): a randomised, open-label, phase 3 trial of the European Mantle Cell Lymphoma Network

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** NSW Health
- NSW emergency department presentations soar in summer months
- Safety Notice: Glyceril trinitrate (GTN) tablets

**TGA
- Recall update: Zovirax™ (acyclovir) Ophthalmic Ointment – registered product now available
- Prescription Medicines: Registration of lenisurad (Zurampic™) for hyperuricaemia
- Updating medicine ingredient names: downloadable posters and leaflets available
- AusPAR added: Naloxegol oxalate (Movantik™) for the treatment of opioid-induced constipation in adult patients who have had an inadequate response to laxative(s).
- AusPAR added: Talimogene laherparepvec (Imlygic™) indicated as monotherapy for the treatment of melanoma in patients with unresectable cutaneous, subcutaneous or nodal lesions after initial surgery.

**NPS**
MedicineWise News, June 2016
- Type 2 diabetes: when metformin is not enough

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**AHRQ**
- Diabetes medications for adults with type 2 diabetes – an update (comparative effectiveness review no.173)

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Quantifying the burden of opioid medication errors in adult oncology and palliative care settings: a systematic review.

**CADTH**
- Sublingual and Injectable Customized Allergy Immunotherapy: Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness and Guidelines

**ISMP**
- Tall man lettering
  http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acuteCare/showarticle.aspx?id=1140
- Video newsletters – IV push medication usage; Eliminating ratio expressions; ISMP targeted medication safety best practices 2016-17.
  https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=697757553&message_id=12978676&user_id=ISMP&group_id=3275842&jobid=33987058

**NICE Guidance**
- Tuberculosis
  https://www.nice.org.uk/

**The Joint Commission**
- Antibiotic Stewardship Playbook:
The Playbook is designed to help hospitals and health systems strengthen existing antibiotic stewardship initiatives or create antibiotic stewardship programs from the ground up.
  http://www.qualityforum.org/Publications/2016/05/Antibiotic_Stewardship_Playbook.aspx?

MEDICATION SAFETY
**TGA**
Safety Advisory: Canagliflozin – potential increased risk of lower limb amputation
Safety Advisory: Glyceryl trinitrate tabs (Anginine™ and Lycinate™) - reports of longer than expected time to dissolve and difficulty breaking tablets

Medication Safety Update Volume 7 Number 3, June 2016: bromhexine and risk of allergy and skin reactions; lercanidipine and cloudy peritoneal effluent in patients on peritoneal dialysis; Marcain spinal 0.5% Heavy reports of failed or incomplete spinal analgesia; Medicines shortages information.

**FDA
Drug safety communication: Loperamide – Serious heart problems with high doses from abuse and misuse

**Healthy Canadians
Safety advisory: Hydroxyzine (Atarax™) - Risk of QT Prolongation and Torsade de Pointes

**Prescrire International

OTHER NEWS
**ACI - Formal review of statewide pain charts
The ACI Statewide Pain Charts were first introduced in 2013. Since then, a suite of charts has been developed with statewide consultation to address the range of modalities and medications delivered for pain management. The charts include:
- Adult Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA)
- Epidural chart for the non-obstetric environment
- Ketamine infusion
- Neuraxial opioid single dose (adult)
- Peripheral nerve infusion
- Continuous opioid infusion.

These charts are currently under review and the ACI is seeking feedback through a formal process. All feedback is welcomed via the feedback form. The consultation phase will close on 20 June 2016. In addition, a PCA (paediatrics) chart has recently been released, with the obstetric epidural chart currently in development.

**NSW Health
After-hours helpline for palliative care patients and carers

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**Addiction
- Weak evidence on nalmefene creates dilemmas for clinicians and poses questions for regulators and researchers

**AJHP
- Risk factors for i.v. compounding errors when using an automated workflow management system
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/12/887.abstract?etoc
NCPDP recommendations for dose accumulation monitoring in the inpatient setting: Acetaminophen case model, version 1.0
http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/06/03/ajhp160215.abstract?paper?toc

**Annals of Emergency Medicine**
- A Randomized Controlled Non inferiority Trial of Single Dose of Oral Dexamethasone Versus 5 Days of Oral Prednisone in Acute Adult Asthma
http://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644(16)00215-8/abstract

**Australian Health Review**
- Evaluation of a hybrid paper–electronic medication management system at a residential aged care facility

**Australian Prescriber**
- Switching and stopping antidepressants
- Where to find information about drugs
- Dealing with drug-seeking behaviour
http://dx.doi.org/10.18773/austprescr.2016.022

**BMJ**
- Too much medicine in older people? Deprescribing through shared decision making
http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2893

**JPPR**
- Stability of trimethoprim in newly formulated liquid dosage form
- Usage and monitoring of intravenous tobramycin in cystic fibrosis in Australia and the UK
- Antibiotic antics – audit of compliance with Antibiotic Therapeutic Guidelines in older patients
- Evaluation of stability of melatonin in extemporaneously compounded oral suspensions

**European Heart Journal**
- Prevention of cardiac dysfunction during adjuvant breast cancer therapy (PRADA): a 2 × 2 factorial, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind clinical trial of candesartan and metoprolol
http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/37/21/1671

**JAMA Intern Med**
- Estimation of Potential Savings through Therapeutic Substitution

**JAMIA**
- Applying human factors principles to alert design increases efficiency and reduces prescribing errors in a scenario-based simulation
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/21/e2/e287

**The Lancet Psychiatry**
- Effects of first-generation antipsychotics versus second-generation antipsychotics on quality of life in schizophrenia: a double-blind, randomised study
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(16)00085-7/abstract

**MJA**
- A decade of Australian methotrexate dosing errors

**NEJM**
- Extending Aromatase-Inhibitor Adjuvant Therapy to 10 Years

**PLOS**
- Prices, costs and affordability of new medicines for hepatitis C in 30 countries: an economic analysis
  http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002032

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**AIHW**
- Cancer mortality trends and projections update
- Eye health workforce in Australia
- Palliative care services in Australia 2016 - tranche 1

**TGA**
- Prescription medicines: registration of new chemical entities in Australia-alirocumab, idarucizumab
- Medicine shortages: Mupirocin (Bactroban™) 20mg/g ointment tube
- New edition of the Poisons Standard (SUSMP) No. 12

**NPS MedicineWise**
- Connect: Autumn 2016 includes information about new resources to help treatment of depression in ATSI clients
  http://www.elabs12.com/functions/message_view.html?mid=1032492&mlid=17051&siteid=2012000746&uid=e65c754a82&hq_e=el&hq_m=1032492&hq_l=1&hq_v=e65c754a82

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

**FDA**
- Daclizumab (Zinbryta™) approved for the treatment of adults with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis.
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm504000.htm
- Obeticholic acid (Ocaliva™) approved for the treatment of primary biliary cholangitis in combination with ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) in adults with an inadequate response to UDCA, or as a single therapy in adults unable to tolerate UDCA.
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm503964.htm
- Probuphine™ approved as the first buprenorphine implant for the maintenance treatment of opioid dependence.
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm503719.htm

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Use of personal electronic devices by nurse anesthetists and the effects on patient safety.
- A cross-sectional observational study of high override rates of drug allergy alerts in inpatient and outpatient settings, and opportunities for improvement.

**CADTH**
- Posaconazole for the Treatment or Prophylaxis of Aspergillosis or Candidiasis: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines
- Aripiprazole for Patients with Bipolar Disorder: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-effectiveness and Guidelines
  https://www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/htis/may2016/RC0780%20Aripiprazole%20for%20Bipolar%20Disorder%20Final.pdf

**NICE**
- Cabazitaxel for hormone-relapsed metastatic prostate cancer treated with docetaxel
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta391
- Haematological cancers: improving outcomes  
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng47
- Psychosis and schizophrenia in children and young people: recognition and management  
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg155
- Canagliflozin, dapagliflozin and empagliflozin as monotherapies for treating type 2 diabetes  
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta390
- Reversal of the anticoagulant effect of dabigatran: idarucizumab  
  https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm73/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence

MEDICATION SAFETY
**ISMP
- Upcoming webinar: An Anesthesia Perspective: Tackling Medication Safety Challenges  
  https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=697757553&message_id=12951116&user_id=ISMP&group_id=3253438&jobid=33891662
- "Use as directed" survey  

OTHER NEWS
**The Hospital Alliance for Research Collaboration (HARC) Monthly e-bulletin May 2016 ‘Keeping patients safe’  
http://saxinstitute.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/j/15D45CD2598E9C5E/DB08E2EE69F6FC3F5281BC0AA5ABFD98

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**AJHP
- Integration of outpatient infectious diseases clinic pharmacy services and specialty pharmacy services for patients with HIV infection  
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/11/757

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
- Pharmacokinetics of ixazomib, an oral proteasome inhibitor, in solid tumour patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment  
- Altered gentamicin pharmacokinetics in term neonates undergoing controlled hypothermia  

**BMJ
- Cardiovascular safety of methylphenidate among children and young people with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD): nationwide self controlled case series study  
  http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2550

**European Heart Journal
- 2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure  
  http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/05/19/eurheartj.ehw128.extract?papetoc

**EJHP
- Evaluation of a pharmaceutical assessment screening tool to measure patient acuity and prioritise pharmaceutical care in a UK hospital  
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/31/ejhp2015-000829.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab
- Hospital patient discharge process: an evaluation  
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/26/ejhp2016-000928.abstract
- Investigating the cost and efficiency of incident reporting in a specialist paediatric NHS hospital and impact on patient safety  
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/25/ejhp2016-000926.abstract

**Health Technology Assessment
- PROMISE: first-trimester progesterone therapy in women with a history of unexplained recurrent miscarriages
  http://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/volume-20/issue-41#abstract

**Heart**
- Cardiovascular safety of metformin and sulfonylureas in patients with different cardiac risk profiles
  http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/25/heartjnl-2015-308711.abstract

**JAMIA**
- Evaluating the impact of a computerized surveillance algorithm and decision support system on sepsis mortality
- Developing strategies for predicting hyperkalemia in potassium-increasing drug-drug interactions
  http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org.acs.hcn.com.au/content/early/2016/05/12/jamia.ocw050

**NEJM**
- Cholesterol Lowering in Intermediate-Risk Persons without Cardiovascular Disease

**Paediatrics**
- Performance of the Global Assessment of Pediatric Patient Safety (GAPPS) Tool
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/05/21/peds.2015-4076

**PLOS**
- Common Infections in Patients Prescribed Systemic Glucocorticoids in Primary Care: A Population-Based Cohort Study
  http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002024

**Thorax**
- Statin treatment is associated with a decreased risk of active tuberculosis: an analysis of a nationally representative cohort
  http://thorax.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/25/thoraxjnl-2015-207052.abstract

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**eHealth NSW Chief Clinical Information Officer Clinical Engagement Forum**
**Wednesday 8th June, 5pm – 8pm. The Kolling Institute of Medical Research auditorium, on the Royal North Shore Hospital campus, St Leonards or online via a live web stream if you have a Stafflink ID.**
https://hisa.eventsair.com/ehealth-nsw-ccio-clinical-engagement-forum/080616/Site/Register

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**AIHW**
- Incidence of insulin-treated diabetes in Australia 2014  
- Primary Health Care  

**TGA**
- Safety advisory:  
Counterfeit medicine alert – BiCNU (carmustine for injection) 100mg bottle  
- Recalls:  
Children’s Panadol 5-12 years suspension 200mL bottle - risk of allergic reaction due to potential contamination  
TRUEresult blood glucose test strips – risk of undetected high blood sugar levels due to incorrect readings  
- Medicine shortages: Clomifene/Clomiphene  

**TGA**
- Scheduling delegate’s final decisions: new chemical entities- lesinurad and ranolazine, May 2016  

**EMA**
- Update to the list of designated orphan drugs: Deutetrabenazine for the treatment of chorea associated with Huntington’s disease  
http://www.tga.gov.au/updates-list-designated-orphan-drugs

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Less is more: a project to reduce the number of PIMs (potentially inappropriate medications) on an elderly care ward  
http://qir.bmj.com/content/5/1/u207857.w4260

**FDA**
- Atezolizumab (Tecentriq™) approved to treat urothelial carcinoma.  
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm501762.htm

**EMA**
**MTRAC**  
Safinamide for management of mid- to late-stage Parkinson’s disease  
http://centreformedicinesoptimisation.co.uk/files/MTRAC%20Safinamide%20May%202016%20public%20extra%20ct.pdf

**NICE**  
- Crohn’s disease: management  
https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg152/chapter/Recommendations#inducing-remission-in-crohns-disease

**The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance**  
Tackling drug-resistant infections globally: Final report and recommendations  
http://amr-review.org/sites/default/files/160518_Final%20paper_with%20cover.pdf

**WHO**  
- World Health Statistics 2016: Monitoring health for the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)  

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**FDA**  
- Drug safety alerts:  
Canagliflozin (Invokana, Invokamet) - Clinical Trial Results Find Increased Risk of Leg and Foot Amputations  

Ketoconazole (Nizoral™) Oral Tablets - Prescribing for Unapproved Uses including Skin and Nail Infections Continues; Linked to Patient Death  

**ISMP**  
- Reporting and second-order problem solving can turn short-term fixes into long-term remedies  

**OTHER NEWS**

**NHMRC eLearning Modules**  
Three modules provide an introduction to the clinical trials environment, clinical research ethics and ethical review and research governance processes:  
*Module 1 - Clinical Trials Environment in Australia*  
*Module 2 - Ethical Issues related to Clinical Trials*  
*Module 3 - Research Governance related to Clinical Trials*  

**NEJM Perspective**  
- Essential Medicines in the United States — Why Access Is Diminishing  

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**AJHP**  
- Reduction of immunization errors through practitioner education and addition of age-specific alerts in the electronic prescribing system  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/11_Supplement_3/S74.abstract?etoc

- Interventions unrelated to anticoagulation in a pharmacist-managed anticoagulation clinic  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/11_Supplement_3/S80.abstract?etoc
- Evaluation of an updated insulin infusion protocol at a large academic medical center
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/11_Supplement_3/S88.abstract?etoc
- A comparison of automated dispensing cabinet optimization methods
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/05/18/ajhp150423.abstract?papetoc

