TAG Mail 1 March 2017

The purpose of TAGMail is to assist TAG members identify and share relevant information for their professional practice. Members are encouraged to routinely forward TAGMail to others who they believe would benefit from this information such as colleagues in the same hospital department if they are not already receiving TAGMail. NSW TAG may be contacted via email nswtag@stvincents.com.au or by calling 02 8382 2852.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**NSW TAG Life Saving Drugs Register: Antidote Stocks 2017 Survey**
Email invitations have been sent. Thank you to those who have completed the survey. It would be appreciated if outstanding surveys could be completed by NO LATER THAN 3 MARCH 2017.
The link to the survey is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANTIDOTE17](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANTIDOTE17)
If you have multiple hospitals to fill in, please re-use the link to complete separate surveys for each hospital.

**Email discussions**
- Perioperative management plan for patients taking anticoagulant or antiplatelet agents. Closes 7 March 2017
- Intrathecal fentanyl. Closes 24 March 2017

TAG WEBSITE

**Building sustainable governance of electronic medication management: Guiding Principles for Drug and Therapeutic Committees in NSW Hospitals**

**Survey Reports:**
- Optimising timely access to life-saving drugs across NSW, the ACT and beyond.
- Revitalising hospital evaluation of medicines use - the case for DUE

CONSULTATIONS

**TGA**
- Changes to accessing unapproved therapeutic good through the Authorised Prescriber (AP) and Special Access Schemes (SAS). Closes 29 March 2017
- Reforms to the regulatory framework for complementary medicines: Assessment pathways. Closes 28 March 2017

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

**NPS MedicineWise**
- Look locally before buying overseas prescription medicines online – it could save your life and...
**TGA**
- Access to medicinal cannabis products: steps to using access schemes
- AusPAR added: Ipilimumab (rch) (Winglore™/Yervoy™) - new indication as first line therapy for patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma.

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**
**FDA**
- Telotristat ethyl (Xermelo™) tablets in combination with somatostatin analog (SSA) therapy approved for the treatment of adults with carcinoid syndrome diarrhoea
  [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm544035.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm544035.htm)

**NICE**
- Apremilast for treating active psoriatic arthritis
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA433/chapter/1-Recommendations](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA433/chapter/1-Recommendations)
- Spondyloarthritides in over 16s: diagnosis and management
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng65](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng65)
- Neuropathic pain in adults: pharmacological management in non-specialist settings
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg173](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg173)
- Drug misuse prevention: targeted interventions
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng64](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng64)

**WHO**
- Pharmaceuticals Newsletter No.1 2017

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**TGA**
- Medicines Safety Update, Volume 8, Number 1, February 2017: Certain medicines and progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy; aripiprazole and impulse control disorders; vemurafenib and risk of radiation injury

**EMA**
- SGLT2 inhibitors: information on potential risk of toe amputation to be included in prescribing information

**ISMP**
- DTaP, LAIV, MCV4, PPSV23, HZV, 9vHPV...Alphabet soup vaccine abbreviations and acronyms lead to errors

**OTHER NEWS**
**ACI Chronic Care Network**
- Webcast recording of Bright Spots Across the Bush - Lessons in Integrated Care (CSU Campus Dubbo)

**CEC**
- Clinical Practice Improvement Workshop (Applications close 3rd March 2017)
- Driver Diagram Webex 29 March 2017 11am to 12pm

**EHealth News - January/February 2017 edition**

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**AJHP**
- Pharmacovigilance: Importance, concepts, and processes
http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/02/21/ajhp151031

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Comparative cardiovascular risks of dipeptidyl peptidase 4 inhibitors with other second- and third-line antidiabetic drugs in patients with type 2 diabetes

**BMJ**
- Off-label indications for antidepressants in primary care: descriptive study of prescriptions from an indication based electronic prescribing system
http://www.bmj.com/content/356/bmj.j603

**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/26/3/217

**Cochrane Library**
- Buprenorphine for managing opioid withdrawal
- Glucose-lowering agents for treating pre-existing and new-onset diabetes in kidney transplant recipients
- Perioperative medications for preventing temporarily increased intraocular pressure after laser trabeculectomy
- Prophylactic drug management for febrile seizures in children

