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Sasha Bennett is on leave until Monday 17 July 2017. For enquiries to NSW TAG, please contact Christa Lynch christa.lynych@svha.org.au whilst Sasha is away.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

- Hospital resources 2015-16: Australian hospital statistics
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129559916>
- The burden of musculoskeletal conditions in Australia
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129559932>
- The burden of chronic respiratory conditions in Australia
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129559933>

**ACSQHC

- Antimicrobial use in Australian hospitals: 2015 annual report of the National Antimicrobial Utilisation Surveillance Program
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2015-Annual-Report-of-the-NAUSP.pdf>

**TGA

- Medicinal cannabis: importation and the traveller's exemption
<https://www.tga.gov.au/medicinal-cannabis-importation-and-travellers-exemption>
- Special Access Scheme rules
<http://www.tga.gov.au/special-access-scheme-rules>
- Advertising reforms: Questions and answers
<http://www.tga.gov.au/advertising-reforms-questions-and-answers>
- Medical Devices Safety Update Volume 5, Number 4, July 2017 (IV infusion bags for single use only; other recent safety alerts)
<http://www.tga.gov.au/publication-issue/medical-devices-safety-update-volume-5-number-4-july-2017>
- TGA to improve the handling of advertising complaints
<http://www.tga.gov.au/media-release/tga-improve-handling-advertising-complaints>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

**CADTH

- The Use of Antivirals for Influenza Prophylaxis: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness
<https://www.cadth.ca/use-antivirals-influenza-prophylaxis-review-clinical-effectiveness-0>

**European Commission

- EU guidelines for the prudent use of antimicrobials in human health
https://ec.europa.eu/health/amr/sites/amr/files/amr_guidelines_prudent_use_en.pdf

****EMA**

- EMA restricts use of multiple sclerosis medicine daclizumab (Zinbryta™) while review of liver safety is ongoing
http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news_and_events/news/2017/07/news_detail_002773.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058004d5c1

****FDA**

- L-glutamine oral powder (Endari™) approved for patient's age five years and older with sickle cell disease to reduce severe complications.
<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm566084.htm>

****PLOS Medicine**

- Antimicrobial resistance in Neisseria gonorrhoeae: Global surveillance and a call for international collaborative action
<http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002344>

****WHO Drug Information, Volume 31, Number 2, 2017**

http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/druginformation/issues/DrugInformation2017_Vol31-2/en/

MEDICATION SAFETY

****TGA**

- Recall: NovoPen Echo insulin cartridge holder – risk of cracking or breaking that could affect dosing
<http://www.tga.gov.au/alert/novopen-echo-insulin-cartridge-holder>

****HQSC NZ**

- Injectable phenytoin incidents – risk of death and severe harm
<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/medication-safety/news-and-events/news/2977/>
- Transdermal patches and burns
<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/medication-safety/news-and-events/news/2978/>

OTHER NEWS

****Medicines Management 2017**

- Abstract submission deadline is **today**, Wednesday 12th July at 18:00 AEST
<http://mm2017shpa.com/call-for-abstracts/>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****Annals of Internal Medicine**

- Coffee Drinking and Mortality in 10 European Countries: A Multinational Cohort Study
<http://annals.org/aim/article/2643435/coffee-drinking-mortality-10-european-countries-multinational-cohort-study>

****British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**

- Psychotropic polypharmacy in Australia, 2006 to 2015: a descriptive cohort study
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/bcp.13369/full>

****BMJ**

- Benzodiazepines and risk of all cause mortality in adults: cohort study
<http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j2941>

****BMJ Open**

- Knowledge, attitude and practice of healthcare professionals towards infliximab and insulin glargine biosimilars: result of a UK web-based survey
<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/6/e016730>

