The purpose of TAG Mail is to assist TAG members identify and share relevant information for their professional practice. Members are encouraged to routinely forward TAG Mail to others who they believe would benefit from this information such as colleagues in the same hospital department if they are not already receiving TAG Mail.

TAG ACTIVITIES
**Meetings
- TAG Management Meeting – 15 August 2016 – 1:30pm – Concord Hospital or via teleconference
- TAG General Meeting – 15 August 2016 – 3:00pm – Concord Hospital or via teleconference
- TAGNet Meeting – 16 August 2016 - 11.00am - TAG Offices or via teleconference

TAG ACTIVITIES
**Email Discussions:
- Look-alike packaging of medicines: updates for NSWTAG website. Ongoing; but please provide feedback on strategies by 6 September 2016.

TAG WEBSITE
**CIAP
- CIAP has temporarily disabled the following forms on the NSW TAG website:
In the interim please contact NSW TAG via email nswtag@stvincents.com.au or by calling 02 8382 2852.

CONSULTATIONS
**TGA
- Proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard – ACMS meeting, November 2016. Closes 1 September 2016

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA
**AIHW
- Australian Burden of Disease Study: impact and causes of illness and death in Australia 2011 – summary report
- Diabetes indicators – Australia

**NPS MedicineWise
- Australia’s top 10 drugs
  http://www.nps.org.au/media-centre/media-releases/repository/Australias-top-10-drugs

**TGA
- Australia’s medicine labels are becoming clearer
- Transparency in drug regulation: public assessment reports in Europe and Australia
- General process for amending the Poisons Standard: Nicotine
- Recall update 2: Alere INRatio PT/INR monitor system
- Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs:
  - Avelumab for the treatment of Merkel Cell Carcinoma
  - Telotristat etiprate for the treatment of Carcinoid Syndrome
  http://www.tga.gov.au/updates-list-designated-orphan-drugs
- AusPAR added: Collagenase clostridium histolyticum (Xiaflex™) extension of indications

**NSW Health
- Surgical site infections associated with heater cooler devices

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ Patient Safety network
- Workarounds and test results follow-up in electronic health record–based primary care.

**Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin
- Reading between the guidelines
  http://dtb.bmj.com/content/early/2016/08/04/dtb.2016.8.0415.extract

**EMA
- European Commission publishes three-year report on implementation of pharmacovigilance legislation

**NICE
- Palliative care for adults: strong opioids for pain relief
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg140
- Obesity: clinical assessment and management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs127

MEDICATION SAFETY

**MHRA
- Riociguat (Adempas™): not for use in patients with pulmonary hypertension associated with idiopathic interstitial pneumonias
- Noxafil™ (posaconazole) tablet and oral suspension not interchangeable (Letter from Merck Sharp & Dohme)
  https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/57a09f0be5274a31e0001b42/Noxafil_DHPC_2016-07-06_3_.pdf

OTHER NEWS

**NPS MedicineWise
Be MedicineWise Week: 22-28 August 2016
‘Take charge of your medicines’
Campaign toolkit available at:
**Specialist Pharmacy Service (UK)
- Medicines Use and Safety, Procurement, QA and UKMi have launched a new website which brings together the content of a number of the historical Specialist Pharmacy Service websites
https://www.sps.nhs.uk/

**PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Annals of Internal Medicine
- Elbasvir–Grazoprevir to Treat Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Persons Receiving Opioid Agonist Therapy: A Randomized Trial
http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2542526

**Australian Prescriber
- The management of gout
- Managing behavioural and psychological symptoms in dementia
- Prescribing psychotropic drugs to adults with an intellectual disability

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
- Determinants of hepatotoxicity after repeated supratherapeutic paracetamol ingestion: systematic review of reported cases

**BMJ Open
- Effect of warning symbols in combination with education on the frequency of erroneously crushing medication in nursing homes: an uncontrolled before and after study
http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/6/8/e012286.short?g=w_open_current_tab

**Circulation
- Drugs That May Cause or Exacerbate Heart Failure: A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association
http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/134/6/e32