**EJHP**
- Peri-procedural management of patients receiving novel oral anticoagulants
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/02/23/ejhp2016-001088
- Impact of a pharmaceutical care programme for patients with chronic disease initiated at the emergency department on drug-related negative outcomes: a randomised controlled trial
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/02/23/ejhp2016-001055
- Predictors of primary non-adherence to concomitant chronic treatment in HIV-infected patients with antiretroviral therapy
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/02/23/ejhp2016-001000

**JAMA**
- Association of Antithrombotic Drug Use with Subdural Hematoma Risk
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2605799
- Testosterone Treatment and Cognitive Function in Older Men with Low Testosterone and Age-Associated Memory Impairment
**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Effect of Reminder Devices on Medication Adherence: The REMIND Randomized Clinical Trial
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2605527
- Thiazolidinediones and Advanced Liver Fibrosis in Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis, A Meta-analysis
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2605526

**JAMIA**
- Comparison of three commercial knowledge bases for detection of drug-drug interactions in clinical decision support

**Journal of Crohn’s and Colitis**
- Biosimilar Infliximab in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Outcomes of a Managed Switching Programme

**MJA**
- Beyond ice: rethinking Australia’s approach to illicit drugs

**Pediatrics**
- Decreasing Prescribing Errors during Pediatric Emergencies: A Randomized Simulation Trial
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/02/24/peds.2016-3200
- Inhaled Corticosteroids and Respiratory Infections in Children with Asthma: A Meta-analysis
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/02/22/peds.2016-3271
- Pulmonary Hypertension Therapy and a Systematic Review of Efficacy and Safety of PDE-5 Inhibitors
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/02/22/peds.2016-1450

**Primary Care Respiratory Medicine**
- Effect of novel inhaler technique reminder labels on the retention of inhaler technique skills in asthma: a single-blind randomized controlled trial
  http://www.nature.com/articles/s41533-017-0011-4

**The Lancet Psychiatry**
- Financial incentives for improving adherence to maintenance treatment in patients with psychotic disorders (Money for Medication): a multicentre, open-label, randomised controlled trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(17)30045-7/fulltext

**The Lancet Respiratory Medicine**
- Hyperoxia and hypertonic saline in patients with septic shock (HYPERS2S): a two-by-two factorial, multicentre, randomised, clinical trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30046-2/fulltext

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
https://children.wcha.asn.au/ismp_medsafety

**Australian Institute of Health Innovation Seminar Series**
‘A new informatics geography’ 9 March 2017, Macquarie University, Sydney
http://aihi.mq.edu.au/event/new-informatics-geography
**Informa eMedication Management Conference, 14-15th March 2017, Swissotel, Sydney**

**ACI Endocrine Network Diabetes Forum**
‘Sharing knowledge, information and experiences’ 24 March 2017, 9:00am to 4:00pm
Ballroom, Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay, NSW, 2060

**The Digital Health Show 2017, 29-30th March 2017, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre**

**Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand**
- Choosing Wisely Symposium, 30th March 2017, Te Papa Museum, Wellington, New Zealand

**CADTH Symposium, April 23, 2017 - April 25, 2017: Shaw Centre, Ottawa, Ontario**
[https://www.cadth.ca/events/2017-cadth-symposium](https://www.cadth.ca/events/2017-cadth-symposium)

**Updated details: 2017 Patient Experience Symposium, 2nd-3rd May 2017, Grand Lodge, Sydney Masonic Centre, 279 Castlereagh Street, Sydney**

**Choosing Wisely Australia National Meeting 2017, Thursday 4 May 2017, Melbourne Cricket Ground**

**Cerner Australia, ‘Regional User Group Australia 2017’, 17-19th May 2017, Sofitel Central Brisbane.**
Abstract submissions open until 17th February 2017
[https://www.ivvy.com/event/RUG17/](https://www.ivvy.com/event/RUG17/)

**1st Australasian Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference, Melbourne, 24-25 May 2017**
[www.improvediagnosis.org/AusDEM17](http://www.improvediagnosis.org/AusDEM17)

**Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine**
- Australasian Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference 2017, 24-25th May 2017, Melbourne
Abstracts open until 10th February 2017
[http://www.improvediagnosis.org/?page=AusDEM17](http://www.improvediagnosis.org/?page=AusDEM17)

**6th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2017, Roma, Italy, 6-8th September 2017**
Abstract submission to 31 March 2017
[http://www.iarmm.org/6WCCS/](http://www.iarmm.org/6WCCS/)

**ISQua’s 34th International Conference**
‘Learning at the System Level to Improve Healthcare Quality and Safety’ 1- 4 October 2017, London

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