****Cochrane Library**

- Early discharge hospital at home
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD000356.pub4/full>
- Topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for analgesia in traumatic corneal abrasions
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/wol1/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD009781.pub2/full>
- Morphine-like drugs for cancer pain
http://www.cochrane.org/CD012592/SYMPT_morphine-drugs-cancer-pain
- Rituximab for treating inhibitors in people with inherited severe hemophilia
http://www.cochrane.org/CD010810/CF_rituximab-treating-inhibitors-people-inherited-severe-hemophilia
- Statins for children with inherited high blood cholesterol
http://www.cochrane.org/CD006401/CF_statins-children-inherited-high-blood-cholesterol

****Heart**

- Genetics and clinical response to warfarin and edoxaban in patients with venous thromboembolism
<http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/07/heartjnl-2016-310901>

****JAMA Ophthalmology**

- Risk of Intraocular Bleeding With Novel Oral Anticoagulants Compared With Warfarin, A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaophthalmology/fullarticle/2633695>

****Journal of Pain and Symptom Management**

- Off-Label Medication Use in the Inpatient Palliative Care Unit
http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S088539241730180X?dgcid=raven_sd_via_email

****The Lancet**

- Effect of azithromycin on asthma exacerbations and quality of life in adults with persistent uncontrolled asthma (AMAZES): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(17\)31281-3/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)31281-3/fulltext)

****The Lancet Psychiatry**

- Poor medication adherence and risk of relapse associated with continued cannabis use in patients with first-episode psychosis: a prospective analysis
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366\(17\)30233-X/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(17)30233-X/fulltext)

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)

- **Health Informatics Short Course, Flinders University SA**
19 -23 July 2017, Victoria Square, Room 2,182 Victoria Square, Adelaide
[http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/fms/sites/health_care_management/HS_047_Health%20Informatics%20Flyer%20Update_v3\[3\].pdf](http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/fms/sites/health_care_management/HS_047_Health%20Informatics%20Flyer%20Update_v3[3].pdf)

- **HealthShare NSW and eHealth NSW Expo**
3rd August 2017, Rosehill Gardens, Rosehill
<http://www.hsnsw-ehnswwexpo.health.nsw.gov.au/>

- **Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS)**
“Safety and Quality Conference: The Deteriorating Patient”
7-8th August, Sofitel Sydney Wentworth
<http://www.sqao-anzics.com/>

- **The University of Sydney – Sydney Ideas**
Data Science - the Future of Better Health?
15th August, The Westmead Institute for Medical Research
176 Hawkesbury Road, Westmead
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sydney-ideas-westmead-data-science-the-future-of-better-health-tickets-34093068285#tickets>

- **ACI Mental Health Innovation Showcase**
17 August 2017, Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay NSW
<https://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/networks/mental-health/events/aci-mental-health-innovation-showcase>
- **Clinical Excellence Commission**
"Second NSW Antimicrobial Stewardship Forum"
18th August 9am-4.30pm, Sydney CBD
<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-webinars/upcoming-events/second-nsw-antimicrobial-stewardship-forum>
- ** Healthcare Leaders Forum, Swissotel, Sydney, 22 & 23 August 2017**
<http://healthcareleaders.com.au/>
- **CEC**
"Mental Health and Falls Workshop"
9am-4pm, 24th August, Barker St RANDWICK NSW
<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-webinars/upcoming-events/mental-health-and-falls-prevention-workshop>
- **International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare**
'*Aim. Act. Achieve.*'
24-26 August 2017, Kuala Lumpur
<http://internationalforum.bmj.com/kuala-lumpur/>
- **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)
<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-webinars/upcoming-events/amv-workshop-oct2017>
- **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
<https://icmsaust.eventsair.com/PresentationPortal/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FPresentationPortal%2Fnhmrc-symposium-2017%2Fcall-for-abstracts>
- **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>
- **Cochrane Australia, Australasian Cochrane Symposium 'Towards living evidence', 22-23rd November, Melbourne**
<http://australia.cochrane.org/news/australasian-cochrane-symposium>

****APSA-ASCEPT Joint Scientific Meeting**
'Optimising medicines for optimal patient outcomes'
5-8 December, 2017, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
<http://www.asceptasm.com/2017-annual-scientific-meeting/program-workshops/>

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