**Archives of Disease in Childhood**
- Severe and fatal pharmaceutical poisoning in young children in the UK
  http://adc.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/06/archdischild-2015-309921.short?g=w_adc_ahead_tab

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Developing consensus on hospital prescribing indicators of potential harm for infants and children
- The Medication Reconciliation Process and Classification of Discrepancies: A Systematic Review
- Use of antipsychotics and risk of myocardial infarction: a systematic review and meta-analysis
- Ventricular tachyarrhythmia and sudden cardiac death with domperidone use in Parkinson's disease
- What influences persistence with medicines? A multinational discrete choice experiment of 2549 patients
- The determinants of antimicrobial prescribing among hospital doctors in England: a framework to inform tailored stewardship interventions

**BMJ**
- How similar are biosimilars?
  http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2721

**BMJ Open**
- Prescribed opioids in primary care: cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of influence of patient and practice characteristics
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/5/e010276.short?g=w_open_current_tab
- Optimising the changing role of the community pharmacist: a randomised trial of the impact of audit and feedback
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/5/e010865.short?g=w_open_current_tab

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Cognitive tests predict real-world errors: the relationship between drug name confusion rates in laboratory-based memory and perception tests and corresponding error rates in large pharmacy chains
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/17/bmjqs-2015-005099.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab
- Information transfer in multidisciplinary operating room teams: a simulation-based observational study
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/16/bmjqs-2015-005130
- When doctors share visit notes with patients: a study of patient and doctor perceptions of documentation errors, safety opportunities and the patient–doctor relationship
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/18/bmjqs-2015-004697.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab

**European Heart Journal**
- The impact of atrial fibrillation type on the risk of thromboembolism, mortality, and bleeding: a systematic review and meta-analysis
  http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/37/20/1591

**Heart**
- The neprilysin pathway in heart failure: a review and guide on the use of sacubitril/valsartan
  http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/20/heartjnli-2014-306775.abstract

**European Respiratory Journal**
Pharmacists' interventions on clinical asthma outcomes: a systematic review
http://erj.ersjournals.com/content/47/4/1134.long

**JAMA**
- Effect of Early Prophylactic High-Dose Recombinant Human Erythropoietin in Very Preterm Infants on Neurodevelopmental Outcome at 2 Years. A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Intensive vs Standard Blood Pressure Control and Cardiovascular Disease Outcomes in Adults Aged ≥75 Years. A Randomized Clinical Trial

**MJA**
- How are tobacco smokers using e-cigarettes? Patterns of use, reasons for use and places of purchase in New South Wales

**NEJM**
- Initiation Strategies for Renal-Replacement Therapy in the Intensive Care Unit
http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1603017#t=articleBackground
Indacaterol–Glycopyrronium versus Salmeterol–Fluticasone for COPD

**The Lancet**
- Effects of aspirin on risk and severity of early recurrent stroke after transient ischaemic attack and ischaemic stroke: time-course analysis of randomised trials
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**NSW Health**
- Changes to Medicine Ingredient Names - April 2016 to April 2020

**TGA**
- Prescription medicines: new or extended uses, or new combinations of registered medicines
- Scheduling delegate’s final decisions: Paracetamol/Ibuprofen, May 2016
- Scheduling delegate’s interim decisions and reasons (incl. cannabis, codeine, benzodiazepine derivatives, ketoprofen, naproxen, paracetamol, loratadine) and invitation for further comment: ACCS/ACMS, March 2016. Closes 26 May 2016
- Advisory Committee on the Safety of Vaccines (ACSOV) Meeting statement, Meeting 10, 3 February 2016
http://www.tga.gov.au/committee-meeting-info/acsov-meeting-statement-meeting-10-3-february-2016
- AusPAR added: Evolocumab (rch) Repatha™ approved as an adjunct to diet and exercise in primary hypercholesterolaemia and homozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia, in combination with other lipid lowering agents

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**CADTH**
- Over-the-counter Nasal Products for Sinus Congestion: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness
https://www.cadth.ca/over-counter-nasal-products-sinus-congestion-review-clinical-effectiveness-1

**EMA**
- Drug Regulation and Pricing — Can Regulators Influence Affordability?

**NICE**
- Donepezil, galantamine, rivastigmine and memantine for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease
https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta217/chapter/1-Guidance

**The King’s Fund**
- The chief executive’s tale: Views from the front line of the NHS

MEDICATION SAFETY
**TGA**
Safety advisory: Platinum 3000 Rhino 7 Capsules contain undeclared sildenafil

**FDA**
- Alert: FDA advises health care professionals that counterfeit carmustine (BiCNU) has been discovered in some foreign countries
http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm500705.htm
- Drug safety communication: Olanzapine can cause ‘Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms’ (DRESS).
- Drug safety communication: Serious side effects associated with fluoroquinolone antibacterial drugs generally outweigh the benefits for patients with sinusitis, bronchitis, and uncomplicated urinary tract infections who have other treatment options.
- Drug Safety Labelling Changes, April 2016: includes 29 products with revisions to prescribing information
http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/ucm499575.htm

**Healthy Canadians**
- SGLT2 Inhibitors canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, dapagliflozin/metformin, empagliflozin: Risk of Diabetic Ketoacidosis

**MHRA Drug Safety Update**
- Pomalidomide (Imnovid™): risk of hepatitis B reactivation
- Idelalisib (Zydelig™): interim measures following signal of serious infection and deaths related to infection found in clinical trials

OTHER NEWS
**IHI**
- The Need for Improvement Advisors

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**AJHP**
- National trends in prescription drug expenditures and projections for 2016
http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/05/09/ajhp160205.abstract?papetoc
- Nonadherence to therapy after adult solid organ transplantation: A focus on risks and mitigation strategies
http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/05/13/ajhp150641.abstract?papetoc
- Revision of the International Pharmaceutical Federation’s Basel Statements on the future of hospital pharmacy: From Basel to Bangkok
http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/05/09/ajhp160205.abstract?papetoc

**ANZ Journal of Public Health**
- Establishing a process for conducting cross-jurisdictional record linkage in Australia

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Adverse drug event reporting systems: a systematic review
- Pharmacokinetics of the novel oral prostacyclin receptor agonist selexipag in subjects with hepatic or renal impairment
**BMJ Quality and Safety**
Opportunities to improve clinical summaries for patients at hospital discharge
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/06/bmjqs-2015-005201.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab

**Chest**
- Systematic Review of Errors in Inhaler Use: Has Patient Technique Improved Over Time?

**Drugs and Ageing**
- Medication Safety Systems and the Important Role of Pharmacists

**JAMA**
- Effect of Aspirin on Development of ARDS in At-Risk Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department: The LIPS-A Randomized Clinical Trial

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- Self-harm, Unintentional Injury, and Suicide in Bipolar Disorder during Maintenance Mood Stabilizer Treatment: A UK Population-Based Electronic Health Records Study

**JAMIA**
- Opportunities and challenges in developing risk prediction models with electronic health records data: a systematic review
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/05/17/jamia.ocw042

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
- Randomized Phase II Study of Trabectedin and Doxorubicin Compared With Doxorubicin Alone as First-Line Treatment in Patients With Advanced Soft Tissue Sarcomas: A Spanish Group for Research on Sarcoma Study
http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2016/05/11/JCO.2015.65.3329.abstract

**MJA**
- The National Emergency Access Target (NEAT) and the 4-hour rule: time to review the target

**NEJM**
- Indacaterol–Glycopyrronium versus Salmeterol–Fluticasone for COPD

**The Lancet**
- Tumour necrosis factor inhibition versus rituximab for patients with rheumatoid arthritis who require biological treatment (ORBIT): an open-label, randomised controlled, non-inferiority, trial
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**St Vincent’s Hospital Sydney & The University of New South Wales**
Therapeutics Centre Research Seminar
“Pharmacodream or pharmacoreality - predicting drug-induced serious harm in patients before therapy begins”
Dr Bruce Carleton, Professor of Paediatrics and Chair of the Division of Translational Therapeutics, Department of Paediatrics at the University of British Columbia. Monday, 23rd of May 2016 5:00 — 6:30pm St Vincent’s Clinic Level 4 Function Room 438 Victoria Street Darlinghurst NSW 2010

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- Prescription medicines: new or extended uses of registered medicines

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network
- Changes in prescription and over-the-counter medication and dietary supplement use among older adults in the United States, 2005 vs 2011.

**CADTH
- Aripiprazole as an Adjunct to Anti-depressants for Major Depressive Disorder: Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-effectiveness, and Guidelines (Reference List)
https://www.cadth.ca/aripiprazole-adjunct-anti-depressants-major-depressive-disorder-clinical-effectiveness-cost

**EMA
- Obinutuzumab (Gazyvaro™) extension of indications to include follicular lymphoma

**GOV.UK
- Reviewing the indicators in the Public Outcome Framework
- Department of Health’s post implementation review commitments
- Mental health crisis care: health based places of safety funding

**NICE
- Evidence Summaries: New medicines
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: tiotropium/olodaterol (Spiolto Respimat)
https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm72/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence
MEDICATION SAFETY
**Safety Alert Broadcast – NSW Health
- Changes to Medicine Ingredient Names – April 2016 - April 2020
- Product Recall Catheters with Beacon Tip Technology

**FDA
- Drug safety communication: New impulse-control problems in patients taking aripiprazole

**Healthy Canadians
- Safety advisory: BCR-ABL Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors imatinib mesylate, nilotinib, bosutinib, dasatinib, ponatinib hydrochloride - Risk of Hepatitis B Reactivation

**ISMP
- Fifty Hospital Employees Given Insulin Instead of Influenza Vaccine
- Hardwiring safety into the computer system - One hospital’s actions to provide technology support for U-500 insulin

**MHRA
- BCR-ABL tyrosine kinase inhibitors: risk of hepatitis B reactivation
- Pomalidomide (Imnovid): risk of hepatitis B reactivation
- Idelalisib (Zydelig): interim measures following signal of serious infection and deaths related to infection found in clinical trials

OTHER NEWS
**Health Education England
- Clinical Pharmacists could have a positive impact on patient care in A&E

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
- Twenty-five years of prescription opioid use in Australia: a whole-of-population analysis using pharmaceutical claims
- Impact of strategies to reduce polypharmacy on clinically relevant endpoints: a systematic review and meta-analysis
**BMJ**
- Addition of dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors to sulphonylureas and risk of hypoglycaemia: systematic review and meta-analysis
  [http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2231](http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2231)

**BMJ Open**
- Assessing the appropriateness of prevention and management of venous thromboembolism in Australia: a cross-sectional study
  [http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/3/e008618](http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/3/e008618)

**Cochrane**
Nicotine receptor partial agonists for smoking cessation

**European Heart Journal**
- Effect of a single dose of the interleukin-6 receptor antagonist tocilizumab on inflammation and troponin T release in patients with non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction: a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled phase 2 trial
  [http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/05/07/eurheartj.ehw171](http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/05/07/eurheartj.ehw171)

**EJHP**
- Impact of a medicines helpline for patients
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/04/ejhpharm-2015-000849.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/04/ejhpharm-2015-000849.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab)
- Shelf life after opening of prescription medicines and supplements with vitamin D3 for paediatric use
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/06/ejhpharm-2016-000895.abstract](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/05/06/ejhpharm-2016-000895.abstract)

**JAMIA**
- Development and implementation of a multitiered health informatics curriculum in a college of pharmacy
  [http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/04/26/jamia.ocw023](http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/04/26/jamia.ocw023)

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Estimation of Potential Savings Through Therapeutic Substitution
- Generic Medication Prescription Rates After Health System–Wide Redesign of Default Options Within the Electronic Health Record

**The Lancet Oncology**
- FOLFIRINOX for locally advanced pancreatic cancer: a systematic review and patient-level meta-analysis

**NEJM**
- Perioperative Rosuvastatin in Cardiac Surgery
- Amiodarone, Lidocaine, or Placebo in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest
- Low-Dose versus Standard-Dose Intravenous Alteplase in Acute Ischemic Stroke
UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)

**National Medicines Symposium 2016 (NMS 2016), 18–20 May 2016, Canberra.**
Making wise decisions about medicines, tests and technologies: co-designing policy, practice and priorities

**St Vincent’s Hospital Sydney & The University of New South Wales**
Therapeutics Centre Research Seminar
“Pharmacodream or pharmacoreality - predicting drug-induced serious harm in patients before therapy begins”
Presented by Dr Bruce Carleton, Professor of Paediatrics and Chair of the Division of Translational Therapeutics, Department of Paediatrics at the University of British Columbia.
Monday, 23rd of May 2016
5:00 — 6:30pm
St Vincent’s Clinic Level 4 Function Room
438 Victoria Street Darlinghurst NSW 2010
For further information or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Ms Thuy Huynh, CPT Administrative Officer [E: cpt@unsw.edu.au , P: (02) 8382 2304]

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW
- Cervical screening in Australia 2013-2014
- Chronic respiratory conditions
- Musculoskeletal (MSK) Indigenous data:
  Who gets osteoporosis?
- Who gets rheumatoid arthritis?
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations: Online Services Report-key results 2014-15

**NPS MedicineWise
- 10 things you should know about antidepressants
http://www.nps.org.au/conditions/mental-health-conditions/mood-disorders/depression/for-individuals/medicines-for-depression-antidepressants/10-things-you-should-know-about-antidepressants
- Antibiotic research is heartening but individual action still needed
- A million Australians missing out on heart treatment
**TGA**  
- Reasons for scheduling delegate’s final decisions – new chemical entities (medicines) April 2016: Selexipaq; Vorapaxar; Alirocumab; Elbasvir; Grazoprevir; Idarucizumab; Hexy Aminolevulinate  
- Update to the list of designated orphan drugs: Nusinersin for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy  
- Updated list of ‘permissible ingredients’ for use in listed medicines  
- AusPAR user survey – what do you think about the AusP ARs for prescription medications?  

