**TAG Mail 12 October 2016**

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**

**NSW TAG Life Saving Drugs Register: Antivenom Stocks 2016 Survey**
Email invitations have been sent out today. It would be appreciated if the survey could be completed by no later than 26 October 2016, to allow for the register to be updated coinciding with the approaching snake bite and spider bite season.
The link to the survey is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016antivenom](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016antivenom)

**Email Discussion**
- Introduction of ‘ENFit’ syringes. Closes 13 October 2016

**TAG WEBSITE**

**Practical Guidance**
The following document is now available on the website:

**Discussion Paper**
The following document is now available on the website:

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

**CONSULTATIONS**

**TGA**
**Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care**
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Hospital Medication Charts Development

**AIHW**
- Trends in alcohol availability, use and treatment 2003-04 to 2014-15
- Health expenditure Australia 2014-15

**NPS MedicineWise**
- Editorial: Costs, benefits and concerns in today’s cancer care
- Contraception: One size does not fit all

**TGA**
- Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicines, meeting statement, Meeting 30, 20 November 2015 (NSAIDs and spontaneous abortion, risk management plans).
- Safety review: NSAIDs and spontaneous abortion

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Liquid medication errors and dosing tools: a randomized controlled experiment.
- Provider risk factors for medication administration error alerts: analyses of a large-scale closed-loop medication administration system using RFID and barcode.

**NICE**
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis of HIV in adults at high risk: Truvada (emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil)
  https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/esnm78/chapter/Key-points-from-the-evidence

**TGA**
- Safety advisory: NSAIDs – inconsistent information about the known risk of miscarriage
- Biolo World Slimming capsules contain undeclared sibutramine and phenolphthalein
- Vigour 300 tablets contain undeclared sildenafil
- Bee Sexy Slimming capsules contain undeclared sibutramine
**FDA**
- Drug Safety Communication: Risk of Hepatitis B reactivating in patients treated with direct acting antivirals for Hepatitis C

**OTHER NEWS**
** Upcoming ISMP Webinar:**
- ‘Medication Reconciliation: Important Lessons Learned from an Emergency Department (ED) Pharmacist’
  Wednesday, November 9, 2016
  https://www.registrationheadquarters.com/events/?f8bfda0023174afd82a2920e742a9e8fa&mmurid=103605264

**Enabling pharmacists to improve the care of people living with a disability in NSW**
- The University of Sydney is conducting research into the impact of a pilot educational initiative regarding disability for pharmacists The study aims to up-skill pharmacists in the pharmacotherapeutics of disabling conditions, improve pharmacists’ skills in communication with people with disabilities, and raise pharmacists’ awareness of disability.
  Participation involves attendance at a half-day workshop, completion of a self-study manual, and self-reflection exercises. The workshop will be held from **2-5 pm on Sunday 30th October 2016 at the University of Sydney.**
  There is no cost to participate and the activities can be self-reported for CPD points. Places are filling up so if you would like to participate or find out more please call Sharon Davis on 0411817299, or email s.davis@sydney.edu.au.

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**Australian Prescriber**
- New drug: Blinatumomab for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
- New drug: Ocriplasmin for vitreomacular traction
  https://www.nps.org.au/australian-prescriber/articles/ocriplasmin
- New drug: Ulipristal acetate for emergency contraception

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Poor reporting and documentation in drug-associated Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis – Lessons for medication safety

**The BMJ**
- Risk of mortality with concomitant use of tamoxifen and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors: multi-database cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/354/bmj.i5014

**Cochrane Library**
- Bisphosphonates for treating osteoporosis caused by the use of steroids
  http://www.cochrane.org/CD001347/MUSKEL_bisphosphonates-treating-osteoporosis-caused-use-steroids
- Drugs (with the exception of botulinum toxin) to treat spasticity after stroke
  http://www.cochrane.org/CD010362/STROKE_drugs-exception-botulinum-toxin-treat-spasticity-after-stroke
- Gamma aminobutyric acid (GABA) receptor agonists for acute stroke
  http://www.cochrane.org/CD009622/STROKE_gamma-aminobutyric-acid-gaba-receptor-agonists-acute-stroke
- Paracetamol (acetaminophen) for prevention or treatment of pain in newborns
**EJHP**
- Physicochemical compatibility and emulsion stability of propofol with commonly used analgesics and sedatives in an intensive care unit
http://ejhp.bmi/content/early/2016/09/29/ejhpharm-2016-001038.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab

