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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 were sent out last Wednesday. 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

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
- Consultations on adoption of European Union guidelines in Australia. Closes 9 November 2016
- Consultation: diclofenac, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, mefenamic acid and naproxen for oral use – proposed additional advisory statement for medicines. Closes 22 November 2016

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

** AIHW
- Mental health services in brief 2016.

**NPS MedicineWise**
- Antibiotic Awareness Week 14-20 November 2016

**TGA**
- AusPAR added: Pembrolizumab (rch) (Keytruda™) for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma in adults.
- AusPAR added: Tocilizumab rch (Actemra™) for rheumatoid arthritis (new dosage form, new dose, new strength and new route of administration).
- AusPAR added: sacubitril/valsartan salt complex (new combination product).
- AusPAR added: Lesinurad (Zurampic™) indicated in combination with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor for the treatment of hyperuricaemia associated with gout in patients who have not achieved target serum uric acid levels with an adequate dose of a xanthine oxidase inhibitor alone.
- Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs:
  Andepatuzumab mafodotin for the treatment of glioblastoma multiforme.
  Crizotinib for the treatment of ROS1-positive non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
  Rufinamide for the treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.
  http://www.tga.gov.au/updates-list-designated-orphan-drugs

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**

**EMA**
- Use of metformin to treat diabetes now expanded to patients with moderately reduced kidney function (GFR 30-59mL/min).

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- What factors should be considered when using LMWH to treat venous thromboembolism in patients with high body weight?
- What are the equivalent doses of oral morphine to other oral opioids when used as analgesics in adult palliative care?
- Are there any complementary and alternative medicines that should be avoided in patients on cancer chemotherapy?
  https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/are-there-any-complementary-and-alternative-medicines-that-should-be-avoided-in-patients-on-cancer-chemotherapy/
- Tamoxifen and SSRI or SNRI antidepressants – is there an interaction?
  https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/tamoxifen-and-ssri-or-snri-antidepressants-is-there-an-interaction/

**UK Department of Health: National Advisory Group on Health Information Technology in England**
Using Information technology to improve the NHS

MEDICATION SAFETY
**TGA**
- Safety Advisory: Anima Vibe insulin pumps – potential battery issues if compartment cracked.

**MHRA**
- Etoricoxib (Arcoxia): revised dose recommendation for rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis.

**SABS**
- Medical Gas Cylinders

**Healthy Canadians**
Fulvestrant (Faslodex™) – Risk of unnecessary therapy modification due to falsely elevated oestradiol levels.

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/?f8bfda0023174afda92a9e8fa&mmurid=103605264

**Enabling pharmacists to improve the care of people living with a disability in NSW**
- Aimed 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. To find out more please call Sharon Davis on 0411817299, or email s.davis@sydney.edu.au.

**The Emergency Medicine Research Short Course**
This is a 4 - 5 month course run conjointly by Monash University and The Alfred Emergency & Trauma Centre. It provides students with a thorough understanding of Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) and Research Methods (RM) in the emergency medicine setting. For more information please visit http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sphpm/creps/seminars.html

**Studying Health Policy Webinar**
The Menzies Centre for Health Policy is pleased to invite you to a webinar to learn more about postgraduate degrees in Health Policy offered at the University of Sydney. Thursday, 27 October, 12.30 – 1.30 pm. Please use the following link to register your interest:
http://www.eventbrite.com/e/health-policy-webinar-tickets-28175851731
Anyone unable to attend the Webinar, please contact Carmen Huckel Schneider, Director, Master of Health Policy at carmen.huckelschneider@sydney.edu.au
**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Australian Health Review**
- Comparison of medication policies to guide nursing practice across seven Victorian health services
- Becoming a clinician researcher in allied health

**BMJ**
- Antenatal corticosteroids for maturity of term or near term fetuses: systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials
  [http://www.bmj.com/content/355/bmj.i5044](http://www.bmj.com/content/355/bmj.i5044)

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Altered pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of cisatracurium in patients with severe mitral valve regurgitation during anaesthetic induction period

**Cochrane Library**
- Bifeprunox compared with placebo for schizophrenia
  [http://www.cochrane.org/CD012029/SCHIZ_bifeprunox-compared-placebo-schizophrenia](http://www.cochrane.org/CD012029/SCHIZ_bifeprunox-compared-placebo-schizophrenia)
- Drugs to treat phantom limb pain in people with missing limbs
- Induced hypotension with propofol under anaesthesia during endoscopic sinus surgery
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for sciatica
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- Short-term and long-term effects of tibolone in postmenopausal women

**EJHP**
- Incorrect aseptic techniques in medicine preparation and recommendations for safer practices: a systematic review
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/10/12/ejhpharm-2016-001015.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2016/10/12/ejhpharm-2016-001015.short?g=w_ejhp_ahead_tab)

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- What are the similarities and differences in antimicrobial prescribing between Australian public and private hospitals?
- Medication appropriateness tool for co-morbid health conditions in dementia: consensus recommendations from a multidisciplinary expert panel

**JAMA**
- Probiotics and the Prevention of Antibiotic-Associated Diarrhea in Infants and Children
  [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2565735](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2565735)

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- Association of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor Exposure During Pregnancy With Speech, Scholastic, and Motor Disorders in Offspring

**Pediatrics**
- A Quality Improvement Initiative: Improving the Frequency of Inpatient Electronic Prescribing
UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**Integrated Emergency Care for Older Persons Summit**
26-28 October 2016, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
http://www.cvent.com/e.aspx?1T

**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)
http://www.acra.net.au/event/qcra-heart-foundation-conference-2016/

**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

**SHPA Medicines Management 2016 Conference 16-19 November 2016, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA**
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**
http://integratedcarefoundation.org/events/wcic4-4th-world-congress-on-integrated-care-wellington-new-zealand

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

**Best Practice in Chronic Pain Medication Management Day Conference Friday 2nd December**
Alfred Medical Research and Education Precinct Lecture Theatre, 75 Commercial Road, Melbourne
Register Online (registration closes on Thursday 24th November 2016)
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/

**ISMP Medication Safety Intensive, 2-3 December 2016, Las Vegas**
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 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, Adelaide. 23 - 25 February and 25 - 26 February 2017
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, Eveleigh NSW  (Abstract submissions close COB Friday 21st October 2016)

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