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**  
**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**  
- Triggers and Trigger Tools  
[https://psnet.ahrq.gov/primers/primer/33/triggers-and-trigger-tools](https://psnet.ahrq.gov/primers/primer/33/triggers-and-trigger-tools)

**FDA**  
- Pimavanserin (Nuplazid™) approved to treat hallucinations and delusions associated with psychosis in patients with Parkinson’s disease.  
[http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm498442.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm498442.htm)

**EMA**  
- Review of inhaled corticosteroids for COPD finds no differences in products in risk of pneumonia  

**HQSCNZ**  
- eMedRec brings number of benefits for Counties Manukau Health and Northland DHB  

**NICE**  
- Sacubitril valsartan for treating symptomatic chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction  
[https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta388](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta388)  
- Abiraterone for treating metastatic hormone-relapsed prostate cancer before chemotherapy is indicated  
[https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta387](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta387)  
- Topotecan, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin hydrochloride, paclitaxel, trabectedin and gemcitabine for treating recurrent ovarian cancer  
[https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta389](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta389)

**SIGN**  
- Acute coronary syndrome guideline  
MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA**
- Drug Safety Communication: Brintellix™ (vortioxetine) brand name change to Trintellix™, to avoid confusion with antiplatelet drug Brilinta™ (ticagrelor)

**HQSCNZ**
- April 2016 'Medication Safety Watch' out now

**TGA**
- Safety advisory: Lang Yi Hao tablets contain undeclared chloramphenicol and sildenafil
- Superdragon capsules contain undeclared sildenafil

OTHER NEWS

**ACI**
- 2016 Review of NSW Standardised Pain Charts (Adult):
  A review of all NSW Pain charts is being undertaken to ensure accuracy and consistency of content, common phrases, language, Yellow and Red Zone Response Guidance and format. Comments and suggestions can be made electronically via the following link (open until 20 June 2016):
  All NSW Pain Forms including the recently completed Peripheral Nerve Infusion (adult) and Paediatric PCA/NCA are available to order through Stream. Implementation and educational resources are available on the ACI website at http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/networks/pain-management/acute-pain-forms.
  An Obstetric Epidural chart is currently in development with expected completion August 2016.

**International Pharmaceutical Federation Survey – Time extension**
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PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Management of Chronic Insomnia Disorder in Adults: A Clinical Practice Guideline from the American College of Physicians
  http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2518955

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- High melphalan exposure is associated with improved overall survival in myeloma patients receiving high dose melphalan and autologous transplantation

**BMJ OPEN**
- Risk factors for persistent and new chronic opioid use in patients undergoing total hip arthroplasty: a retrospective cohort study
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/4/e010664.short?g=w_open_current_tab

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Workarounds to hospital electronic prescribing systems: a qualitative study in English hospitals
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/29/bmjqs-2015-005149.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab

**Clinical Infectious Diseases**
- Implementing an Antibiotic Stewardship Program: Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
  http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/62/10/e51

**Cochrane Collaboration**
- Bortezomib for the treatment of multiple myeloma

**EJHP**
- An automated medication system reduces errors in the medication administration process: results from a Danish hospital study
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/29/ejhpharm-2015-000749.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab

**International Journal for Quality in Health Care**
- Consumer perspectives of medication-related problems following discharge from hospital in Australia: a quantitative study
  http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/04/25/intqhc.mzw047

**Internal Medicine**
- Factors associated with insulin-induced weight gain in an Australian type 2 diabetes outpatient clinic

**NEJM**
- Oral Ixazomib, Lenalidomide, and Dexamethasone for Multiple Myeloma

**Vaccine**
- Morning vaccination enhances antibody response over afternoon vaccination: A cluster-randomised trial

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https://willorganise.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/2016-tapna-conference/website

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**AIHW
- Chronic kidney disease report

**TGA
- Consultation: Proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard, July 2016 (medicines): includes kava, fexofenadine, ulipristal Closes 6 May 2016

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**AHRQ
- Diabetes Medications for Adults with Type 2 Diabetes: An Update
https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=2215

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network
- Patient safety during sedation by anaesthesia professionals during routine upper endoscopy and colonoscopy: an analysis of 1.38 million procedures
- Improving Patient Safety through Simulation Training in Anaesthesiology: Where Are We?

**CADTH
- Femoral Nerve Block for Older Adults with Acute Hip Fracture: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

**FDA
- Drug Trials Snapshot: Ixekizumab (Taltz™)
http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ucm495971.htm
- Drug Trials Snapshot: Venetoclax (Venclexta™)
http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ucm496641.htm
**GOV.UK**
- Administration of medicine in care homes
- LA-MRSA: information for people who work with livestock

**NHS England and US Department of Health and Human Services**
- The adoption and use of digital health and care record systems: International success factors

**NICE Guidance**
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs121
- Controlled drugs: safe use and management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng46
- Abiraterone for treating metastatic hormone-relapsed prostate cancer chemotherapy is indicated
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta387
- Sacubitril valsartan for treating symptomatic chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta388
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  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta389

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**FDA**
- FDA is evaluating a study examining the use of oral Fluconazole (Diflucan™) in pregnancy

**GOV.UK**
- Drug Safety Update – April 2016

**ISMP**
- Prescribing errors with levETIRAcetam oral solution
  http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acute Care/showarticle.aspx?id=1135
- Draft Guidelines for Safe Use of Subcutaneous Insulin Delivery across the Continuum of Care

**OTHER NEWS**
**The Clinical Excellence Commission has released the fourth edition of their Medication Safety and Quality Program newsletter, 'MSQ Connect'. This newsletter provides an update on CEC Medication Safety and Quality Program activities and events.**
PAPERS OF INTEREST

**AJHP**
- What is the optimal duration of dual antiplatelet therapy after percutaneous coronary intervention with drug-eluting stent implantation?  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/9/e229
- Vaccinations in asplenic adults  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/9/e220.abstract?etoc
- ASHP Statement on the Pharmacist’s Role in Substance Abuse Prevention, Education, and Assistance  
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/9/e267?etoc

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Risk for Hospitalized Heart Failure Among New Users of Saxagliptin, Sitagliptin, and Other Antihyperglycemic Drugs: A Retrospective Cohort Study  
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2517404

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Peripheral vasoconstriction induced by beta-blockers: a systematic review and a network meta-analysis.  
- Characteristics and follow-up of postmarketing studies of conditionally authorized medicines in the EU  

**BMJ**
- What does it mean to put new hepatitis C drugs on a list of essential medicines?  
http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i2035

**BMJ Safety and Quality**
- Computerised prescribing for safer medication ordering: still a work in progress  
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/5/315.extract
- Failure mode and effects analysis: a comparison of two common risk prioritisation methods  
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/5/329.abstract

**Cochrane**
Drugs for the acute treatment of migraine in children and adolescents  

**European Heart Journal**
- Short-term mortality risk of serum potassium levels in hypertension: a retrospective analysis of nationwide registry data  
http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/04/19/eurheartj.ehw129.abstract

**EJHP**
- Impact of clinical pharmacist intervention on length of stay in an acute admission unit: a cluster randomised study  
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/23/3/171.full
**International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare**  
The extent of medication errors and adverse drug reactions throughout the patient journey in acute care in Australia  

**International Journal for Quality in Health Care**  
Development and testing of the cancer multidisciplinary team meeting observational tool (MDT-MOT)  
[http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/recent?paperoc](http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/recent?paperoc)

**JAMA**  
Development and Validation of a Prediction Rule for Benefit and Harm of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy beyond 1 Year After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention  

**JAMA Internal Medicine**  
Preventability and Causes of Readmissions in a National Cohort of General Medicine Patients  

**JAMIA**  
Testing electronic health records in the “production” environment: an essential step in the journey to a safe and effective health care system  
[http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/04/22/jamia.ocw039](http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/04/22/jamia.ocw039)

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**  
Dexamethasone and High-Dose Methotrexate Improve Outcome for Children and Young Adults with High-Risk B-Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: A Report From Children’s Oncology Group Study AALL0232  
[http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2016/04/20/JCO.2015.62.4544.abstract](http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2016/04/20/JCO.2015.62.4544.abstract)

**MJA**  
Characterising health care-associated bloodstream infections in public hospitals in Queensland, 2008-2012  
[http://dx.doi.org/10.5694/mja15.00957](http://dx.doi.org/10.5694/mja15.00957)

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**The Laboratory of Innovative Practices on Polypharmacy and Health**
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http://polimedicado.org

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**AIHW**
- Chronic disease risk factors
- Mental health services in Australia/tranche 2 2016

**TGA**
- Search function updated on TGA website: search query will now generate results from the TGA website as well as the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) and the Product Information and Consumer Medicines Information databases

**NSW Health**
- NSW Aboriginal Blood-Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Framework 2016-2020
- Pre-exposure Prophylaxis of HIV with Antiretroviral Medications

**NPS MedicineWise**
- The truth about hand sanitisers

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**FDA**
- Venetoclax (Venclexta™) approved for the treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) with chromosome 17p deletion syndrome and who have been treated with at least one prior therapy.
  [http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm495253.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm495253.htm)

**NICE Guidance**
- Routine preoperative tests for elective surgery
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng45](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng45)
- Depression in adults: recognition and management
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg90](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg90)
- Stroke in adults
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs2](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs2)
- Venous thromboembolism in adults: diagnosis and management
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs29](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs29)

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA**
- March 2016 Drug safety labelling changes (includes 35 products with prescribing information changes)
**ISMP**
- QuarterWatch™ Latest Edition: Cancer risks with biological products for psoriasis; Sudden hearing loss with tadalafil and sildenafil
- 2016-2017 Targeted Medication Safety Best Practices for Hospitals (Updated)

**MHRA**
- Aflibercept (Zaltrap™): minimising the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw
- Apomorphine with domperidone: minimising risk of cardiac side effects
- Dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera™): updated advice on risk of progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
- Fingolimod (Gilenya™): risks of progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, basal-cell carcinoma, and opportunistic infections
- Natalizumab (Tysabri™): progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy—updated advice to support early detection
- Paraffin-based skin emollients on dressings or clothing: fire risk
- SGLT2 inhibitors: updated advice on the risk of diabetic ketoacidosis
- Meprobamate: licence to be cancelled

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Addiction**

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Review of commonly used age-based weight estimates for paediatric drug dosing in relation to the pharmacokinetic properties of resuscitation drugs
- Reproductive outcomes following hydroxychloroquine use for autoimmune diseases: a systematic review and meta-analysis
- The antipsychotic story: changes in prescriptions and overdose without better safety
**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Assessing content validity and user perspectives on the Team Check-up Tool: expert survey and user focus groups
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/12/bmjqs-2015-004635.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab

**Cochrane Collaboration**
- Drugs for the acute treatment of migraine in children and adolescents

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Australasian Society of Infectious Diseases updated guidelines for the management of *Clostridium difficile* infection in adults and children in Australia and New Zealand
- Does lymphopenia or macrocytosis reflect 6-thioguanine levels in patients with inflammatory bowel disease treated with azathioprine or 6-mercaptopurine?

**JAMA**
- Association of Pembrolizumab with Tumor Response and Survival among Patients with Advanced Melanoma

**JAMIA**
- Analysis of clinical decision support system malfunctions: a case series and survey
  http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/03/28/jamia.ocw005

**Journal of General Internal Medicine**
- Automatic Errors: A Case Series on the Errors Inherent in Electronic Prescribing

**MJA**
- Australian recommendations for the management of hepatitis C virus infection: a consensus statement
- Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in Australia and our region
- Old but not forgotten: Antibiotic allergies in General Medicine (the AGM Study)

**OTHER NEWS**
**Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA)**
- During 2016 adrenaline autoinjector labels will start to show ‘adrenaline (epinephrine)’ as the ingredient name. ASCIA will gradually update all of its anaphylaxis resources over the next two years to also show ‘adrenaline (epinephrine)’.

**SHPA MM16**
Medicines Management 2016 Call for Abstracts Now Open!
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[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/d2da058b7f32b16ca20c2ea8a/files/MM16_CallForAbstracts_003_.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/d2da058b7f32b16ca20c2ea8a/files/MM16_CallForAbstracts_003_.pdf)

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Please fill in the survey here at your earliest convenience, but no later than Sunday, 1st May. It takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete.
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Thursday 5 May, 2016 12 – 1pm, Seminar Room, Level 1, 75 Talavera Road, Macquarie University
Register at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHXCPJ6](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHXCPJ6)

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Measuring medical engagement- the new leadership challenge
Melbourne 27 May or Sydney 30 May

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA**
**NSW Health**
- NSW Hospital Peer Groups

**AIHW**
- National Opioid Pharmacotherapy Statistics Annual Data (NOPSAD) collection 2015-16

**TGA**
- Flu vaccine: 2016 seasonal influenza vaccines for use in children
- Update to the list of designated orphan drugs: Pegasparagase (Pegaspar™) for the treatment of patients with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia who require L-asparaginase in their treatment regimen, but have developed hypersensitivity to the native forms of L-asparaginase
  http://www.tga.gov.au/updates-list-designated-orphan-drugs
- Advisory Committee on Prescription Medications (ACPM) Meeting Statement, Meeting 308, February 2016
- AusPAR added: Eltrombopag (Revolade™) extension of indications to include the treatment of adult patients with severe aplastic anaemia (SAA) who have had an insufficient response to immunosuppressive therapy.
- AusPAR added: Follitropin alpha (rch) (Bemfola/Afolia™) biosimilar medicine and extension of indications.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**FDA**
- Venetoclax (Venclexta™) approved for the treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) who have a chromosomal abnormality called 17p deletion and who have been treated with at least one prior therapy.
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm495253.htm
- Inflectra™ (infliximab-dyyb) approved as a biosimilar to Remicade™
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm494227.htm
- Recall: G4 Platinum and G5 Mobile Continuous Glucose Monitoring System Receivers by Dexcom - Audible Alarm Failure

**SIGN**
Chronic heart failure – patient booklet
http://www.sign.ac.uk/patients/publications/147/index.html

MEDICATION SAFETY
**FDA**
Drug safety communication: Diabetes medicines containing saxagliptin and alogliptin may increase the risk of heart failure, particularly in patients who already have heart or kidney disease
Drug safety communication: Metformin containing drugs – revised warning for patients with mild to moderate renal impairment

**Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand**
- Medication Safety Watch Issue 17, April 2016

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Aspirin Use for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease and Colorectal Cancer: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2513179

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Ventricular tachyarrhythmia and sudden cardiac death with domperidone use in Parkinson's Disease
- Fulvestrant decreases anastrozole drug concentrations when taken concurrently by patients with metastatic breast cancer treated on SWOG study S0226
- Drug-induced Raynaud's phenomenon: beyond β-adrenoceptor blockers

