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TAG ACTIVITIES
** NSW TAG Life Saving Drugs Register: Antidote Stocks 2017 Survey
Email invitations have been sent out today. It would be appreciated if the survey could be completed by no later than 1 March 2017.
The link to the survey is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANTIDOTE17](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANTIDOTE17)
If you have multiple hospitals to fill in, please re-use the link to complete separate surveys for each hospital.

** Email discussions: Perioperative management plan for patients taking anticoagulant or antiplatelet agents. Closes 7 March 2017

** Upcoming Meetings
- TAG Management Committee meeting 20th February 2017
- TAG General Committee meeting: 20th February 2017
- TAGNet meeting: 21st February 2017

TAG WEBSITE
** Building sustainable governance of electronic medication management: Guiding Principles for Drug and Therapeutic Committees in NSW Hospitals

** Survey Reports:
- Optimising timely access to life-saving drugs across NSW, the ACT and beyond.
- Revitalising hospital evaluation of medicines use- the case for DUE

CONSULTATIONS
** TGA
- Changes to accessing unapproved therapeutic good through the Authorised Prescriber (AP) and Special Access Schemes (SAS). Closes 29 March 2017
- Scheduling delegates’ interim decisions and invitation for further comment: ACCS/ACMS, November 2016. Closes 16 February 2017
- Reforms to the regulatory framework for complementary medicines: Assessment pathways. Closes 28 March 2017

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA
**ACSQHC**  
- National guidelines for on-screen presentation of discharge summaries  

**NPS MedicineWise**  
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)  

**TGA**  
- Medicine shortages: Glyceryl trinitrate tablets (Anginine™ and Lycinate™) (update)  
  Etopophos™ (etoposide phosphate) powder for injection vials and Vepesid™ etoposide capsules (update)  
- Submissions and TGA responses:  
  Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs: proposed additional advisory statement  
- Paracetamol and ibuprofen: proposed additional advisory statement  
- AusPAR added: Gadobutrol (Gadovist 1.0™) approved for use in children of all ages, including full term newborns.  

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**  
**British Oncology Pharmacy Association**  
- Implementation of Biosimilar MABs in Oncology-Role of Pharmacy  

**British Society for Haematology**  
- Guidelines on the management of drug-induced immune and secondary autoimmune, haemolytic anaemia  
  http://b-s-h.org.uk/media/2642/aiha_secondary_guideline_bsh_website.pdf

**CADTH**  
- Aripiprazole for borderline personality disorder: a review of the clinical effectiveness  
  https://www.cadth.ca/aripiprazole-borderline-personality-disorder-review-clinical-effectiveness-0

**FDA**  
- Deflazacort (Emflaza™) approved to treat patients age 5 years and older with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD)  
  http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm540945.htm

**NICE**  
- Menopause  
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs143

**WHO**  
- Epilepsy  
  http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs999/en/

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**NSW Health**
- Safety Notice: Glyceryl trinitrate (GTN) tablets – disruption to supply

**Healthy Canadians**
- Health Canada safety review finds risk of serious skin burns with over-the-counter topical pain relievers containing menthol

**ISMP**
- Using information from external errors to signal a “clear and present danger”

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Systemic Pharmacologic Therapies for Low Back Pain: A Systematic Review for an American College of Physicians Clinical Practice Guideline

**AJHP**
- Penicillin skin testing as an antimicrobial stewardship initiative
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/4/232
- Impact of a national antimicrobial stewardship mentoring program: Insights and lessons learned
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/4/224?etoc=
- Incorporation of formal leadership activities into pharmacy residencies
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/4/196?etoc

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Comparing intravenous and oral proton pump inhibitor therapy for bleeding peptic ulcers following endoscopic management. A systematic review and meta-analysis.
- Population pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of linezolid-induced thrombocytopenia in hospitalized patients

**British Journal of Haematology**
- Peri-operative management of anticoagulation and antiplatelet therapy

**BMJ**
- Effectiveness and safety of reduced dose non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants and warfarin in patients with atrial fibrillation: propensity weighted nationwide cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/356/bmj.j510

**BMJ Open**
- Comparison of the therapeutic dose of warfarin in HIV-infected and HIV-uninfected patients: a study of clinical practice
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/2/e013709

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Exploring the roots of unintended safety threats associated with the introduction of hospital ePrescribing systems and candidate avoidance and/or mitigation strategies: a qualitative study
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/02/06/bmqs-2016-005879

