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TAG MEETINGS
- TAG Management Committee meeting - 17 August 2015 - 1.30pm - Concord Hospital or via teleconference
- TAG General meeting - 17 August 2015 - 3.00pm - Concord Hospital or via teleconference
- TAGNet meeting - 18 August 2015 - 11.00am - TAG Offices or via teleconference
- DUESG meeting - 25 August 2015 - 3.00pm - TAG Offices or via teleconference

TAG ACTIVITIES
**Email discussions
- Information for patients commencing warfarin – closes 6 August
- Usage of Hydromorphone high potency 500mg/50ml ampoules – closes 11 August
- Prescribing and administration of blood products – closes 14 August

**Life Saving Drugs Register
- A reminder for hospitals who have not completed the Life Saving Drugs Register survey (Antidotes) to enable an update of information available on the NSW TAG website. The link to the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSC2JFD

TAG WEBSITE
**Medication Safety Incidents have been reported for:

**Guidelines: New release

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA
**Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
- Better Cardiac Care measures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: first national report 2015 http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129551940

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA
**Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland (Scottish Academy) Short-Life Working Group on Hospital Reports**
- Learnings from serious failings in care
  http://www.scottishacademy.org.uk/

**Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)**
- Rapid response: Discontinuation Strategies for Patients with Long-term Benzodiazepine Use: A Review of Clinical Evidence and Guidelines
  https://www.cadth.ca/reports/discontinuation-strategies-patients-long-term-benzodiazepine-use-review-clinical-evidence-and
- Rapid response: Bioimpedance Devices for the Assessment of Body Fluid Volume for Patients Undergoing Peritoneal Dialysis Versus Haemodialysis: Comparative Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

**Cochrane**
- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for dysmenorrhoea
- Antibiotics for preventing recurrent sore throat
- Effects of opioid, hypnotic and sedating medications on sleep-disordered breathing in adults with obstructive sleep apnoea

**European Medicines Agency (EMA)**
- EMA to encourage use of scientific advice for post-authorisation safety studies

**NICE**
Clinical Guidelines
- Melanoma: assessment and management
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng14
- Quality standards
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gs95
- Bipolar disorder in adults
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gs97
- Drug allergy: diagnosis and management
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gs96
- Dyspepsia and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease in adults: investigation and management
  http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gs96
- Health technology appraisal reports
  Introducing biosimilar versions of infliximab: Inflectra and Remsima
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/hta329

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**NSW Health**
- Risk of Air Embolus with Multi-Lumen Access Devices

**GOV.UK**
- Denosumab (Xgeva, Prolia); intravenous bisphosphonates: osteonecrosis of the jaw – further measures to minimise risk
**TGA**
- Risperidone and risk of cerebrovascular adverse events in dementia patients
- Infliximab and non-melanoma skin cancers, particularly in psoriasis patients
- Tramadol oral drops – not for children under 12 years of age
  
- Recall Update: Children’s medicines supplied in bottles may be faulty – Additional Batches and Additional Products affected
  

**FDA**
- The FDA Warns About Cases of Rare Brain Infection in patients taking Fingolimod for Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
  
- The FDA, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT), and Hospira are aware of cybersecurity vulnerabilities associated with the Symbiq Infusion System.
  
- The FDA is warning health care professionals and patients that reports of confusion between the antidepressant vortioxetine (Brintellix) and anti-blood clotting medication ticagrelor (Brilinta) have resulted in the wrong medication being prescribed or dispensed.
  

**Royal Pharmaceutical Society**
- New near miss error tools available
  

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**British Medical Journal**
- Real world effectiveness of warfarin among ischemic stroke patients with atrial fibrillation: observational analysis from Patient-Centered Research into Outcomes Stroke Patients Prefer and Effectiveness Research (PROSPER) study
  
  [http://www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h3786](http://www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h3786)

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Patient safety reporting: a qualitative study of thoughts and perceptions of experts 15 years after ‘To Err is Human”
  
  [http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2015/07/26/bmjqs-2015-004405.abstract](http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2015/07/26/bmjqs-2015-004405.abstract)

**Internal Medicine**
- Advances in endovascular treatment of acute ischaemic stroke
  
- Icatibant in angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor-associated angioedema
  

**International Journal of Clinical Practice**
- Communication in healthcare: a narrative review of the literature and practical recommendations
  
  [http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/ijcp.12686](http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/ijcp.12686)

**JAGS**
- Use of Medications with Anticholinergic Activity and Self-Reported Injurious Falls in Older Community-Dwelling Adults
  
**JAMA Intern Med**
Variability in Antibiotic Use Across Nursing Homes and the Risk of Antibiotic-Related Adverse Outcomes for Individual Residents

**JAMIA**
Drug-drug interaction checking assisted by clinical decision support: a return on investment analysis
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/22/4/764

**MJA**
General practitioner understanding of abbreviations used in hospital discharge letters

**NEJM**
Community-Acquired Pneumonia Requiring Hospitalization among U.S. Adults

CONSULTATIONS
Nil

OTHER NEWS
Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**Change Champions**
Medication Safety and Mental Health, 20 August, Melbourne.

**CEC**
Medication Reconciliation Workshop, 14 August, Sydney
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q769CBS

**The Alfred TC-IFEM**

**ADMA 11th Annual National Conference: Count me in- Partnerships in chronic care**
10th-11th September 2015, Brisbane Convention Centre, Queensland
Poster abstracts close 7 August 2015

**ISMP**
Medication Safety intensive, 17-18 September 2015, Bellevue WA, USA
https://www.ismp.org/orderforms/msi_registrations.asp

**Hot topics in healthy ageing: Research evidence, clinical skills and tools to manage an ageing population, 21 September 2015, Melbourne**
**4th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2015, 28-30 September 2015, Vienna**

**AHRQ**
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) research conference, 4–6 October, 2015, Crystal City, Virginia USA
Health care research and policy sessions on improving quality, safety, access and value in health care

**ISQUA**
‘Building Quality and Safety into the Healthcare System’, 4-7 October 2015, Doha, Qatar.

**National Hospital Procurement Conference, 29-30 October 2015, Sydney**

**SHPA**
Medicines Management 2015, 3-6 December 2015, Melbourne Convention Centre.
[http://mm2015shpa.com/](http://mm2015shpa.com/)

**APAMT (Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology)**
‘Remote, Resource and Retrieval Challenges in Toxicology’, 1-4 December 2015, Perth