**BMJ**
- Early administration of epinephrine (adrenaline) in patients with cardiac arrest with initial shockable rhythm in hospital: propensity score matched analysis
http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i1577

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- 'Smart' intravenous pumps: how smart are they?
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/07/bmjqs-2016-005302.full

**European Heart Journal**
- The ‘obesity paradox’ in atrial fibrillation: observations from the ARISTOTLE (Apixaban for Reduction in Stroke and Other Thromboembolic Events in Atrial Fibrillation) trial
http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/04/11/eurheartj.ehw124

**EJHP**
- Patient-centred consultations in a dispensary setting: a learning journey
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/05/ejpharm-2016-000929.short?g=w_ejhp-ahead_tab

**International Journal for Quality in Health Care**
- eHealth and quality in health care: implementation time
http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/03/29/intqhc.mzw032
**JAMA**  
- Effect of Dexmedetomidine Added to Standard Care on Ventilator-Free Time in Patients with Agitated Delirium: A Randomized Clinical Trial  

**JAMA Intern Med**  
- Preventability and Causes of Readmissions in a National Cohort of General Medicine Patients  

**JAMA Psychiatry**  
- Hydromorphone Compared With Diacetylmorphine for Long-term Opioid Dependence: A Randomized Clinical Trial  

**JAMIA**  
- Data and the clinical decision support loop  
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/e1/e1  
- Real-time prediction of inpatient length of stay for discharge prioritization  
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/e1/e2  
- Patient and physician predictors of patient receipt of therapies recommended by a computerized decision support system when initially prescribed broad-spectrum antibiotics: a cohort study  
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/e1/e58  
- Provider variation in responses to warnings: do the same providers run stop signs repeatedly?  
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/e1/e93  
- Experience with decision support system and comfort with topic predict clinicians’ responses to alerts and reminders  
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/e1/e125

**Neurology**  
- Lamotrigine use in pregnancy and risk of orofacial cleft and other congenital anomalies  
http://www.neurology.org/content/early/2016/04/06/WNL.0000000000002540

**NEJM**  
- Antiemetic Prophylaxis for Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting  
- Pioglitazone after Ischemic Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack  

**OTHER NEWS**  
Nil

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**AIHW**
- National Opioid Pharmacotherapy Statistics Annual Data (NOPSAD) collection 2015-16

**NSW Health**
- Changes to Section 100 co-payments in NSW
- Public Health Act 2010 – Notification of Fees
- Infants and Children: Acute Management of the Unsettled and Crying Infant

**NPS MedicineWise**
- NPS Radar April 2016: includes information on new hepatitis C treatments available on the PBS and itraconazole (Lozanoc) for systemic fungal infections
- Depression: Supporting quality use of antidepressants
- Caution! Diagnosis creep

**TGA**
- AusPAR added: Enzalutamide (Xtandi™) with extension of indications to include asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer after failure of androgen deprivation therapy in whom chemotherapy is not yet clinically indicated.
- AusPAR added: Liraglutide (Saxenda™) with extension of indications to include adjunct therapy for chronic weight management in adults
- AusPAR added: Ibrutinib (Imbruvica™) for CLL/SLL who have received at least one prior therapy; CLL with 17p deletion; for mantle cell lymphoma who have received at least one prior therapy.
- Scheduling medicines and poisons: Reasons for the scheduling delegate’s interim decision and invitation for further comment for the ACMS meeting, April 2016 (cannabis). Consultation closes 19 April, 2016

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Using coworker observations to promote accountability for disrespectful and unsafe behaviors by physicians and advanced practice professionals.

**CADTH**
- Sugammadex for Adults Undergoing Surgery: Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness and Guidelines
**EMA**
- EU to start revoking the marketing authorisations for fusafungine sprays used to treat airway infections

**FDA**
- Defibrotide sodium (Defitelio™) approved to treat adults and children who develop hepatic venoocclusive disease (VOD) with additional kidney or lung abnormalities after they receive a stem cell transplant from blood or bone marrow called hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT).
  [FDA website](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm493225.htm)

**NICE**
- Routine preoperative tests for elective surgery
  [NICE website](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/published?type=cg)
- Pulmonary hypertension in neonates: sildenafil
  [NICE website](https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esuom51/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence)
- Moderate to severe acute post-operative pain: sufentanil sublingual tablet system
  [NICE website](https://www.nice.org.uk/advice?type=esnm)
- Chronic wounds: advanced wound dressings and antimicrobial dressings
  [NICE website](https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esmpb2/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence)

**NHS**
- Alpha-2 agonists for sedation of mechanically ventilated adults in intensive care units: a systematic review
  [NHS website](http://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/volume-20/issue-25#abstract)

**WHO**
- WHO Drug Information, Vol. 30, No. 1: look-alike sound-alike drug name confusion between trastuzumab and trastuzumab emtansine; stability of misoprostol tablets

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**TGA**
- Medicines Safety Update, Volume 7, Number 2, April 2016:
  Updating medicine ingredient names to align with international usage; Denosumab (Xgeva™): osteonecrosis of the jaw; Erlotinib (Tarceva™): change in indication; Ibrutinib (Imbruvica™): risk of hepatotoxicity
- Safety advisories:
  Superbull 6000 herbal capsules contain undeclared sildenafil
- U Slimming and U Plus Slimming capsules contain undeclared sibutramine, phenolphthalein, diclofenac and lignocaine
- Leisure Slimming capsules contain undeclared sibutramine and phenolphthalein
- Vigorexx tablets contain undeclared sildenafil

**Health Canada**
- Health Product InfoWatch March 2016:
  Review article - Melatonin and neurologic adverse reactions in children and adolescents
  Summary safety reviews – cisplatin; piperacillin/tazobactam for Injection; piperacillin for Injection; pseudoephedrine containing products

**OTHER NEWS**
**Agency for Clinical Innovation**
- Enrol in a Redesign and Project Management Course in 2016

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**AJHP**
- Recommendations for selecting drug–drug interactions for clinical decision support
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/8/576.abstract

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Twenty-five years of prescription opioid use in Australia: A whole-of-population analysis using pharmaceutical claims
- Developing consensus on hospital prescribing indicators of potential harm for infants and children

**BMJ**
- Pioglitazone use and risk of bladder cancer: population based cohort study
http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i1541
- Diabetes treatments and risk of amputation, blindness, severe kidney failure, hyperglycaemia, and hypoglycaemia: open cohort study in primary care
http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i1450

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Improving feedback on junior doctors’ prescribing errors: mixed-methods evaluation of a quality improvement project
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/04/bmjqs-2015-004717.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab
- Safety risks associated with the lack of integration and interfacing of hospital health information technologies: a qualitative study of hospital electronic prescribing systems in England
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/04/01/bmjqs-2015-004925.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab

**Circulation**
- Long-Term Effectiveness and Safety of Pravastatin in Patients with Coronary Heart Disease: 16 Years of Follow-Up of the LIPID Study
http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2016/03/24/CIRCULATIONAHA.115.018580.abstract
**European Heart Journal**
- Early ST elevation myocardial infarction in non-capable percutaneous coronary intervention centres: in situ fibrinolysis vs. percutaneous coronary intervention transfer
  http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/ehj/37/13/1034.full.pdf

**EJHP**
- Incorrect storage of medicines and potential for cost savings
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/30/ejhp Pharm-2015-000744.abstract

**JAMA Intern Med**
- Bevacizumab for newly diagnosed pleural mesothelioma in the Mesothelioma Avastin Cisplatin Pemetrexed Study (MAPS): a randomised, controlled, open-label, phase 3 trial
  http://www.the lancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PiIS0140-6736 (15) 01238-6/abstract

**JAMIA**
- Analysis of clinical decision support system malfunctions: a case series and survey

**NEJM**
- Aliskiren, Enalapril, or Aliskiren and Enalapril in Heart Failure
- Amiodarone, Lidocaine, or Placebo in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest

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**TGA
- Recall: Betamin (thiamine hydrochloride) 100mg tablets – potential that some bottles may contain at least one clopidogrel 75mg (Iscover/Plavix) tablet
- Update on the up-scheduling of codeine
- Independent review of the efficacy and safety of over-the-counter codeine containing combination analgesics for pain and codeine based antitussives

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**AHRQ
- Calcineurin Inhibitors for Renal Transplant
  http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=2193

**FDA
- Reslizumab (Cinqair™) approved for use with other asthma medicines for the maintenance treatment of severe asthma in patients aged 18 years and older.
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm491980.htm

**NICE
- Anaphylaxis
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs119
- Medicines optimisation
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs120
- Ruxolitinib for treating disease-related splenomegaly or symptoms in adults with myelofibrosis
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta386

**SIGN
British guideline on the management of asthma
http://www.sign.ac.uk/consultation/index.html

MEDICATION SAFETY
**FDA
- Drug Safety Communication: New Safety Warnings Added to Prescription Opioid Medications
- FDA warns consumers about potential risks of using eye drops packaged in bottles with loose safety seals

**ISMP
Do not let “Depo-” medications be a depot for mistakes

OTHER NEWS
**Dementia and Medicines
Alzheimer’s Australia and NPS MedicineWise have joined forces to educate and empower people living with a diagnosis of dementia and those involved in their care. New downloadable resources include:
- a printable information booklet containing information to empower people with a diagnosis of dementia and the people and health professionals involved in their care. The booklet covers issues around consent, appropriate use of medicines, and non-medicine therapies including psychosocial approaches to expressions of distress
- printable fact sheets on strategies to address distress, other conditions that commonly occur alongside dementia, and tips for good medicine management
- consumer stories told via video and sharable on social media

To read more information and to download the new resources, go to [www.nps.org.au/dementia](http://www.nps.org.au/dementia)

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Annals of the American Thoracic Society**
- Effectiveness of Interventions to Teach Metered-Dose and Diskus® Inhaler Technique: A Randomized Trial

**BMJ**
- Antidepressant use and risk of cardiovascular outcomes in people aged 20 to 64: cohort study using primary care database
  [http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i1350](http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i1350)

**BMJ Open**
- Potential workload in applying clinical practice guidelines for patients with chronic conditions and multimorbidity: a systematic analysis
  [http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/3/e010119.short?g=w_open_current_tab](http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/3/e010119.short?g=w_open_current_tab)

**EJHP**
- Biosimilar infliximab for the management of rheumatoid arthritis in France: what are the expected savings?
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/24/ejhpharm-2016-000904.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/24/ejhpharm-2016-000904.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab)
- Hospital pharmacy staffing levels in England: has anything changed in the last 5 years?
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/24/ejhpharm-2015-000862.abstract](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/24/ejhpharm-2015-000862.abstract)
- Interaction between tramadol and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors: are doctors aware of potential risks in their prescription practice?
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/23/ejhpharm-2015-000838.abstract](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/23/ejhpharm-2015-000838.abstract)

**International Journal for Quality in Health Care**
- SIMulation of Medication Error induced by Clinical Trial drug labeling: the SIMME-CT study
  [http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/03/11/intqhc.mzw025](http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/03/11/intqhc.mzw025)

**Journal for Health Care Quality**
- How Hospitals Reengineer Their Discharge Processes to Reduce Readmissions

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- N-Acetylcysteine in the Treatment of Excoriation Disorder: A Randomized Clinical Trial

**Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics**
- Pharmacy-led medication reconciliation programmes at hospital transitions: a systematic review and meta-analysis
  http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jcpt.12364/abstract;jsessionid=BB8195DB12C1DAAA6CEB15CB623DF255.f04t01

**JAMIA**
- Analysis of clinical decision support system malfunctions: a case series and survey
  http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/03/28/jamia.ocw005

**NEJM**
- A Multicenter Observational Study of Incretin-based Drugs and Heart Failure

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**AIHW**
- Asthma and COPD Reports released
http://www.aihw.gov.au/asthma/
- The views of children and young people in out-of-home care: overview of indicator results from a pilot national survey

**Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care**
- NIMC User guide, 2016

**NPS MedicineWise**
- NPS Direct March 2016
- National program launch on the treatment options for depression. The program reviews the newest evidence and features a range of products based information and evidence snapshots for health professionals and consumers.
http://www.nps.org.au/conditions/mental-health-conditions/mood-disorders/depression

**TGA**
- Monitoring communication: Idelalisib (Zydelig™) Risk of serious adverse events for specific patient groups in clinical trials
- Changes to adrenaline and noradrenaline labels
- Bexsero™ meningococcal B vaccine (Final update): monitoring finds no new or unexpected safety issues

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ**
- Management of Gout

**CADTH**
- Olopatadine for the Treatment of Allergic Conjunctivitis: A Review of the Clinical Efficacy, Safety, and Cost-Effectiveness
https://www.cadth.ca/olopatadine-treatment-allergic-conjunctivitis-review-clinical-efficacy-safety-and-cost-1

**FDA**
- Obiltoxaximab injection (Anthim™) approved to treat inhalational anthrax in combination with appropriate antibacterial drugs. Obiltoxaximab is also approved to prevent inhalational anthrax when alternative therapies are not available or not appropriate.
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm491470.htm
- New enhanced safety warnings for immediate-release opioid pain medications related to risks of misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose and death
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm491739.htm
- Ixekizumab (Taltz™) approved to treat adults with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis.
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm491872.htm
**GOV.UK**
- Putting community pharmacy at the heart of the NHS

**NICE**
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children and young people: guanfacine prolonged-release
  https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm70/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**EMA**
- EMA recommends new safety measures for idelalisib (Zydelig™), including close monitoring and use of antibiotics to prevent pneumonia
- Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) has reviewed the known risk of pneumonia (infection of the lungs) with inhaled corticosteroid-containing medicines when used to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

**FDA**
- New enhanced safety warnings for immediate-release opioid pain medications related to risks of misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose and death
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm491739.htm

**MHRA**
- Drug Safety Update March 2016: trametinib (Mekinist™) risk of gastrointestinal perforation and colitis

**NHS England**
- Update on commissioning and provision of Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP) for HIV prevention
  https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/03/prep/

**RCGP**
- Patient care: a unified approach

**United States Government Accountability Office**
- Patient Safety: Hospitals Face Challenges Implementing Evidence-Based Practices

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Addiction**
- Gabapentin misuse, abuse and diversion: a systematic review

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
Antimicrobial Access in the 21st Century: Delays and Critical Shortages

http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2504522

Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 Monoclonal Antibodies for Acute Coronary Syndrome: A Narrative Review

http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2504520

**ASHP**
- ASHP Guidelines on Pharmacist Involvement in HIV Care
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/7/468