**JAMA**
- Empirical Micafungin Treatment and Survival Without Invasive Fungal Infection in Adults With ICU-Acquired Sepsis, Candida Colonization, and Multiple Organ Failure The EMPIRICUS Randomized Clinical Trial
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2565305

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Receipt of Antibiotics in Hospitalized Patients and Risk for Clostridium difficile Infection in Subsequent Patients Who Occupy the Same Bed
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2565687

**JAMIA**
- Impact of commercial computerized provider order entry (CPOE) and clinical decision support systems (CDSSs) on medication errors, length of stay, and mortality in intensive care units: a systematic review and meta-analysis
http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/10/06/jamia.ocw145

**NEJM**
- Adjuvant Sunitinib in High-Risk Renal-Cell Carcinoma after Nephrectomy
- Daratumumab, Lenalidomide, and Dexamethasone for Multiple Myeloma
- Levosimendan for the Prevention of Acute Organ Dysfunction in Sepsis
- Nivolumab for Recurrent Squamous-Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck
- Prolonged Survival in Stage III Melanoma with Ipilimumab Adjuvant Therapy

- Clinical Trials Series: The changing face of clinical trials

**The Lancet**
- Low-molecular-weight heparin and recurrent placenta-mediated pregnancy complications: a meta-analysis of individual patient data from randomised controlled trials
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(16)31139-4/fulltext

- Clinical Trials Series: The changing face of clinical trials

- Placebo response rates in antidepressant trials: a systematic review of published and unpublished double-blind randomised controlled studies
http://www.thelancet.com/action/showFullTextImages?pii=S2215-0366%2816%2930307-8

- Initial combination therapy with ambrisentan and tadalafil and mortality in patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension: a secondary analysis of the results from the randomised, controlled AMBITION study
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(16)30307-1/fulltext
UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)

**Asthma Australia**
‘Connecting Asthma Care’ Asthma Symposia Series
13 – 26 October 2016, Sydney

**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”, 20-22 October 2016, Melbourne

**Integrated Emergency Care for Older Persons Summit**
26-28 October 2016, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

**Secondary Prevention in Cardiology Conference 2016**
‘Ideas, Innovation and Inspiration from the Coalface’, 28 October 2016, The Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital, QLD (Videoconferencing available)

**Therapeutics Initiative** ‘Bringing Best Evidence to Clinicians: Combining Evidence and Clinical Pharmacology to Improve Drug Therapy’, 29 October 2016
Surrey Memorial Hospital, 13750 96 Ave, Surrey BC, UK

**Australian Association for Quality in Healthcare** ‘Using Data to Drive Change’
Friday 11th November 2016, Novotel Hotel Parramatta

**American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) **“Annual Symposium 2016”
12-16th November 2016, Chicago, USA
[https://www.amia.org/amia2016/registration#.V8HzwXLi-5I](https://www.amia.org/amia2016/registration#.V8HzwXLi-5I)

**SHPA Medicines Management 2016 Conference** 16-19 November 2016, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA
[http://mm2016shpa.com/](http://mm2016shpa.com/)

**4th World Congress on Integrated Care** “Investing in our Future: Improving the Health of People and Communities (WCIC4)” 23-25 November 2016, Wellington New Zealand

**ASCEPT-MPGPCR 2016 Meeting**, 27-30 November 2016, Melbourne Convention Centre
Abstracts close: 26 September 2016
[http://www.asceptasm.com](http://www.asceptasm.com)

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

**2nd Digital Hospital of the Future, ANZ 2016
‘Improving Patient Care Delivery and Monitoring with Digital Technology Innovations and Transformation’ 7th-9th December 2016, InterContinental Sydney Australia

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

https://children.wcha.asn.au/ismp_medsafety

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

**2017 NSW Patient Experience Symposium, 1st-2nd May 2017 Bay 4, Australian Technology Park Locomotive St, Eveleigh NSW  (Abstract Submissions close COB Friday 21st October 2016)

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