**Cochrane**
- Aspirin (single dose) for perineal pain in the early postpartum period
- Fixed dose subcutaneous low molecular weight heparins versus adjusted dose unfractionated heparin for the initial treatment of venous thromboembolism
- Hepatitis B immunoglobulin during pregnancy for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B virus
- Interventions to improve antibiotic prescribing practices for hospital inpatients
- Long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) plus long-acting beta-agonist (LABA) versus LABA plus inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) for stable chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

**Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin**
- Daclizumab for MS
- Spironolactone—potion or poison?

**Heart**
- Drug-eluting stents versus bare-metal stents in acute myocardial infarction with cardiogenic shock

**JAMA Cardiology**
- Effectiveness of Medication Adherence Reminders Tied to “Fresh Start” Dates: A Randomized Clinical Trial

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Trends in Central Nervous System–Active Polypharmacy Among Older Adults Seen in Outpatient Care in the United States

**JAMIA**
- Using digital interventions to improve the cardiometabolic health of populations: a meta-review of reporting quality

**NEJM**
- Osimertinib or Platinum–Pemetrexed in EGFR T790M–Positive Lung Cancer
- Registry-Based Prospective, Active Surveillance of Medical-Device Safety

**Pediatrics**
- Epinephrine for First-aid Management of Anaphylaxis

**Prescrire**
- Sacubitril + valsartan (Entresto™) in chronic heart failure. Favourable results in highly selected patients

**The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety**
- Improving Communication with Primary Care Physicians at the Time of Hospital Discharge
The Lancet
- Quarter-dose quadruple combination therapy for initial treatment of hypertension: placebo-controlled, crossover, randomised trial and systematic review
  [link]

The Lancet Neurology
- Treatment effectiveness of alemtuzumab compared with natalizumab, fingolimod, and interferon beta in relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis: a cohort study
  [link]

The Lancet Oncology
- Utidelone plus capecitabine versus capecitabine alone for heavily pretreated metastatic breast cancer refractory to anthracyclines and taxanes: a multicentre, open-label, superiority, phase 3, randomised controlled trial
  [link]

The Lancet Public Health
- Effects of naloxone distribution alone or in combination with addiction treatment with or without pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention in people who inject drugs: a cost-effectiveness modelling study
  [link]

The Lancet Psychiatry
- Trajectories of relapse in randomised, placebo-controlled trials of treatment discontinuation in major depressive disorder: an individual patient-level data meta-analysis
  [link]

The Lancet Respiratory Medicine
- Effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccination in community-dwelling elderly people: an individual participant data meta-analysis of test-negative design case-control studies
  [link]

Travel Medicine and Infectious Disease
- Fluoroquinolone users select fluoroquinolone-resistant ESBL-PE: data of prospective traveller study
  [link]

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**ACI Chronic Care Network**
Bright Spots across the Bush - Lessons in Integrated Care
17 February 2017, Dubbo
[link]

**Australian Society for Antimicrobials**
23 - 26 February 2017, Adelaide
[link]

**HISA NSW**
- My Health Record E-health Record Solutions Workshop, 2-3 March, 2017. Hunter Medical Research Institute (Grounds of John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle)
[link]

**ISMP CHA Medication Safety Intensive, Sydney, March 9-10 2017.**
[link]
**Informa eMedication Management Conference, 14-15th March 2017, Swissotel, Sydney**

**The Digital Health Show 2017, 29-30th March 2017, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre**

**Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand - Choosing Wisely Symposium, 30th March 2017, Te Papa Museum, Wellington, New Zealand**

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

**Updated details: 2017 Patient Experience Symposium, 2nd-3rd May 2017, Grand Lodge, Sydney Masonic Centre, 279 Castlereagh Street, Sydney**

[https://www.ivvy.com/event/RUG17/](https://www.ivvy.com/event/RUG17/)

**1st Australasian Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference, Melbourne, 24-25 May 2017**
[www.improvediagnosis.org/AusDEM17](http://www.improvediagnosis.org/AusDEM17)

[https://www.ivvy.com/event/RUG17/](https://www.ivvy.com/event/RUG17/)

**6th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2017, Roma, Italy, 6-8th September 2017**
Abstract submission to 31 March 2017
[http://www.iarmm.org/6WCCS/](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**

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