**BMJ**
- Global prevalence of antibiotic resistance in paediatric urinary tract infections caused by *Escherichia coli* and association with routine use of antibiotics in primary care: systematic review and meta-analysis
  http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i939

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- A cross-sectional observational study of high override rates of drug allergy alerts in inpatient and outpatient settings, and opportunities for improvement
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/18/bmjqs-2015-004851.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab
- Does Tall Man lettering prevent drug name confusion errors? Incomplete and conflicting evidence suggest need for definitive study
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/4/213.extract
- The health information technology safety framework: building great structures on vast voids
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/4
- To RCT or not to RCT? The ongoing saga of randomised trials in quality improvement
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/4/221.extract
- Why evaluate ‘common sense’ quality and safety interventions?
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/4/224.extract
- Tall Man lettering and potential prescription errors: a time series analysis of 42 children's hospitals in the USA over 9 years
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/4/233.abstract

**BMJ Open**
- Variation in adverse drug reactions listed in product information for antidepressants and anticonvulsants, between the USA and Europe: a comparison review of paired regulatory documents
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/3/e010599.short?g=w_open_current_tab
- Improving the governance of patient safety in emergency care: a systematic review of interventions
  http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2015-009837

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- The haemodynamic effects of intravenous paracetamol (acetaminophen) in healthy volunteers: a double-blind, randomized, triple crossover trial
- A comparison of the intrasubject variation in drug exposure between generic and brand-name drugs: a retrospective analysis of replicate design trials

**EJHP**
- Assessment of bevacizumab quality and stability in repackaged syringes for clinical use
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/21/ejhp-2015-000853.short?g=w_ejhp_head_tab
- Implementation of safety standards of compounded sterile preparations in hospital pharmacies: a multinational cross-sectional study
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/21/ejhp-2015-000872.abstract

**European Heart Journal
- Cardiovascular outcomes at different on-treatment blood pressures in the hypertensive patients of the VALUE trial
  http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/37/12/955.abstract?etoc
- Left ventricular heart failure and pulmonary hypertension
  http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/37/12/942.abstract

**Heart
- Colchicine in cardiovascular disease: an ancient drug with modern tricks
  http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/18/heartjnl-2015-309211.abstract

**Health expectations
- Patients’ expectations of medicines
- Combined verbal and numerical expressions increase perceived risk of medicine side-effects: a randomized controlled trial of EMA recommendations
- Involving patients in health technology funding decisions: stakeholder perspectives on processes used in Australia

**JAMA
- Antibiotic Exposure during the First 6 Months of Life and Weight Gain During Childhood

**JAMA Neurology
- Association of Antipsychotic Use With Mortality Risk in Patients With Parkinson Disease

**JAMA Paediatrics
- Parent-Reported Errors and Adverse Events in Hospitalised Children

**JAMIA
- The frequency of inappropriate non-formulary medication alert overrides in the inpatient setting

**Medical Journal of Australia
- Identifying low-value care: the Royal Australasian College of Physicians’ EVOLVE initiative
- Clinical practice guidelines for dementia in Australia
- Antioxidant supplementation and cancer patients receiving curative-intent chemotherapy
  MJA_news_vol_204_Issue_5_March_20163_18_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8c7e7
  0a099-c2fd99ced-31331781
- A case of acute phosphate nephropathy
  nephropathy?utm_source=MJA+news+alerts&utm_campaign=c2fd99ced-
  MJA_news_vol_204_Issue_5_March_20163_18_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8c7e7
  0a099-c2fd99ced-31331781

**NEJM**
- Safer Prescribing — A Trial of Education, Informatics, and Financial Incentives

**The Lancet**
- Delivering safe and effective analgesia for management of renal colic in the emergency department:
  a double-blind, multigroup, randomised controlled trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(16)00652-8/abstract

**The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology**
- Recent advances in the pharmacological management of hypercholesterolaemia
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/landia/article/PIIS2213-8587(16)00074-7/abstract
- Effects of sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors on cardiovascular events, death, and major
  safety outcomes in adults with type 2 diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/landia/article/PIIS2213-8587(16)00052-8/abstract

**The Lancet Infectious diseases**
Tuberculosis—advances in development of new drugs, treatment regimens, host-directed therapies,
and biomarkers
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(16)00070-0/abstract

**Stroke**
- Cocaine use and risk of ischemic stroke in young adults
  http://stroke.ahajournals.org/content/early/2016/03/10/STROKEAHA.115.011417.abstract

**UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)**
**NSW Medicines Information Centre**
Psychotropics & Drug Interactions Workshop. St Vincent’s Clinic, 2 April 2016 Registration and further
information:
https://svhs.org.au/home/research-education/education/courses-workshops-and-
conferences/allied-health/drug-interactions-psychotropics

**Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association**
Think Tank - Looking over the horizon, where to next for the Australian health system?
12 April 2016, Melbourne
**Toxicology and Poisons Network Australasia (TAPNA) Conference 2016**
5 - 7 May 2016, Royal on the Park Hotel, Brisbane

**National Medicines Symposium 2016 (NMS 2016), 18–20 May 2016, Canberra.**
“*Making wise decisions about medicines, tests and technologies: co-designing policy, practice and priorities*”

**The Laboratory of Innovative Practices on Polypharmacy and Health**
3rd International Short Film and Photography Festival, May 2016
Entries close 30 April 2016
[http://polimedicado.org](http://polimedicado.org)

**76th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2016: Rising to the challenge: reducing the global burden of disease.** Buenos Aires, Argentina, 28 August - 1 September 2016

**APAC Forum ‘Exploring new frontiers’ 12-14 September 2016, Sydney, NSW**
[http://koawatea.co.nz/apac-forum/](http://koawatea.co.nz/apac-forum/)

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**SHPA Medicines Management 2016 Conference 16-19 November 2016, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA**

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA**

**NSW Health**
- Information bulletin: BCG vaccine shortage

**AIHW**
- Admitted patient care 2014-15: Australian hospital statistics

**TGA**
- Updates to the Prescribing Medicines in Pregnancy database
- Recall: Dexcom continuous glucose monitor receivers – potential for audible alarms not sounding
- Recall: Mums The One one step hCG urine pregnancy test – potential decreased sensitivity and risk of false negative results
- AusPAR added: Bortezomib (Velcade\textsuperscript{TM}) extension of indications to include combination treatment with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin and prednisone in adults with previously untreated mantle cell lymphoma (MCL).
- AusPAR added: Lipegfilgrastim (Lonquex\textsuperscript{TM}) for reduction in the duration of neutropenia and the incidence of febrile neutropenia in adult patients treated with cytotoxic chemotherapy for malignancy (with the exception of chronic myeloid leukaemia and myelodysplastic syndromes).

**Western Sydney University**
- Taking Healthcare Home: Issues Paper

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**FDA**
- FDA expands use of crizotinib (Xalkori\textsuperscript{TM}) to treat people with advanced (metastatic) non-small cell lung cancer whose tumors have a ROS-1 gene alteration.
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm490329.htm

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Patient, physician, medical assistant, and office visit factors associated with medication list agreement.

**CADTH**
- Nicotine Replacement Therapy, Bupropion and Varenicline for Tobacco Cessation: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness
https://www.cadth.ca/nicotine-replacement-therapy-bupropion-and-varenicline-tobacco-cessation-review-clinical

**The Commonwealth Fund**
- Developing a Framework for Evaluating the Patient Engagement, Quality, and Safety of Mobile Health Applications

MEDICATION SAFETY

**EMA**
- EMA reviews cancer medicine idelalisib (Zydelig\textsuperscript{TM}) following concerns over serious adverse events in ongoing clinical trials
**FDA**
- February 2016 drug safety labelling changes
  http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/ucm489329.htm

**GOV.UK**
- Trametinib (Mekinist): risk of gastrointestinal perforation and colitis

**ISMP**
- Partially filled vials and syringes in sharps containers are a key source of drugs for diversion

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**EJHP**
- Stability of daptomycin reconstituted vials and infusion solutions
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/03/14/ejhpharm-2015-000784.abstract

**JAMA**
- Effect of behavioral interventions on inappropriate antibiotic prescribing among primary care practices: A randomized clinical trial
- Effect of Vitamin D Supplementation on Tibial Cartilage Volume and Knee Pain among Patients With Symptomatic Knee Osteoarthritis: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Effect of Dexmedetomidine Added to Standard Care on Ventilator-Free Time in Patients with Agitated Delirium: A Randomized Clinical Trial

**NEJM**
- Perspective: Reducing the Risks of Relief — The CDC Opioid-Prescribing Guideline

**JAMIA**
- Impact of electronic diabetes registry ‘Meaningful Use’ on quality of care and hospital utilization
- Improving prediction of fall risk among nursing home residents using electronic medical records
- An in silico method to identify computer-based protocols worthy of clinical study: An insulin infusion protocol use case
- OrderRex: clinical order decision support and outcome predictions by data-mining electronic medical records
- Descriptive analysis of medication errors reported to the Egyptian national online reporting system during six months

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Baseline abnormal liver function tests are more important than age in the development of isoniazid-induced hepatoxicity for patients receiving preventive therapy for latent tuberculosis infection
- Home medicines reviews in Australian war veterans taking warfarin do not influence international normalised ratio control

**Circulation**
- The Use of Oral Anticoagulants for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation Patients with History of Intra-Cranial Hemorrhage
  http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2016/03/11/CIRCULATIONAHA.115.019794.abstract?papetoc

**BMC Health Services Research**
- Reduction in resource use with the misoprostol vaginal insert vs the dinoprostone vaginal insert for labour induction: a model-based analysis from a United Kingdom healthcare perspective

**Addiction**
- Long-term outcomes after randomization to buprenorphine/naloxone versus methadone in a multisite trial

OTHER NEWS
**NSW Health Multi-Cultural Health website**
- New medication resources (including Xarelto) translated into a variety of languages.

**Survey:** The role of pharmacists in the prevention and management of delirium in elderly patients
Research project being conducted by Quality Use of Medicine and Pharmacy Research Centre, University of South Australia and led by Prof Libby Roughead. The survey is designed to be completed by pharmacists working either in the public or private hospitals in Australia. Ethics approval obtained from the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of South Australia.
Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Delirium-Survey-4-Pharmacists-Practicing-in-Australia
Contact- Gizat M Kassie, PhD candidate: gizat_molla.kassie@mymail.unisa.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**ISMP**
Medication Safety Intensive- 31 March and 1 April 2016, Orlando, Florida
https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=697757553&message_id=12063548&user_id=ISMP&group_id=2780410&jobid=32298149

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Abstract submission closes 27 May 2016

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**TGA
- Safety Alert : Reports of expired Epipen™ devices supplied in cartons within expiry
- Advisory committee on chemicals scheduling (ACCS): Role; membership; meeting dates and decision timeframes
- IRIS inSite program for medical device adverse event reporting

**NPS MedicineWise
- Depression
  http://www.nps.org.au/conditions/mental-health-conditions/mood-disorders/depression
- Depression: Achieving remission, preventing relapse

**NSW Health
- Infants and Children: Management of Acute and Procedural Pain in the Emergency Department
- Management of the Adult Brain Dead Potential Organ and Tissue Donor
- NSW Immunisation schedule

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**UK Department of Health
- Challenge on dementia 2020: implementation plan

**NICE
- Preventing excess winter deaths and illness associated with cold homes
http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs117
- Guidance on the use of temozolomide for the treatment of recurrent malignant glioma (brain cancer)
http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta23
- Preventing of chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting in adults: netupitant/palonosetron
http://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm69/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence

**EMA
- EPAR added: Necitumumab (Portrazza™) for the treatment of advanced squamous non-small cell lung cancer in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin.

**Healthy Canadians
- Additional unauthorized health products labeled as B17/amygdalin/bitter apricot kernel (sold online) may pose serious risk to health

** CADTH
- Pill Packaging Systems in Long-Term Care Facilities: Safety and Guidelines
- High-dose Stimulants for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness, Safety and Guidelines
https://www.cadth.ca/high-dose-stimulants-attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder-review-clinical-effectiveness-safety

** AHRQ Patient Safety Network
- Seniors managing multiple medications: using mixed methods to view the home care safety lens

** The Joint Commission
- Sentinel event statistics updated, released through end of 2015
http://www.jointcommission.org/issues/article.aspx?Article=1AF4ajclzv8c%2bAMu%2fRIw8BjIDoM0Rvmti1qwp6HM%3d&j=2829096&e=nswtag@stvincent.com.au&l=94_HTML&u=73636271&mid=1064717&jb=64

MEDICATION SAFETY
** ISMP
- Government and industry fail to protect the public when they suggest “carefully following instructions” is enough to prevent vaccine errors
http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acute/ShowArticle.aspx?id=1131

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**AJHP**
- A national survey of emergency pharmacy practice in the United States
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/6/386
- ASHP Statement on the Pharmacist’s Role in Clinical Informatics
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/6/410
- ASHP Guidelines on Pharmacist Involvement in HIV Care
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/03/01/ajhp150623?papetoc

**BMJ**
- Trends and comparison of female first authorship in high impact medical journals: observational study (1994-2014)
  http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i847

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- N-acetylcysteine for non-paracetamol drug-induced liver injury: a systematic review
- Influence of tumour burden on trastuzumab pharmacokinetics in HER2 positive non-metastatic breast cancer

**British Journal of Psychiatry**
- Reducing excess mortality due to chronic disease in people with severe mental illness: meta-review of health interventions
  http://bjp.rcpsych.org/content/early/2016/02/19/bjp.bp.115.163170

**Addiction**
- Estimating the population impact of e-cigarettes on smoking cessation in England

**JAMA**
- Effect of Naltrexone-Bupropion on Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events in Overweight and Obese Patients with Cardiovascular Risk Factors: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Effect of Vitamin D Supplementation on Tibial Cartilage Volume and Knee Pain among Patients with Symptomatic Knee Osteoarthritis: A Randomized Clinical Trial

**JAMA Intern Med**
- Effectiveness of Remote Patient Monitoring After Discharge of Hospitalized Patients with Heart Failure: The Better Effectiveness after Transition—Heart Failure (BEAT-HF) Randomized Clinical Trial
- Mobile Telephone Text Messaging for Medication Adherence in Chronic Disease: A Meta-analysis

