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TAG MEETINGS
Nil

TAG ACTIVITIES
**Email discussions
- Formulary requests and audits of aminolevulinic acid (Gliolan™) – closes 16 July 2015
- The impact of TALL Man Lettering – closes 24 July 2015
- DTC management of patient who offers to pay for high cost drugs – closes 31 July
- Information for patients commencing warfarin – closes 6 August

**Life Saving Drugs Register
- A reminder for hospitals to please complete the Life Saving Drugs Register survey (Antidotes) to enable an update of information available on the NSWTAG website.
The link to the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSC2JFD

TAG WEBSITE
**Email Discussions
- Tapentadol addition to formularies

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA
**AIHW
Arthritis and its comorbidities

**TGA
- New AusPAR: gadobutrol (Gadovist)
- Advice that AusPAR format has been updated to give a clearer focus on the outcomes of the TGA’s evaluation process and the rationale on which a decision to accept or reject an application is made
- Safety advisory: Ivabradine (Coralan) and risk of cardiovascular events in patients with angina
- Recall: Terry White Chemists branded ibuprofen children’s suspension; also Chemmart and Pharmacy Choice ibuprofen children’s suspensions and Chemmart Children’s Paracetamol— risk of plastic fragments breaking from bottle and being ingested:

**NPS Medicine Wise
- Benzodiazepine dependence: reduce the risk

**ACSQHC
-- Health Literacy:
- Infographics
- Health literacy – a summary for executives and managers
- Health literacy – a summary for consumers
- Health literacy – a summary for clinicians

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL
**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA**
- Guideline Syntheses: Prevention of Recurrent Kidney Stones
- The role of patients and their relatives in 'speaking up' about their own safety—a qualitative study of acute illness.
- Patient and family engagement: a survey of US hospital practices
- National incidence of medication error in surgical patients before and after Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education duty-hour reform.

**Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)**
- Rapid response: Tamper-Resistant Oxycodone: A Review of the Clinical Evidence and Cost-effectiveness
https://www.cadth.ca/tamper-resistant-oxycodone-review-clinical-evidence-and-cost-effectiveness
- Rapid response: N-acetylcysteine for Acute Acetaminophen Overdose in the Pre-Hospital Setting: Guidelines
https://www.cadth.ca/n-acetylcysteine-acute-acetaminophen-overdose-pre-hospital-setting-guidelines

**FDA**
- FDA Drug Safety Podcast: FDA strengthens warning that non-aspirin nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) can cause heart attacks or strokes
- FDA approves targeted therapy for first-line treatment of patients with a type of metastatic lung cancer: gefitinib (Iressa). (Companion test also approved to identify appropriate patients)
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm454678.htm
- FDA approves new drug to treat schizophrenia and as an add-on to an antidepressant to treat major depressive disorder: brexpiprazole (Rexulti)
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm454647.htm
- FDA approves new drug to treat heart failure: sacubitril/valsartan (Entresto)
http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm453845.htm

**GOV.UK**
- Minimise transmission risk of CJD and vCJD in healthcare settings
- Latent TB testing and treatment for migrants: a practical guide for commissioners and practitioners

**Health Quality& Safety Commission New Zealand**
- Improving Together quality improvement tools
http://improvementmethodology.govt.nz/

**NICE**
- Atrial fibrillation: treatment and management
http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance qs93
- Type 2 diabetes: insulin degludec/liraglutide (Xultophy)
- Risk of neuropsychiatric adverse events with varenicline

**NHS East & South East England Specialist Pharmacy Services**
- Medicines Reconciliation: Best Practice Resource and Toolkit

**MHRA**
- Pharmaceutical buying groups in the NHS

**Public Health England**
- Prescribing of psychotropic medication for people with learning disabilities and autism

**Scottish Medicines Consortium**
- Latest advice: adalimumab, ceftobiprole, darunavir, olaparib, posaconazole, riociguat, rivaroxaban, sorafenib, tinzaparin, edolizumab, vinflunine

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**AHRQ**
- Overuse of botulinum toxin

**EMA**
- Review of HPV vaccines to further clarify aspects of their safety profile

**UKMi**
- In use product safety assessment for colistimethate sodium

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Mortality Associated With Medical Therapy Versus Elective Colectomy in Ulcerative Colitis: A Cohort Study

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology.**
- Measuring anticholinergic drug exposure in older community-dwelling Australian men: a comparison of four different measures.

**BMJ**
- Peri-procedural management of patients taking oral anticoagulants

**Eur Heart J Supplements**
- Why do we need observational studies of everyday patients in the real-life setting?
http://eurheartjsupp.oxfordjournals.org/content/17/suppl_D/D2.abstract?etoc
- Achieving access: addressing the needs of payors and health technology assessment agencies
http://eurheartjsupp.oxfordjournals.org/content/17/suppl_D/D15.abstract?etoc
- Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation: evidence from real-life studies
http://eurheartjsupp.oxfordjournals.org/content/17/suppl_D/D42.abstract?etoc

**JAMA**
- Guideline-Based Statin Eligibility, Coronary Artery Calcification, and Cardiovascular Events
- Cost-effectiveness of 10-Year Risk Thresholds for Initiation of Statin Therapy for Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease
- Six Months vs Extended Oral Anticoagulation After a First Episode of Pulmonary Embolism: The PADIS-PE Randomized Clinical Trial

**JAMA Neurology**
Treatment of Cognitive Deficits in Genetic Disorders: A Systematic Review of Clinical Trials of Diet and Drug Treatments
Treatment Outcomes With Rituximab in 100 Patients With Neuromyelitis Optica: Influence of FCGR3A Polymorphisms on the Therapeutic Response to Rituximab

**Journal for Healthcare Quality**
Computerized Clinical Decision Support to Prevent Venous Thromboembolism Among Hospitalized Patients: Proximal Outcomes from a Multiyear Quality Improvement Project
http://journals.lww.com/jhqonline/Fulltext/2015/07000/Computerized_Clinical_Decision_Support_to_Prevent_2.aspx

CONSULTATIONS
Nil

OTHER NEWS
Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**SHPA**
Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist Seminar, 23-24 July 2015, Peter Doherty Institute, Melbourne

**ACSQHC and NeHTA**
Implementing electronic medication management systems: Workshop ‘EMM 101 for hospitals’, 3 August 2015, Brisbane. Contact: kirsten.brighten@safetyandquality.gov.au

**VMIA**
Human Factors in Healthcare Forum, 5th August 2015 9.00am-1.00pm, The Alfred, AMREP Lecture Theatre, 75 Commercial Road, Melbourne

**Change Champions**
Medication Safety and Mental Health, 20 August, Melbourne.
**CEC**  
Medication Reconciliation Workshop, 14th August, Sydney  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q769CB5

**The AlfredTC-IFEM**  

**Hot topics in healthy ageing: Research evidence, clinical skills and tools to manage an ageing population, 21 September 2015, Melbourne**  

**4th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2015, 28-30 September 2015, Vienna**  
http://www.iarmm.org/4WCCS/

**AHRQ**  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) research conference, 4–6 October, 2015, Crystal City, Virginia USA  
Health care research and policy sessions on improving quality, safety, access and value in health care  

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

**National Hospital Procurement Conference, 29-30 October 2015, Sydney**  

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