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 Registers
- The Life Saving Drugs Register - Antivenoms 2016 will be uploaded to the website today. These Antivenom and Antidote registers are used by NSW hospitals, hospitals of other jurisdictions, retrieval services and Poisons Information Centres across Australia to provide 24-hour assistance in location of antidote and antivenom stocks. As such, when NSW TAG has not received stock information from a hospital, the hospital will be listed with a ‘NO DETAILS PROVIDED’ notation. Hospitals which do not stock antidotes or antivenoms will also be identified. For facilities that have not yet responded please provide details using the following link [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/antivenom2016](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/antivenom2016)

** Margaret Jordan is attending the Anticoagulant Medicines Working Party at the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) on Friday 25 November. The NOAC guidelines are published on the CEC website [http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/326419/noac_guidelines.pdf](http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/326419/noac_guidelines.pdf) The working party is now developing guidance for the management of antithrombotic agents in the perioperative period. For more information, please contact Margaret ([Margaret.Jordan@svha.org.au](mailto:Margaret.Jordan@svha.org.au))

TAG WEBSITE
**CIAP
Please contact NSW TAG via email [nswtag@stvincents.com.au](mailto:nswtag@stvincents.com.au) or by calling 02 8382 2852.

CONSULTATIONS
**TGA

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA
**AIHW

**NPS MedicineWise

**NSW Health

**TGA
- Recall: Kaiser Pharmaceutical Traditional Chinese Medicine Products – potential for adverse events relating to aristolochic acid(s).
- Registration of new prescription medicines:
  --Ixazomib (Ninlaro™) for use in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy.
  --Alpha 1-proteinase inhibitor (Prolastin CTM) indicated to increase serum Alpha 1-PI levels in adults with congenital deficiency of alpha-1 antitrypsin and with clinically significant emphysema (FEV1<80%).

- AusPAR added: Netupitant/Palonosetron (Akynezo™) for the prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic and of moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy in adults.

- AusPAR added: Selexipag (Uptravi™) for patients with WHO functional class II, III or IV symptoms for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension; heritable pulmonary arterial hypertension; pulmonary arterial hypertension associated with connective tissue disease/congenital heart disease with repaired shunts/ with drugs and toxins.

- AusPAR added: Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine (Truvada TM) now also indicated in combination with safer sex practices for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to reduce risk of sexually acquired HIV-1 in adults at high risk.

- Updates to the prescribing medicines in pregnancy database: Six newly registered medicines added and 65 previously registered medicines added.

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

**EMA**
- EPAR added: Lenvatinib (Kisplyx™) for the treatment of adults with advanced renal cell carcinoma

**ISMP**
Is an indication-based prescribing system in our future?

**NICE**
- Intrapartum care for healthy women and babies

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**NSW Health**
- Implantable cardiac defibrillator and cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillator devices

**MHRA**
- Brimonidine gel (Mirvaso): risk of exacerbation of rosacea

**NHS**
Patient Safety Alert: Risk of severe harm and death due to withdrawing insulin from pen devices
**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**AJHP**
- ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Forecast 2017: Strategic Planning Advice for Pharmacy Departments in Hospitals and Health Systems
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/11/18/sp170001?papetoc
- Meta-analysis of ascorbic acid for prevention of postoperative atrial fibrillation after cardiac surgery
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/11/15/ajhp160066
- Evaluation of a protocol to optimize duration of pneumonia therapy at hospital discharge
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2016/11/15/ajhp160011
- Precision medicine in oncology: New practice models and roles for oncology pharmacists
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/23/1935.abstract?etoc
- Implementation of inpatient models of pharmacogenetics programs
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/23/1944.abstract?etoc
- Integrating pharmacogenomics into electronic health records with clinical decision support
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/23/1967.abstract?etoc
- Evidence and resources to implement pharmacogenetic knowledge for precision medicine
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/23/1977.abstract?etoc
- Educational strategies to enable expansion of pharmacogenomics-based care
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/73/23/1986.abstract?etoc

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- A Reporting Tool for Practice Guidelines in Health Care: The RIGHT Statement

**BMJ**
- Community acquired pneumonia incidence before and after proton pump inhibitor prescription: population based study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/355/bmj.i5813
- Management of mild hypertension in adults
  http://www.bmj.com/content/355/bmj.i5719

**Canadian Medical Association Journal**
- Association between statin use and ischemic stroke or major hemorrhage in patients taking dabigatran for atrial fibrillation
  http://www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2016/11/21/cmaj.160303

**Cochrane Library**
- Drug therapies for reducing gastric acidity in people with cystic fibrosis
- Steroid avoidance or withdrawal for kidney transplant recipients
- Pharmacological interventions for pruritus in adult palliative care patients
  http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD008320.pub3/abstract;jsessionid=264FF92C44A674EED5B0CFD70375FEAA4.f03t02

**JAMA**
- Effect of Evolocumab on Progression of Coronary Disease in Statin-Treated Patients, The GLAGOV Randomized Clinical Trial
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2584184

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Association of 3 Different Antihypertensive Medications with Hip and Pelvic Fracture Risk in Older Adults: Secondary Analysis of a Randomized Clinical Trial
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2587085
**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
- Safety Profile of Nivolumab Monotherapy: A Pooled Analysis of Patients with Advanced Melanoma

**MJA**
- Antimicrobial use in Australian hospitals: how much and how appropriate?
- Nocebo effects in practice: methotrexate myths and misconceptions

**NEJM**
- Ustekinumab as Induction and Maintenance Therapy for Crohn’s Disease
- Palbociclib and Letrozole in Advanced Breast Cancer

**Paediatrics**
- Intravenous versus Oral Antibiotics for Post-discharge Treatment of Complicated Pneumonia
  [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/11/15/peds.2016-1692](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/11/15/peds.2016-1692)

**The Lancet**
- Head-to-head comparison of certolizumab pegol versus adalimumab in rheumatoid arthritis: 2-year efficacy and safety results from the randomised EXCELERATE study
- Intratympanic methylprednisolone versus gentamicin in patients with unilateral Ménière's disease: a randomised, double-blind, comparative effectiveness trial

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**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](http://www.antimicrobials2017.com)

**10th Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe (PCNE) Working Conference**
‘Lead – Engage- Disseminate’
1 - 4 February 2017 in Bled, Slovenia.

**ISMP CHA Medication Safety Intensive, Sydney, March 9-10 2017**
Early bird ends 31 October 2016

**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)

**2017 NSW Patient Experience Symposium, 1st-2nd May 2017**
Bay 4, Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh NSW

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