**JAMA Oncology**
- Population-wide Impact of Long-term Use of Aspirin and the Risk for Cancer

**MJA**
- ADHD medication overdose and misuse: the NSW Poisons Information Centre experience, 2004–2014

**NEJM**
- Trimethoprim–Sulfamethoxazole versus Placebo for Uncomplicated Skin Abscess
- Serious Asthma Events with Fluticasone plus Salmeterol versus Fluticasone Alone
**The Lancet**
- Everolimus for the treatment of advanced, non-functional neuroendocrine tumours of the lung or gastrointestinal tract (RADIANT-4): a randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study

**The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology**
- Maternal gestational vitamin D supplementation and offspring bone health (MAVIDOS): a multicentre, double-blind, randomised placebo-controlled trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/landia/article/PiIS2213-8587(16)00044-9/abstract

**CONSULTATIONS**
Nil

**OTHER NEWS**
- **The King’s Fund**
  - NICE: a terrible beauty
    http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2016/02/nice-a-terrible-beauty

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**EAHP**
- 21st Congress of the EAHP (European Association of Hospital Pharmacists)
  ‘Hospital pharmacists taking the lead – partnerships and technologies’, 16-18 March 2016, Vienna, Austria
  http://www.eahp.eu/congresses

**Informa**
- eMedication Management Conference, 15-16 March, 2016, Sydney

**IHI**
- Breakthrough Series College, March 29–31, 2016, Cambridge, MA, USA
  http://www.ihi.org/education/InPersonTraining/BreakthroughSeriesCollege/March2016BTSCollege/Pages/default.aspx?utm_campaign=BTSC+March+2016&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=23297166&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8OZ9FlsGQcddH1o-ZNv6O1HroyFhMRKgGNJGguLz6tvMFn zzDnfE-nD27I5_AvTGX89wNb0ltEXMdDxKH86rd4Nb2f1A&_hsmi=23297166

**ISMP**
- Medication Safety Intensive- 31 March and 1 April 2016, Orlando, Florida
  https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=697757553&message_id=12063548&user_id=ISMP&group_id=2780410&jobid=32298149


**Australian Disease Management Association**
- Evidence-based Primary & Secondary Prevention of Chronic Disease Seminar, Melbourne 11 March 2016

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**EUFEPS
- European Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences 2016 Meeting
“Clinical Outcome and Regulatory Approaches for Advanced Drug Delivery Products”, 13-15 June 2016, Istanbul Turkey
www.eufepsannualmeeting.org**

**FIP
2016 FIP World Congress
“Reducing the global burden of disease — Rising to the challenge”.
28 August – 1 September 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina
http://buenosaires2016.fip.org/**

**International Association of Risk Management in Medicine
IARMM General Assembly 2016 jointly with 5th World Congress of Clinical Safety (5WCCS)
“Smart Hospitals and Healthcare: Health Care Management & Leadership, Risk, Quality, and Productivity”
21 - 23 September 2016, Harvard University Medical School Boston, USA
http://www.iarmm.org/5WCCS/(poster)5WCCS_2016.pdf**

**5th World Congress of Clinical Safety
‘Smart Hospitals and Healthcare: Health Care Management & Leadership, Risk, Quality, and Productivity’. 21(Wed) - 23(Fri), September 2016 Harvard University Medical School, Boston, USA
http://www.iarmm.org/5WCCS/**

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**The International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua)
33rd International scientific meeting on quality and safety in health care
"Change and Sustainability in Healthcare Quality: the Future Challenges”
Tokyo, Japan 16 - 19 October 2016


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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW
- Health status and risk factors of Australians with disability 2007-08 and 2011-12
- Health Workforce statistics, 2014

**NSW Health
- Pharmaceutical Charges for Hospital Outpatients and Safety Net Thresholds
- Medical Speciality Coding in StaffLink
- NSW STI Strategy 2016-2020
- Clinical Care of People who may be suicidal

**TGA
- Recall: ConceivePlease™ one step hCG urine pregnancy test. Potential for decreased sensitivity and risk of false negative results.
- Recall: Maxagra™ capsules contain undeclared oxytetracycline and sildenafil.
- Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs:
  -- Tobramycin solution for inhalation to treat patients with cystic fibrosis infected with pseudomonas aeruginosa
  -- Thiotepa (TEPADINA™) for the conditioning treatment prior to haematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation.
  -- Chenodeoxycholic acid for the treatment of inborn errors of primary bile duct synthesis
  http://www.tga.gov.au/updates-list-designated-orphan-drugs
- The Poisons Standard (the SUSMP) No. 11 March 2016

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**The King’s Fund
Improving quality in the English NHS
**EMA**
- EPAR added: Vaxelis™ Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (acellular, component), hepatitis B (rDNA), poliomyelitis (inactivated) and Haemophilus type b conjugate vaccine (adsorbed)
- EPAR added: Osimertinib (Tagrisso™) for the treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer
- The EMA has recommended extending the use of nivolumab (Opdivo™) to include the treatment of adult patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma who have received prior therapy.
- EMA confirms recommendations to minimise risk of brain infection PML with natalizumab (Tysabri™)

**CADTH**
- Combination Therapy for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness
  [https://www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/htis/feb2016/RC0753_ADHD%20Combination%20Therapy%20Final.pdf](https://www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/htis/feb2016/RC0753_ADHD%20Combination%20Therapy%20Final.pdf)

**Health Canada**
- Health Product InfoWatch- February 2016: Bexsero (multicomponent meningococcal B vaccine [recombinant, adsorbed]), CellCept (mycophenolate mofetil) and Myfortic (mycophenolate sodium), Galeoxos (simeprevir), Hydrogen peroxide-based contact lens solutions, oral fluoroquinolones, Piperacillin for Injection, Piperacillin/Tazobactam for Injection, Pneumococcal vaccines, Tarceva (erlotinib), Zostavax (zoster vaccine live, attenuated [Oka/Merck])

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**ACSQHC**
- Revised NIMC User Guide 2016
- Credentialing health practitioners and defining their scope of clinical practice – A guide for managers and practitioners, December 2015

**MHRA**
- Drug Safety Update- February 2016: Valproate and of risk of abnormal pregnancy outcomes; Spironolactone and renin-angiotensin system drugs in heart failure; fingolomid; erlotinib.

**NICE**
- Prevention of chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting in adults: netupitant/palonosetron
  [http://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm69/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence](http://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm69/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence)
- Medicines Optimisation: Key therapeutic topics (February 2016): biosimilar medicines, NOACs; medicine use in acute kidney injury; renin-angiotensin drugs; lipid-modifying drugs, high-dose inhaled corticosteroids in asthma; hypnotics; low-dose antipsychotics in dementia; first choice antidepressant use; antibiotic prescribing; 3-day antibiotic courses for uncomplicated UTI; Type 2 diabetes mellitus; NSAIDs; wound care products.
PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Oral Prednisolone in the Treatment of Acute Gout: A Pragmatic, Multicenter, Double-Blind, Randomized Trial

**BMJ**
- Oral fluoroquinolone use and serious arrhythmia: bi-national cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i843
- Publication and reporting of clinical trial results: cross sectional analysis across academic medical centers
  http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i637
- Overspending driven by oversized single dose vials of cancer drugs
  http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i788

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- International recommendations for national patient safety incident reporting systems: an expert Delphi consensus-building process
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/02/22/bmjqs-2015-004456.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab

**BMJ Open**
- Effectiveness of pharmacist-led medication reconciliation programmes on clinical outcomes at hospital transitions: a systematic review and meta-analysis
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/2/e010003.short?g=w_open_current_tab

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Development of a physiologically based pharmacokinetic model of actinomycin D in children with cancer

**European Heart Journal**
- Depression requiring anti-depressant drug therapy in adult congenital heart disease: prevalence, risk factors, and prognostic value
  http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/37/9/771.abstract?etoc

**Cochrane Library**
- Medication review in hospitalised patients to reduce morbidity and mortality

**EJHP**
- Mapping clinical pharmacy practice in Swiss hospitals: a cross-sectional study
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/02/26/ejhp-2015-000868.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab

**Internal Medicine**
- Medication adherence 1 month after hospital discharge in medical inpatients

**International Journal for Quality in Health Care**
- A human factors approach to improving electronic performance measurement of venous thromboembolism prophylaxis
  http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/28/1/59

**International Journal of Evidence-based Healthcare**
- The extent of medication errors and adverse drug reactions throughout the patient journey in acute care in Australia
**JAMA**
- High-Dose Perioperative Atorvastatin and Acute Kidney Injury Following Cardiac Surgery: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Effect of Insulin Glargine Up-titration vs Insulin Degludec/Liraglutide on Glycated Hemoglobin Levels in Patients With Uncontrolled Type 2 Diabetes: The DUAL V Randomized Clinical Trial

**JAMA Intern Med**
- Effect of Mailing Nicotine Patches on Tobacco Cessation Among Adult Smokers: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Monthly High-Dose Vitamin D Treatment for the Prevention of Functional Decline: A Randomized Clinical Trial

**NEJM**
- Weekly vs. Every-3-Week Paclitaxel and Carboplatin for Ovarian Cancer
- Readmissions, Observation, and the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program
- Stopping vs. Continuing Aspirin before Coronary Artery Surgery

**Ophthalmology**
- Aflibercept, Bevacizumab, or Ranibizumab for Diabetic Macular Edema: Two-Year Results from a Comparative Effectiveness Randomized Clinical Trial

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**ISMP**
**NSW Medicines Information Centre: Psychotropics & Drug interactions Workshop. St Vincent’s Clinic 2nd April 2016**


**Australian Disease Management Association**

Evidence-based Primary & Secondary Prevention of Chronic Disease Seminar, Melbourne 11 March 2016


**Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association**

Think Tank - Looking over the horizon, where to next for the Australian health system?, 12 April 2016, Melbourne


**APAC Forum ‘Exploring new frontiers’ 12-14 September 2016, Sydney, NSW**

[http://koawatea.co.nz/apac-forum/](http://koawatea.co.nz/apac-forum/)

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA**
**AIHW**
- Allied health workforce 2014 (web report update)
- Maternity Care Classification System: Maternity Model of Care Data Set Specification national pilot report November 2014
- Enhancing maternity data collection and reporting in Australia: National Maternity Data Development Project Stage 2

**TGA**
- Prescription medicines: Registration of new chemical entities in Australia
- AusPAR added: Budesonide (Cortiment™) prolonged release tablets for induction of remission in patients with mild to moderate ulcerative colitis

**ACSQHC**
- Guide for managers and practitioners: Credentialing health practitioners and defining and managing practitioners’ scope of clinical practice

**NPS MedicineWise**
- NPS Direct February 2016
- Pharmacy Practice Review
- NMS 2016: final days to submit abstracts

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**
**FDA**
- Brivaracetam (Briviact™) approved as an add-on treatment to other medications to treat partial onset seizures in patients age 16 years and older with epilepsy.
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm486827.htm
- FDA Opioids Action Plan
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/FactSheets/ucm484714.htm
- Five tips for travelling to the U.S. with medications
  http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm484154.htm

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- An Ethical Framework for Allocating Scarce Life-Saving Chemotherapy and Supportive Care Drugs for Childhood Cancer

**NICE**
- Evidence-based recommendations on nivolumab (Opdivo) for treating advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma in adults.
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta384
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder: diagnosis and management
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg72
- Antenatal and postnatal mental health
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs115
- Ezetimibe for treating primary heterozygous-familial and non-familial hypercholesterolaemia
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta385

**CADTH**
- Neuromuscular Monitoring for Patients Receiving Continuous Paralytic or Neuromuscular Blocking Agents: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines
  https://www.cadth.ca/neuromuscular-monitoring-patients-receiving-continuous-paralytic-or-neuromuscular-blocking-agents
- Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Patients with Orthopedic Implants Undergoing Dental Procedures: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Safety, and Guidelines
  https://www.cadth.ca/antibiotic-prophylaxis-patients-orthopedic-implants-undergoing-dental-procedures-review-clinical-0

**British Society of Gastroenterologists**
- BSG Guidance on the Use of Biosimilar Infliximab CT-P13 in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

**NSW Health**
- Increase in Cases of Invasive Meningococcal Disease

**TGA**
- Safety advisory: Excellence losing weight capsules contain undeclared sibutramine

**MHRA**
- Spironolactone and renin-angiotensin system drugs in heart failure: risk of potentially fatal hyperkalaemia
- Valproate and of risk of abnormal pregnancy outcomes: new communication materials
**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**AJHP**
- Implementation of a penicillin allergy screening tool to optimize aztreonam use
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/5/298
- A qualitative evaluation of medication management services in six Minnesota health systems
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/5/307
- Assessment of low-dose i.v. ketamine infusions for adjunctive analgesia
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/5_Supplement_1/S22.abstract?etoc

**American Journal of Public health**
- Total Duration of Breastfeeding, Vitamin D Supplementation, and Serum Levels of 25-Hydroxyvitamin D
  http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2015.303021

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- The problem with Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/3/147.full
- Value of small sample sizes in rapid-cycle quality improvement projects
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/25/3/202.extract
- The frequency of intravenous medication administration errors related to smart infusion pumps: a multihospital observational study
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/02/23/bmjqs-2015-004465.abstract

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Who gets antidotes? choosing the chosen few
- Treatment of sulfonylurea and insulin overdose
- Calcium channel antagonist and beta-blocker overdose: antidotes and adjunct therapies
- Antidotes to coumarins, isoniazid, methotrexate and thyroxine, toxins that work via metabolic processes

**British Journal of Psychiatry**
- Short-term venlafaxine v. lithium monotherapy for bipolar type II major depressive episodes: effectiveness and mood conversion rate
  http://bjp.rcpsych.org/content/early/2016/02/04/bjp.bp.115.169375

**Cochrane**
- Interventions to optimise prescribing for older people in care homes

**European Heart Journal**
- Prevention of cardiac dysfunction during adjuvant breast cancer therapy (PRADA): a 2 × 2 factorial, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind clinical trial of candesartan and metoprolol
  http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/02/21/eurheartj.ehw022.abstract
**Journal of Patient Safety**
- Does Physician's Training Induce Overconfidence That Hampers Disclosing Errors?
  [http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/Does_Physician_s_Training_In
duce_Overconfidence.99613.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/Does_Physician_s_Training_In
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- A Systems Approach to Analyzing and Preventing Hospital Adverse Events.
  [http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/A_Systems_Approach_to_Anal
yzing_and_Preventing.99612.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/A_Systems_Approach_to_Anal
yzing_and_Preventing.99612.aspx)
- Electronic Health Record Adoption and Rates of In-hospital Adverse Events.
  [http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/Electronic_Health_Record_Ado
tion_and_Rates_of.99605.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/Abstract/publishahead/Electronic_Health_Record_Ado
tion_and_Rates_of.99605.aspx)

**JAMA**
- The Third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock (Sepsis-3)

**JAMIA**
- Effects of an e-Prescribing interface redesign on rates of generic drug prescribing: exploiting default options
  [http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/02/16/jamia.ocv192](http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/02/16/jamia.ocv192)

**The Lancet**
- Provision of social norm feedback to high prescribers of antibiotics in general practice: a pragmatic national randomised controlled trial

**Thorax**
  [http://thorax.bmj.com/content/early/2016/02/17/thoraxjnl-2015-208026.abstract](http://thorax.bmj.com/content/early/2016/02/17/thoraxjnl-2015-208026.abstract)

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**Centre for Health Systems and Safety Research, Australian Institute of Health Innovation - Exciting new positions available:**

**Post-doctoral Research Fellow – Medication Safety** (closing date 4th March)
AIHI is seeking a talented, enthusiastic researcher, with strong study design and quantitative analytical skills to participate in this exciting program of medication safety research.