**Cochrane Library
- Nitrates for reducing death and cardiac complications in participants during non-cardiac surgery
- Soluble guanylate cyclase stimulators for raised blood pressure within the lungs
http://www.cochrane.org/CD011205/AIRWAYS_soluble-guanylate-cyclase-stimulators-raised-blood-pressure-within-lungs
- Statins for delaying the onset and progression of age-related macular degeneration
http://www.cochrane.org/CD006927/EYES_statins-delays-onset-and-progression-age-related-macular-degeneration
- Paracetamol for low back pain

**JAMA
- Effect of Early Vasopressin vs Norepinephrine on Kidney Failure in Patients With Septic Shock, The VANISH Randomized Clinical Trial

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Effect of the Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial (ALLHAT) on Conduction System Disease
- Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 Drugs as Second-Line Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
  http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2016/08/04/JCO.2016.68.6907.abstract

**MJA**
- Pre-hospital thrombolysis in ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction: a regional Australian experience

**NEJM**
- Two Phase 3 Trials of Adalimumab for Hidradenitis Suppurativa

**Pediatrics**
- Pneumococcal Vaccines in Preterm Infants: Are More Doses Better? Implications for Other Vaccines
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/08/04/peds.2016-0975
- Discontinuation and Nonpublication of Randomized Clinical Trials Conducted in Children.

**The Lancet**
- Bevacizumab plus paclitaxel versus bevacizumab plus capecitabine as first-line treatment for HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer (TURANDOT): primary endpoint results of a randomised, open-label, non-inferiority, phase 3 trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(16)30154-1/fulltext
- Fevipiprant, a prostaglandin D2 receptor 2 antagonist, in patients with persistent eosinophilic asthma: a single-centre, randomised, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(16)30179-5/fulltext
- Intravenous ferric carboxymaltose versus standard care in the management of postoperative anaemia: a prospective, open-label, randomised controlled trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhae/article/PIIS2352-3026(16)30078-3/fulltext

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)

**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
http://buenosaires2016.fip.org/

**2016 Press Ganey AU/NZ/ASIA Conference**
‘COMPASSIONATE CONNECTED CARE’ - Lessons from global thought leaders in patient experience
29th & 30th August 2016, PARKROYAL Darling Harbour, Sydney
www.pressganey.com.au

Sax Institute ‘45 and Up Study Collaborators’ Meeting 2016
‘Data, evidence and decision making for a better future’
6 September 2016, Powerhouse Museum Sydney, NSW

**1st World Sepsis Congress 8th-9th 2016 September 2016, Completely Online Participation is open to everyone with an internet connection and free of charge Prelude to the fifth World Sepsis Day on 13th September 2016 http://www.worldsepsiscongress.org/**


** CIAP Evidence Based Pharmacy Workshop – 19th September, 2016, Sydney, NSW**
The CIAP Evidence-Based Pharmacy Workshop will be held on Monday 19 September 2016 at the Forrest Training Centre, Level 7, 83 York St, Sydney, from 0900 - 1630.
This is an advanced workshop for pharmacists and is fully hands-on, with each participant having an individual computer throughout the day.
Registration to CIAP Workshops is available through HETI Online, or by visiting CIAP at www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au and selecting ‘Learning Centre’ (top menu), then ‘Workshops’ and the ‘Register’ link for the relevant workshop.

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

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

**The Guidelines International Network (G-I-N) 13th annual conference:**

**Asthma Australia**
‘Connecting Asthma Care’ Asthma Symposia Series
13 – 26 October 2016, Sydney
asthmaaustralia.org.au/symposium

**Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand: ‘Quality Improvement scientific symposium’ 18 October 2016, 9am – 4pm Novotel Auckland Airport, NZ.**

**Australian Disease Management Association 12th Annual National Conference**
“Person Centred Healthcare: Achievements & Challenges”, 20-12 October 2016, Melbourne


**SHPA Medicines Management 2016 Conference 16-19 November 2016, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA**
**ASCEPT-MPGPCR 2016 Meeting, 27-30 November 2016, Melbourne Convention Centre**
Abstracts close: 26 September 2016
http://www.asceptasm.com

**ISMP Medication Safety Intensive, 2-3 December 2016, Las Vegas**
http://www.ismp.org/educational/MSI/

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

**The 16th APCCMI (Asia Pacific Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infection)**
30 November - 3 December, 2016, Melbourne.
For more information on the meeting including abstract submission and registration please visit: www.apccmi2016.org

**Australian Society for Antimicrobials**
Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, 9 December 2016
www.antimicrobials2017.com

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

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