TAG Mail 15th April 2015

TAG MEETINGS
- DUE Support Group Tuesday 21st April 2015 3pm

TAG ACTIVITIES
- Email surveys and discussions
  -- Recommendations to ensure supplementary medication charts are not missed by clinicians - what steps, if any, hospitals are taking - please address emailed questions or supply relevant policy by 17th April
  -- Eye drops in surgery - NSW TAG is conducting a SurveyMonkey® of prescribing and dispensing practices at your hospital for routine eye surgery in response to a member’s enquiry and in light of significant variation amongst hospitals regarding the type of eye preparations prescribed for patients undergoing routine eye surgery (pre- and post-surgery), that the number of eye preparations dispensed vary, as well as how and when they are supplied. We would appreciate your hospital’s participation by 17th April. The link to the survey is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RHH8V8V

- Position
NSW TAG is advertising for:
-- Quality Use of Medicines Project Officer, Up to 30 hours per week, 1 year position with possibility of extension
For more information about either position, please contact Sasha Bennett nsntag@stvincents.com.au

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA
**AIHW
- National opioid pharmacotherapy statistics (NOPSAD)
- Australian Burden of Disease Study: fatal burden of disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 2010

**NPS-MedicineWise
- Heartburn and reflux
**TGA**
- Dianeal peritoneal dialysis solution and various irrigation solutions - recall

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

**CADTH**
- What’s on the 2015 Canadian Top 10 List of Game-Changing Health Technologies? (includes andexanet alfa for bleeding episodes associated with the NOACs)
- Factor V Leiden and Prothrombin Mutation Testing in Patients With Unprovoked Thromboembolism
  [https://www.cadth.ca/factor-v-leiden-and-prothrombin-mutation-testing-patients-unprovoked-thromboembolism](https://www.cadth.ca/factor-v-leiden-and-prothrombin-mutation-testing-patients-unprovoked-thromboembolism)

**Health Canada**
- Summary Safety Review - PRADAXA (dabigatran) and MULTAQ (dronedarone) or CORDARONE (amiodarone) - Drug-Drug Interaction

**NICE**
- Savings and Productivity and Local Practice Collections: Stopping perioperative antibiotics for post-tonsillectomy morbidity

**Centre for Disease Control and Prevention**
- National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

** The Health Foundation
- Evaluation: what to consider. Commonly asked questions about how to approach evaluation of quality improvement in health care
- Using communications approaches to spread improvement

MEDICATION SAFETY
** AHRQ
Automated communication tools and computer-based medication reconciliation to decrease hospital discharge medication errors.

** EMA
- Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee recommends updating advice on use of high-dose ibuprofen

** FDA
- Abuse-Deterrent Opioids — Evaluation and Labeling Guidance

PAPERS OF INTEREST
** Ann Intern Med
- Screening for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: A Systematic Review for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Screening for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
  http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleID=2246121

** BMJ
- Disease activity guided dose reduction and withdrawal of adalimumab or etanercept compared with usual care in rheumatoid arthritis
  http://www.bmj.com/content/350/bmj.h1389-0

** BMJ Quality and Safety
- Preventing device-associated infections in US hospitals: national surveys from 2005 to 2013
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2015/04/10/bmjqs-2014-003870.short?g=w_qs_ahead_tab
**Drug Safety**
- Initiatives to Identify and Mitigate Medication Errors in England
  https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s40264-015-0270-3

**Eur J Hosp Pharm**
- Pharmacist prescribing within a UK NHS hospital trust: nature and extent of prescribing, and prevalence of errors
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/22/2/79.full
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2015/04/13/ejhp-2014-000512.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab

**Health Affairs**
- Efficacy And Safety Concerns Are Important Reasons Why The FDA Requires Multiple Reviews Before Approval Of New Drugs
  http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/34/4/681.abstract

**Heart**
- Prevalence and antithrombotic management of atrial fibrillation in hospitalised patients
  http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2015/04/14/heartjnl-2014-307059.full

**Heart, Lung and Circulation**
- Indications for Omega-3 Long Chain Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid in the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease

**Intern Med Journal**
- Council of Australian Therapeutic Advisory Groups: supporting the Quality Use of Medicines across the acute-care sector
- Understanding and improving the use of allopurinol in a teaching hospital
- Association between vitamin B12 deficiency and long-term use of acid-lowering agents: a systematic review and meta-analysis
- Venous thromboembolism rates in patients undergoing major hip and knee joint surgery at Waitemata District Health Board: a retrospective audit

**JAMA**
- Site-Level Variation in and Practices Associated With Dabigatran Adherence

**JAMA Int Med**
- Effects of Low Blood Pressure in Cognitively Impaired Elderly Patients Treated With Antihypertensive Drugs  

- Prescription Opioid Duration of Action and the Risk of Unintentional Overdose Among Patients Receiving Opioid Therapy  

**JAMIA**
- Nature and management of duplicate medication alerts  
  http://jamia.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/04/09/jamia.ocv021

**Journal of Hospital Medicine**
- The July effect: an analysis of never events in the nationwide inpatient sample  

**Journal of Patient Safety**
- Impact of inpatient harms on hospital finances and patient clinical outcomes.  

**The Lancet**
- Crohn's disease management after intestinal resection: a randomised trial  
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(14)61908-5/abstract

**The Lancet Neurology**
- Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of interferon beta and glatiramer acetate in the UK Multiple Sclerosis Risk Sharing Scheme at 6 years: a clinical cohort study with natural history comparator  
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laneur/article/PIIS1474-4422(15)00018-6/abstract

**Pediatrics**
- Safety and Efficacy of Pimecrolimus in Atopic Dermatitis: A 5-Year Randomized Trial  
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/135/4/597.abstract
- Antipsychotic Medication Prescribing in Children Enrolled in Medicaid  
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/135/4/648.abstract

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**AACB**
ANZ Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Workshop. 14-15 May 2015, SMC Conference Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney NSW  

**AHRQ**
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) research conference will be held October 4-6, 2015 in Crystal City, VA. Health care research and policy sessions on improving quality, safety, access and value in health care.

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

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

**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/

**EMA**
Promoting high quality scientific research in paediatric medicines
Registration now open for a workshop of the European Network of Paediatric Research at the European Medicines Agency (Enpr-EMA) on 28 May 2015, London

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

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