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AIHI is seeking a Post-doctoral Research Fellow or Research Fellow to participate in our program of research relating to aged and community care. The role will include participating in the manipulation and analyses of datasets and in the design and implementation of a novel interventional trial investigating the role of social engagement, community care services use and quality of life among older people in the community.

**Nurse Research Officer** (closing date 28th February)
AIHI is seeking a Registered Nurse to take up a research role in an NHMRC-funded Partnership Grant on medication safety and eHealth systems in paediatric hospitals. The successful applicant will collect data about medication administration on hospital wards, conduct record reviews and interviews with hospital staff.

**Research Fellow – Work Innovation** (closing date 26th February)
AIHI is seeking a talented, enthusiastic researcher, with strong project management skills to develop and implement a plan for continuing to develop our research stream focused on the use of direct observational
studies of health professionals to investigate patterns of work and communication.

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW**
- Trends in serious injury due to road vehicle traffic crashes, Australia: 2001 to 2010
- Hospitalised injuries in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people: 2011-13

**NSW Health**
- Guide to the Role Delineation of Clinical Services (2016)

**TGA**
- Recall: Veletri (epoprostenol sodium) consumables kit – small risk of infection due to potential contamination
- Consultations of adoption of European Union guidelines in Australia: Outcome of previous consultation
- AusPAR added (extension of indications): Dabigatran etexilate (Pradaxa™) for treatment of acute deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and/or pulmonary embolism (PE) and prevention of related death, and prevention of recurrent deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and/or pulmonary embolism (PE) and related death.
- AusPAR added (extension of indication and new strengths): Lenalidomide (Revlimid™) for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma and for treatment of patients with transfusion-dependent anaemia due to low- or intermediate-1 risk myelodysplastic syndromes associated with a deletion 5q cytogenetic abnormality with or without additional cytogenetic abnormalities.
- AusPAR added: Ceftobiprole medocaril sodium (Zevtera™) for the treatment of the following infections in adults suspected or proven to be caused by designated susceptible microorganisms
  - Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP), excluding ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP)
  - Community-acquired pneumonia (CAP)
- AusPAR added: Ceftolozane sulphate/tazobactam sodium (Zerbaxa™) for the treatment of the following infections in adults suspected or proven to be caused by designated susceptible microorganisms:
  - Complicated intra-abdominal infections in combination with metronidazole
  - Complicated urinary tract infections, including pyelonephritis
- AusPAR added: Nintedanib esilate (Ofev™/Vargatef™) is indicated in combination with docetaxel for the treatment of patients with locally advanced, metastatic or recurrent non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) of adenocarcinoma tumour histology after failure of first line chemotherapy. Ofev/Vargatef is also indicated for the treatment of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)
- Update to list of designated orphan drugs: Miglustat (ZAVESCA) for the treatment of mild to moderate type 1 Gaucher disease.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**EMA**
- Updated recommendations to minimise the risk of the rare brain infection PML with Natalizumab (Tysabri™)
- SGLT2 inhibitors: PRAC makes recommendations to minimise risk of diabetic ketoacidosis

**NICE**
-- Clinical Guidelines
- Bipolar disorder: assessment and management (CG185)
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg185

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Tallman lettering as a strategy for differentiation in look-alike, sound-alike drug names: The role of familiarity in differentiating drug doppelgangers
- Remote video auditing with real-time feedback in an academic surgical suite improves safety and efficiency metrics: a cluster randomised study.

**CADTH**
- Pre-Endoscopic Intravenous Proton Pump Inhibitors for Emergency Department Patients with Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeds: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness and Guidelines
  https://www.cadth.ca/pre-endoscopic-intravenous-proton-pump-inhibitors-emergency-department-patients-upper-0

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**TGA**
- Safety advisory: ‘Natural Model’ capsules contain undeclared sibutramine and phenolphthalein
- Safety advisory: ‘Zhong Hua Niu Bian’ tablets contain undeclared chloramphenicol and sildenafil
- Safety advisory: ‘Half Quite’ tablets contain undeclared sildenafil

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**BMC Medicine**
- Post-marketing withdrawal of 462 medicinal products because of adverse drug reactions: a systematic review of the world literature

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Rivaroxaban compared with standard thromboprophylaxis after major orthopaedic surgery: co-medication interactions

**Circulation**
- Long Term Safety and Efficacy of Lowering LDL Cholesterol With Statin Therapy: 20-Year Follow-Up of West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study
  http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2016/02/10/CIRCULATIONAHA.115.019014.abstract

**EJHP**
- Antimicrobial consumption in a tertiary children’s hospital in Finland (2003–2013)
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/02/11/ejhpharm-2015-000766.short?g=w_ejhp-ahead_tab

**JAMA**
- In-Hospital Outcomes and Costs Among Patients Hospitalized During a Return Visit to the Emergency Department

**Journal of the American Geriatrics Society**
- Effects of Changes in Number of Medications and Drug Burden Index Exposure on Transitions Between Frailty States and Death: The Concord Health and Ageing in Men Project Cohort Study

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
- Influence of the Acidic Beverage Cola on the Absorption of Erlotinib in Patients With Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer
  http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2016/02/05/JCO.2015.65.2560.abstract

**Journal of Healthcare Leadership**
- What are the effective ways to translate clinical leadership into health care quality improvement?
  https://www.dovepress.com/what-are-the-effective-ways-to-translate-clinical-leadership-into-health-peer-reviewed-article-JHL

**MJA**
- Acute heart failure admissions in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory: the NSW HF Snapshot Study
  The value of consultant-led ward rounds for patient safety

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OTHER NEWS
**PBS**
- Information about the new Hepatitis C treatments on the PBS from 1 March 2016

**NPS**
- New online e-learning module ‘Drug misuse: implications for pharmacists’
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- Patient Safety Executive Development Program
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[http://www.ihi.org/education/InPersonTraining/PatientSafetyExecutive/PatientSafetyExecutiveDevelopmentMarch2016/Pages/default.aspx?utm_campaign=2016+March+PSO&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=23544167&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-93OUZyfrSpkxcCiEMBnZ1H7xK3GHpOESS91qc89p-kN1_5QGSKD6EGuewKQ4ImkVym2oaQKK029gb3_Gu-RRumC9EWw&_hsml=23544167](http://www.ihi.org/education/InPersonTraining/PatientSafetyExecutive/PatientSafetyExecutiveDevelopmentMarch2016/Pages/default.aspx?utm_campaign=2016+March+PSO&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=23544167&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-93OUZyfrSpkxcCiEMBnZ1H7xK3GHpOESS91qc89p-kN1_5QGSKD6EGuewKQ4ImkVym2oaQKK029gb3_Gu-RRumC9EWw&_hsml=23544167)

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[https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=697757553&message_id=1206548&user_id=ISMP&group_id=2780410&jobid=32298149](https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=697757553&message_id=1206548&user_id=ISMP&group_id=2780410&jobid=32298149)

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**AIHW**  
- 25 years of health expenditure in Australia 1989-90 to 2013-14  
- Palliative care in Australia 2015 - tranche 2  

**TGA**  
- Updating medicine ingredient names  
- Reasons for scheduling delegate’s interim decision and invitation for further comment for the ACCS and ACMS meetings, November 2015  
**NPS Medicinewise**
- Home blood pressure monitoring: Expert Q&A
  

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

**EMA**
- EMA concludes defective device in ROCKET study does not impact Xarelto’s safety
  
- EPAR added: Episalvan (birch bark extract) to treat partial-thickness skin wounds in adults
  
- EPAR added: Talimogene laherparepvec (Imlygic) to treat adults with melanoma
  

**NHS**
- Patient safety alert – Risk of severe harm or death when desmopressin is omitted or delayed in patients with cranial diabetes insipidus
  
  https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/02/psa-desmopressin/

**London Medicines Evaluation Network**
- Summary of antidotes to NOACs (including those currently in development) which could impact NOAC use in the future
  

**NICE**
-- Clinical Guidelines
- Cancer of the upper aerodigestive tract: assessment and management in people aged 16 and over (NG36)
  
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng36
- Myeloma: diagnosis and management (NG35)
  
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng35
-- Quality Standards
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in adults (QS10)
  
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance_qs10
-- Technology Appraisal
- TNF-alpha inhibitors for ankylosing spondylitis and non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (TA383)
  
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta383

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**TGA**
- Medicines Safety Update Volume 7 Number 1, February 2016
  
- Safety Advisory – Maxagra capsules contain undeclared sildenafil and oxytetracycline

**MHRA**
- Valproate and risk of abnormal pregnancy outcomes: new communication materials

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Impact of pharmacist involvement in the transitional care of high-risk patients through medication reconciliation, medication education, and postdischarge call-backs (IPITCH Study).

**AJHP**
- Comparison of a pharmacist–hospitalist collaborative model of inpatient care with multidisciplinary rounds in achieving quality measures
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/4/216
- Predictive performance of glomerular filtration rate estimation equations based on cystatin C versus serum creatinine values in critically ill patients
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/4/206

**BMC Health Services Research**
- A qualitative study of hospital pharmacists and antibiotic governance: negotiating interprofessional responsibilities, expertise and resource constraints

**BMJ**
- Benzodiazepine use and risk of incident dementia or cognitive decline: prospective population based study
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- Oral health and dental care in Australia: key facts and figures 2015
- Mental health services in Australia tranche 1 2016

**TGA
- Recall: Acetazolamide 250mg tablets (Diamox). Potential contamination with penicillium and/or aspergillus species.
- New edition of the Poisons Standard - SUSMP No.10
- Required Advisory Safety Statements for Medicines Labels (RAMSL No.2 Effective 1 Jan 2016)
- Amazon Tonic III: Does not treat cancer and contain potentially dangerous oleandrin

**NPS MedicineWise
- National Medicines Symposium 2016: program
- Heartburn and indigestion? You may have GORD
- Depression: Achieving remission, preventing relapse
- Exploring non-drug options in depression
**NSW Health**  
-Snapshot of Tobacco Strategy 2012-2017  

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**  
**FDA**  
-FDA approves Zepatier™ (elbasvir and grazoprevir) with or without ribavirin for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotypes 1 and 4 infections in adult patients.  
[http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm483828.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm483828.htm)  
-FDA approves eribulin mesylate (Halaven™) for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic liposarcoma, for patients who have received prior anthracycline therapy.  
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-Data shows continuing disparity between gout prevalence and treatment  

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-Putting community pharmacy at the heart of the NHS  

**NICE**  
-TNF-alpha inhibitors for ankylosing spondylitis and non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis  
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**CADTH**  
-Daptomycin for Methicillin-Resistant and Methicillin-Sensitive Staphylococcus Aureus Infection: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness and Guidelines  
[https://www.cadth.ca/daptomycin-methicillin-resistant-and-methicillin-sensitive-staphylococcus-aureus-infection-review](https://www.cadth.ca/daptomycin-methicillin-resistant-and-methicillin-sensitive-staphylococcus-aureus-infection-review)  
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-US Poison Control Center Calls for Infants 6 Months of Age and Younger  

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- Target prices for mass production of tyrosine kinase inhibitors for global cancer treatment
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- On-call hospital pharmacy services in NHS England: service provision and documentation of medicines advice calls
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- The risk of major cardiac malformations associated with paroxetine use during the first trimester of pregnancy: a systematic review and meta-analysis

**Internal Medicine**
- A medication review and deprescribing method for hospitalised older patients receiving multiple medications

**Journal of Pain and Symptom Management**
- The Burden of Polypharmacy in Patients Near the End of Life

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- Influence of ejection fraction on outcomes and efficacy of spironolactone in patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction
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- Effects of intensive blood pressure lowering on cardiovascular and renal outcomes: updated systematic review and meta-analysis
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  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(16)00005-9/abstract

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- Discharge planning from hospital

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  http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/01/13/jamia.ocv178

**Paediatrics**
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  http://thorax.bmj.com/content/early/2016/01/08/thoraxjnl-2015-207895.abstract

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- Registrations
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- Consultations
--Cannabis re-scheduling proposal – questions and answers
--Australian regulatory guidelines for sunscreens – Version 1.1

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- Combining systems and teamwork approaches to enhance the effectiveness of safety improvement interventions in surgery: the Safer Delivery of Surgical Services (S3) program

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**EMA**
- EPAR added: Brivaracetamis BRIVIACT™ licensed as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in adult and adolescent patients from 16 years of age with epilepsy.
- Updated SPC: suxamethonium dosage changes in renal impairment, hepatic impairment and in patients with reduced plasma cholinesterase; neuromuscular function requires monitoring during infusions.
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**Healthy Canadians**  
- TARCEVA (erlotinib) - Use in Maintenance Treatment for Patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)  

**NICE**  
- Technology appraisals  
  - Adalimumab, etanercept, infliximab, certolizumab pegol, golimumab, tocilizumab and abatacept for rheumatoid arthritis not previously treated with DMARDs or after conventional DMARDs only have failed  
  [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta375](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta375)  
- Evidence summary: new medicine  
  - Inflammatory lesions of papulopustular rosacea: ivermectin 10mg/g cream  
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- Clinical commissioning Policy Statement: Docetaxel in combination with androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) for the treatment of hormone naïve metastatic prostate cancer  

**FDA**  
- Combined use of ipilimumab with nivoliumab approved for adults with BRAF V600 wild-type and BRAF V600 mutation-positive unresectable or metastatic melanoma.

