TAG Mail 6th May 2015

TAG MEETINGS
Nil

TAG ACTIVITIES
Email discussion: Patient forms for ceased medicines prior to surgery (closes 8 May)

TAG WEBSITE
The following email discussion is available to members: Noting the existence of supplementary charts on the NIMC, April 2015

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA
**AIHW
Respiratory medication use in Australia 2003-2013: treatment of asthma and COPD
http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129550778

**NPS-MedicineWise
Antihypertensives in pregnancy

**NSW Health
Updated Application Forms for Authority to Prescribe Pharmacotherapies

**TGA
- Recall:
-- DBL Methotrexate 2.5mg tablets in bottles of 30 - bottles supplied without child-resistant caps
- Medicine shortages:
-- Ampicillin injection and Amoxycillin injection
-- IMMUCYST® BCG and ONCOTICE® (Bacillus Calmette and Guerin)
and-guerin-medicine-shortages

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**GOV.UK
EAGA guidance on HIV post-exposure prophylaxis

**FDA
FDA approves treatment, Kybella (deoxycholic acid), for fat below the chin
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm444978.htm

MEDICATION SAFETY
**Health Canada
Health Product InfoWatch - April 2015 includes: Goldenseal and cytochrome P450 inhibition; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Drugs
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/hpiw-ivps_2015-04-eng.php#s1c

**MHRA
- Hydroxyzine (Atarax, Ucerax): risk of QT interval prolongation and Torsade de Pointes
- Codeine for cough and cold: restricted use in children
- High strength, fixed combination and biosimilar insulin products: minimising the risk of medication error
- Ketoconazole HRA: information about the risk of hepatotoxicity
https://assets.digital.cabinet-office.gov.uk/media/5537a3d740f0b6158900002f/Ketoconazole_DHPC_sent_24_March_2015.pdf

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**Acta Psychiatr Scand
Clozapine-induced myocarditis, a widely overlooked adverse reaction

**Am J Health-Syst Pharm
- Development of an “infusion pump safety score”
http://www.ajhp.org/content/72/10/777.full
- Assessing pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic risks in candidates for kidney
transplantation
http://www.ajhp.org/content/72/10/781.abstract

**JAMA Intern Med**
- Evaluation of Stepped Care for Chronic Pain (ESCAPE) in Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Safety and Benefit of Discontinuing Statin Therapy in the Setting of Advanced, Life-Limiting Illness: A Randomized Clinical Trial
- Effect of Vitamin D Supplementation on Blood Pressure: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis Incorporating Individual Patient Data
- Continuous Proton Pump Inhibitor Therapy and the Associated Risk of Recurrent Clostridium difficile Infection

**JAMIA**
Tailoring of alerts substantially reduces the alert burden in computerized clinical decision support for drugs that should be avoided in patients with renal disease
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/04/21/jamia.ocv027

**Lancet**
- Oseltamivir treatment for influenza in adults: a meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(14)62449-1/abstract
- Efficiency and safety of the combination of moxifloxacin, pretomanid (PA-824), and pyrazinamide during the first 8 weeks of antituberculosis treatment: a phase 2b, open-label, partly randomised trial in patients with drug-susceptible or drug-resistant pulmonary tuberculosis
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(14)62002-X/abstract
- Simplified antibiotic regimens compared with injectable procaine benzylpenicillin plus gentamicin for treatment of neonates and young infants with clinical signs of possible serious bacterial infection when referral is not possible: a randomised, open-label, equivalence trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(14)62284-4/abstract

**MJA**
CONSULTATIONS

**ACSQHC**
Draft National guidelines for on-screen display of clinical medicines information
The Commission is developing national guidelines for standardised presentation of on-screen medicines information to ensure benefit from investments in e-health initiatives and to maximise patient safety.
The consultation period closes today, 6th May via email to medsafty@safetyandquality.gov.au

**TGA**
- Orphan drugs program (closes on 15 June 2015)
- Draft OTC medicine monographs for Bromhexine hydrochloride; Dextromethorphan hydrobromide; Laxatives: Docusate sodium and/or sennosides; Hand sanitisers (closes on 11 June 2015)

OTHER NEWS
Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in **bold**)

**AACB**
ANZ Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Workshop. 14-15 May 2015, SMC Conference Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney NSW

**Australia RUG**
Cerner Australian Regional User Group 2015. 20-22 May 2015, Pullman Melbourne on the Park
https://www.etouches.com/ehome/rug15

**AHHA-NHPA**
Workshop: The Improvement Challenge: How local health performance information creates opportunities to improve rural and remote health outcomes.
24 May 2015, 9am - 3pm, Waterfront 1, Darwin Convention Centre
http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/13nrhc/preconference

**CRE-PS/Disaster Medical Coordination International Society**
Five day workshop titled "Missioncraft in Disaster Relief Operations", 25-29 May 2015, Monash, Melbourne
**VHQA**

**EMA**
Workshop of the European Network of Paediatric Research at the European Medicines Agency (Enpr-EMA) - Promoting high quality scientific research in paediatric medicines - 28 May 2015, London

**CEBM (Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine)**
'Harms in Health Care' Five Day Workshop chaired by Jeffrey Aronson, 22-26 June 2015, Oxford, UK. NB Small registration numbers possible so don't delay
[http://www.cebm.net/harms-health-care/](http://www.cebm.net/harms-health-care/)

**ISQUA**
'Building Quality and Safety into the Healthcare System', 4-7 October 2015, Doha, Qatar. Early bird registrations close 15th July 2015

**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

**SHPA**
Medicines Management 2015, 3-6 December 2015, Melbourne Convention Centre.
Call for abstracts now open - closes Friday 17 July 2015
[http://mm2015shpa.com/](http://mm2015shpa.com/)