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TAG ACTIVITIES
**Upcoming Meetings**
- TAG General Committee meeting: 19 June 2017
- TAGNet meeting: 20 June 2017

**Requests for information**

CONSULTATIONS
**TGA**

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA
**AIHW**

**CEC**
**TGA**
- The Poisons Standard June 2017 (The SUSMP No 17)
- Recall update. Apotex – Pantoprazole 40mg and 20mg tablets potential missing blister sheets (additional strength affected).
- Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs: Rovalpituzumab Tesirine for the treatment of small cell lung cancer
- Prescription medicines - registration of new chemical entities:
  Trifluridine/tipiracil hydrochloride (Lonsurf/Orcantas) for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) who have been previously treated with, or are not considered candidates for fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin- and irinotecan-based chemotherapies, anti-VEGF agents, and anti-EGFR agents.
  - Silodosin (Urorec) for the relief of lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia in adult men.

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**
**AHRQ**
- Treatment of Clostridium difficile

**IHI**
- Quality Improvement Essentials Toolkit
  http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/Quality-Improvement-Essentials-Toolkit.aspx

**NICE**
- Haematological cancers
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs150

**NIHR Signals**
- Pneumococcal vaccines for people with COPD reduce their chance of catching pneumonia
- Combination inhaler treatment in emergency departments may reduce admissions for asthma attacks
  https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000660/combination-inhaler-treatment-in-emergency-departments-may-reduce-admissions-for-asthma-attacks
- Drugs may help people pass larger kidney stones
  https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000658/drugs-may-help-people-pass-larger-kidney-stones

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- How can we minimise the risks to patients when using intravenous phenytoin in status epilepticus (SE)?

**WHO**
- Updates to the Essential Medicines List with new advice on use of antibiotics and medicines for hepatitis C, HIV, tuberculosis and cancer

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**NSW Health**
- Safety Notice: DILAUDID (HYDROMorphone) Oral Liquid 1mg/mL – Disruption to Supply
**ISMP**
- Common Missteps With Medication Safety: Rolling A Single Dice, Ineffective Strategies, And Unexecuted Action Plans

**MEDICINE SHORTAGES**
**Vinblastine:** There is a shortage for DBL™ VINBLASTINE INJECTION (vinblastine sulfate) 10 mg/10mL vials. There are alternate suppliers of unregistered vinblastine sulfate 10 mg/10mL (distributed under the Special Access Scheme (SAS) arrangement).

**APO-Oxytocin 10 units ampoule issue:** Deborah Endean, Pharmaceutical Contracts Manager, has received reports have been received that APO-Oxytocin 10units ampoules B: 22410217 E: 05/2018 have been known to shatter when snapping the top off. Apotex now expect a short term out of stock for APO-Oxytocin until their next delivery (expected July 17).

**Atropine Eye Drops 1% (Atropt), Aspen advise normal supply expected in mid-August 2017.**

**Fentanyl injection (various brands), Normal supply expected in mid-July to mid-August 2017.**

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**AJHP**
- Relationship between rate of fentanyl infusion and time to achieve sedation in non-obese and obese critically ill children
  [http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/06/06/ajhp160230.abstract?papetoc](http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/06/06/ajhp160230.abstract?papetoc)

**Australian Health Review**
- Shape of allied health: an environmental scan of 27 allied health professions in Victoria

**BMJ**
- Prenatal antidepressant use and risk of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder in offspring: population based cohort study
  [http://www.bmj.com/content/357/bmj.j2350](http://www.bmj.com/content/357/bmj.j2350)

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Digitalisation of medicines: artefact, architecture and time
  [http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/06/03/bmjqs-2017-006661](http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/06/03/bmjqs-2017-006661)

**Cochrane Library**
- Empirical antibiotics targeting gram-positive bacteria for the treatment of febrile neutropenic patients with cancer

**JAMA Pediatrics**
- Effect of Nebulized Hypertonic Saline Treatment in Emergency Departments on the Hospitalization Rate for Acute Bronchiolitis: A Randomized Clinical Trial
  [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2630629](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2630629)

**JAMA Surgery**
- Postoperative Multimodal Analgesia Pain Management with Non-opioid Analgesics and Techniques: A Review
  [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2629299](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2629299)

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Outcomes of pulmonary arterial hypertension therapy in Australia: is monotherapy adequate?

**MJA**
- Reducing cardiovascular disease risk in diabetes: a randomised controlled trial of a quality improvement initiative
**NEJM**
- Abiraterone plus Prednisone in Metastatic, Castration-Sensitive Prostate Cancer
- Adjuvant Capecitabine for Breast Cancer after Preoperative Chemotherapy

**Paediatrics**
- The Safety of Medications in Pregnant Women: An Opportunity to Use Database Studies
  [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/05/30/peds.2016-4194](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/05/30/peds.2016-4194)

**The Lancet** – Psychiatry
- Pharmacological treatments and risk of readmission to hospital for unipolar depression in Finland: a nationwide cohort study

**The Lancet** – Respiratory Medicine
- A novel endpoint for exacerbations in asthma to accelerate clinical development: a post-hoc analysis of randomised controlled trials

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**Women and Heart Disease Forum, 14th June 2017, Qantas Centre of Service Excellence, 70-80 Euston Road, Alexandria NSW**

**CEC ‘Introduction to Run and Pareto Charts and Basic Measurement’ WebEx, 21st June 2-4pm (presented on additional dates throughout the year)**

**Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Clinical Pharmacology International Summer Courses, Utrecht University, The Netherlands**
3-7 July 2017 - Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug safety
10-14 July 2017 - Pharmaceutical Policy Analysis
17-21 July 2017 - Pharmacoeconomics
[www.utrechtsummerschool.nl](http://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl)

**HOW SWEET IS YOUR HEART? A Symposium on Diabetes and Cardiology**
13 JULY 2017, 5.30 – 8.00 pm
UWS AUDITORIUM, Blacktown Hospital Campus, Blacktown NSW 2148

**Health Informatics Short Course, Flinders University SA**
19 -23 July 2017, Victoria Square, Room 2,182 Victoria Square, Adelaide

**HealthShare NSW and eHealth NSW Expo, 3rd August 2017, Rosehill Gardens, Rosehill NSW**

**Healthcare Leaders Forum, Swissotel, Sydney, 22 & 23 August 2017**

**6th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2017, Roma, Italy, 6-8th September 2017**
Abstract submission to 31 March 2017
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
http://www.isqua.org/Events/london-2017

**CEC’s ‘Advanced Measurement and Variation Workshop’ 23rd October (additional workshop on 13th November)**

**6th Annual NHMRC Symposium on Research Translation co-hosted with the Lowitja Institute**
Tuesday, 14 November 2017 - 9:00am to Wednesday, 15 November 2017 - 5:00pm
Brisbane, Australia

**SHPA Medicines Management 2017 Conference**
16-19 November 2017
Abstracts close 12 July 2017
http://mm2017shpa.com/

**International Conference on Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids**
‘Policy, Science, and Medical Practice’
22-24 November, 2017, Prague CZ.
http://medical-cannabis-conference.com/2017#.WRuzuEu7pFo

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