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**FDA**  
- Computerized Prescriber Order Entry Medication Safety (CPOEMS)  

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- Nicorandil (Ikorel): now second-line treatment for angina – risk of ulcer complications  

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- Guidelines: The measurement of adult blood pressure and management of hypertension before elective surgery  

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- Opioid Analgesics and the Risk of Serious Infections Among Patients With Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Self-Controlled Case Series Study  
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- Optimal duration of dual antiplatelet therapy after drug-eluting stent implantation: conceptual evolution based on emerging evidence

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Medication safety at the interface: evaluating risks associated with discharge prescriptions from mental health hospitals

**NEJM**
Eluxadoline for Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Diarrhea

**CONSULTATIONS**
- Consultations on adoption of European Union guidelines in Australia- closing 1 February 2016

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- A15/05: Accreditation assessment requirements of health service organisations post significant clinical or governance review  

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- New honorary memberships recognise outstanding achievements in quality use of medicines  

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**Therapeutics Initiative**  
- Benefits and harms of drugs for “neuropathic” pain  
[http://www.ti.ubc.ca/2016/01/19/96-benefits-and-harms-of-drugs-for-neuropathicpain/?utm_source=Ti+Email+List&utm_campaign=bc46461171TL_96_mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bd4ff7c38e-bc46461171-51266933](http://www.ti.ubc.ca/2016/01/19/96-benefits-and-harms-of-drugs-for-neuropathicpain/?utm_source=Ti+Email+List&utm_campaign=bc46461171TL_96_mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bd4ff7c38e-bc46461171-51266933)
MEDICATION SAFETY
**TGA**
- Safety Advisory - Viagra 007 tablets are not related to the approved medicine Viagra http://www.tga.gov.au/alert/viagra-007-tablets

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**Anesthesiology**

**British Journal of Pharmacology**

**BMJ**
- Cardiovascular outcomes associated with use of clarithromycin: population based study http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.h6926

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- The Medicines Advice Service Evaluation (MASE): a randomised controlled trial of a pharmacist-led telephone based intervention designed to improve medication adherence http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/01/11/bmjqs-2015-004670.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab
- Why ‘Universal Precautions’ are needed for medication lists http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/01/13/bmjqs-2015-005116.extract

**European Heart Journal**

**Internal Medicine**

**JAMIA**
- Quantifying usability: an evaluation of a diabetes mHealth system on effectiveness, efficiency, and satisfaction metrics with associated user characteristics http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/1/5
- The myth of standardized workflow in primary care http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/23/1/29

**Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy**

**Thorax**
- A randomised trial of hypertonic saline during hospitalisation for exacerbation of cystic fibrosis  
http://thorax.bmj.com/content/71/2/141.abstract

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- BSR and BHPR guideline on prescribing drugs in pregnancy and breastfeeding—Part I: standard and biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs and corticosteroids  
http://rheumatology.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/01/12/rheumatology.kev404
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http://rheumatology.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/01/12/rheumatology.kev405

**Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology**

- Hypersensitivity reactions during treatment with biological agents  

**American Journal of Psychiatry**

- Impact of Antipsychotic Review and Non-pharmacological Intervention on Antipsychotic Use, Neuropsychiatric Symptoms, and Mortality in People with Dementia Living in Nursing Homes: A Factorial Cluster-Randomized Controlled Trial by the Well-Being and Health for People with Dementia (WHELD) Program  

**The Lancet Neurology**

- Rivastigmine for gait stability in patients with Parkinson’s disease (ReSPonD): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2 trial  
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanineur/article/PIIS1474-4422(15)00389-0/abstract

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Palonosetron versus ondansetron for prevention of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting in paediatric patients with cancer receiving moderately or highly emetogenic chemotherapy: a randomised, phase 3, double-blind, double-dummy, non-inferiority study  
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(15)00520-3/abstract

**JAMA Internal Medicine**

- Proton Pump Inhibitor Use and the Risk of Chronic Kidney Disease  

**MJA**

- For debate: Pharmaceutical industry exposure in our hospitals: the final frontier  
- Perspectives: Therapeutic drug safety for Indigenous Australians: how do we close the gap?  

**NEJM**

- Relationship between Nonmedical Prescription-Opioid Use and Heroin Use  
- Intensified Antituberculosis Therapy in Adults with Tuberculous Meningitis
**Pediatrics**
- Nonmedical Use of Prescription Drugs and Sexual Risk Behaviours
  [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/137/1/1.34?sso=1&sso_redirect_count=1&nfstatus=401&nftoken=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&nfstatusdescription=ERROR%3a+No+local+token](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/137/1/1.34?sso=1&sso_redirect_count=1&nfstatus=401&nftoken=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&nfstatusdescription=ERROR%3a+No+local+token)

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- Can Patient Safety Incident Reports Be Used to Compare Hospital Safety? Results from a Quantitative Analysis of the English National Reporting and Learning System Data
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- Patient Safety Executive Development Program

March 3-9, 2016 Cambridge, MA

http://www.ihi.org/education/InPersonTraining/PatientSafetyExecutive/PatientSafetyExecutiveDevelopmentMarch2016/Pages/default.aspx?utm_campaign=2016+March+PSO&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=23544167&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-93OUZyfrSpkxcCiEM8nZJ1H7xK3GHpQESS91qc89p-kN1_5QGSKD6EGuewK4ImkVym2oaQKKO29gb3_Gu-RRumC9EWw&_hsmi=23544167

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NPS MedicineWise**
- Introduction to antimicrobial prescribing
- Some over-the-counter medicines no longer PBS-subsidised in 2016

**NSW Health**
- Pharmaceutical Charges for Hospital Outpatients and Safety Net Thresholds
- NSW Framework and Standard Operating Procedure for HIV Point of Care Testing
- NSW Mental Health Reform – 2024

**AIHW**
- Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia in Australian public hospitals 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health performance framework 2014 report: detailed analysis

**TGA**
- Recall: Staloral and Phostal allergen immunotherapy - potential for incorrect labelling
- Updates to the Prescribing Medicines in pregnancy database
- Regulation of biosimilar medicines
- AusPAR added: Ivermectin (Soolantra™ and Vastreka™) for the topical treatment of inflammatory lesions of rosacea (papulo-pustular) in adult patients 18 years and over (new indication and dose form w/w; 10 mg/g or 1% in an oil-in-water cream emulsion).
- AusPAR added: HPV vaccine (Cervarix™) dosage variation to allow for the administration of the vaccine according to an alternative 2 dose schedule (0, 5-13 months) in females aged 10-14 years old.
- Auspar added: valganciclovir (Valcyte™) extended use as prophylaxis against cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection in the paediatric (from birth) solid organ transplantation (SOT) setting.
- Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs:
  --Isavuconazonium sulphate for the treatment of invasive aspergillosis and invasive mucormycosis in patients 18 years of age and older.
  --Teduglutide (REVESTIVE™) for the treatment of adult patients with Short Bowel Syndrome (SBS) who are dependent on parenteral support

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**NICE**
- Guidance
  -- Care of dying adults in the last days of life
  [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng31](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng31)
- Technology Appraisals
  -- Abatacept, adalimumab, etanercept and tocilizumab for treating juvenile idiopathic arthritis (TA373)
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta373](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta373)
  -- Apremilast for treating active psoriatic arthritis
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta372](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta372)
  -- Bortezomib for previously untreated mantle cell lymphoma
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta370](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta370)
  -- Ciclosporin for treating dry eye disease that has not improved despite treatment with artificial tears
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta369](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta369)
  -- Erlotinib and gefitinib for treating non-small-cell lung cancer that has progressed after prior chemotherapy
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta374](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta374)
  -- Trastuzumab emtansine for treating HER2-positive, unresectable locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer after treatment with trastuzumab and a taxane
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta371](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta371)
  -- Evidence summary: unlicensed or off-label medicine
  -- C3 glomerulopathy in the native kidney: eculizumab (ESUOM49)
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esuom49/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence](http://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esuom49/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence)
  -- Hormone-sensitive metastatic prostate cancer: docetaxel
    [http://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esuom50/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence](http://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esuom50/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence)

**FDA**
- FDA approves lesinurad (Zurampic™) to treat hyperuricemia associated with gout, when used in combination with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor
  [http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm478791.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm478791.htm)
- FDA approves selexipag (Uptravi™) to treat adults with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)
  [http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm478599.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm478599.htm)
- FDA approves Basaglar™, the first “follow-on” insulin glargine product to treat diabetes
  [http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm477734.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm477734.htm)

**GOV.UK**
- Advice on using antiviral medicines: influenza season 2015 to 2016

**Health Canada**
- Health Product InfoWatch – December 2015

**UKMi**
- What doses of thromboprophylaxis are appropriate for adult patients at extremes of body weight?
- Do patients undergoing dental procedures require endocarditis prophylaxis?

**European Society of Cardiology**
- Reversal strategies for non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants: a critical appraisal of available evidence and recommendations for clinical management—a joint position paper of the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy and European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Thrombosis
http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/12/24/eurheartj.ehv676

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**TGA**
- Safety advisory: Mycophenolate mofetil - New contraindications relating to pregnancy and breastfeeding

**FDA**
- Drug Safety Communication: Posaconazole (Noxafil) - Dosing Errors when Switching between Different Oral Formulations
http://www.fda.gov/safety/medwatch/safetyinformation/safetyalertsforhumanmedicalproducts/ucm479782.htm

**Healthy Canadians**
- Vemurafenib (Zelboraf®) - Risk of radiation sensitization or radiation recall reaction

**EMA**
- New recommendations to minimise risks of the rare brain infection PML and a type of skin cancer with fingolimod (Gilenya®)

**GOV.UK**
- Drug Safety Update December 2015: thalidomide, mycophenolate, bisphosphonates, antiretroviral medicines
- Mutagenicity of alcohol (ethanol) and its metabolite acetaldehyde

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**AJHP**
- Comparison of barcode scanning by pharmacy technicians and pharmacists’ visual checks for final product verification
http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/2/69.abstract?etoc

**EJHP**
- The clinical impact of medication reconciliation on admission to a French hospital: a prospective observational study
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2015/12/16/ejhpharm-2015-000745.abstract

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Cardiac Outcomes in Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer Exposed to Cardiotoxic Therapy: A Cross-sectional Study
  http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2480064

**BMJ Heart**
- Risk of death and stroke associated with anticoagulation therapy after mitral valve repair
  http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2016/01/04/heartjnli-2015-308272.abstract

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Why do we still page each other? Examining the frequency, types and senders of pages in academic medical services
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2016/01/06/bmjqs-2015-004587.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab

**BMJ Open**
- Research is ‘a step into the unknown’: an exploration of pharmacists’ perceptions of factors impacting on research participation in the NHS
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/12/e009180.short?g=w_open_current_tab
- Long-term efficacy and safety of incobotulinumtoxinA and conventional treatment of poststroke arm spasticity: a prospective, non-interventional, open-label, parallel-group study
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/12/e009358.short?g=w_open_current_tab

**International Journal for Quality in Health Care**
- Patient safety's missing link: using clinical expertise to recognize, respond to and reduce risks at a population level
  http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/11/13/intqhc.mzv091

**JAMA**
- Valsartan/Sacubitril for Heart Failure Reconciling Disparities Between Preclinical and Clinical Investigations
- Association Between Use of Oral Fluconazole During Pregnancy and Risk of Spontaneous Abortion and Stillbirth

**JAMA Intern Med**
- Prescription Strategies in Acute Uncomplicated Respiratory Infections: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Association of Off-label Drug Use and Adverse Drug Events in an Adult Population
- Pre-exposure Prophylaxis for HIV Infection Integrated with Municipal- and Community-Based Sexual Health Services

**JAMIA**
- Review of 10 years of electronic medication allergy alerts found high rate of overrides; half the alerts were irrelevant.
  http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/11/17/jamia.ocv143
- Simulated medication orders in 13 CPOE systems find hazards with alerts, workflows, standardization.
  http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/11/13/jamia.ocv135
- Interactive tools for inpatient medication tracking: a multi-phase study with cardiothoracic surgery patients
**Journal for Healthcare Quality**
- Patient Safety Errors: Leveraging Health Information Technology to Facilitate Patient Reporting
  [http://journals.lww.com/jhqonline/Abstract/2016/01000/Patient_Safety_Errors___Leveraging_Health_Technology_to_Facilitate_Patient_Reportin...](http://journals.lww.com/jhqonline/Abstract/2016/01000/Patient_Safety_Errors___Leveraging_Health_Technology_to_Facilitate_Patient_Reportin...)
- Enabling Quality: Electronic Health Record Adoption and Meaningful Use Readiness in Federally Funded Health Centers
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**MJA**
- The treatment of nursing home-acquired pneumonia using a medically intensive Hospital in the Home service

*NEJM*
- Effect of Artesunate–Amodiaquine on Mortality Related to Ebola Virus Disease

**Cochrane Library**
- Probiotics for the prevention of paediatric antibiotic-associated diarrhoea

**The Lancet Neurology**
- Cannabidiol in patients with treatment-resistant epilepsy: an open-label interventional trial

**Diabetes Care**
- Intranasal Glucagon for Treatment of Insulin-Induced Hypoglycemia in Adults With Type 1 Diabetes: A Randomized Crossover Noninferiority Study
  [http://care.diabetesjournals.org/content/early/2015/12/09/dc15-1498.abstract](http://care.diabetesjournals.org/content/early/2015/12/09/dc15-1498.abstract)

**Age and Ageing**
- Use of a frailty index to identify potentially inappropriate prescribing and adverse drug reaction risks in older patients
  [http://ageing.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/12/18/ageing.afv166.abstract?papetoc](http://ageing.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/12/18/ageing.afv166.abstract?papetoc)

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