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The purpose of TAGMail is to assist TAG members identify and share relevant information for their professional practice. Members are encouraged to routinely forward TAGMail to others who they believe would benefit from this information such as colleagues in the same hospital department if they are not already receiving TAGMail. NSW TAG may be contacted via email nswtag@stvincents.com.au or by calling 02 8382 2852.

TAG WEBSITE
**NSW TAG Life Saving Drugs Register: Antidote Stocks 2017 Survey**
The NSW TAG LSDR Antidotes 2017 has been uploaded to the website. The LSDRs (Antidotes and Antivenoms) 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. Hospitals which do not stock antidotes or antivenoms are also identified. As such, when NSW TAG has not received stock information from a hospital, the hospital will be listed with a ‘NO DETAILS PROVIDED’ notation. This can be amended once responses are received. The link to the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANTIDOTE17

TAG ACTIVITIES
Sasha Bennett will give an oral presentation entitled ‘Metabolic Monitoring of Patients Receiving Antipsychotics: Multisite Quality Improvement Study’ at the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists’ Annual 2017 Congress in Adelaide next week.

Email discussion: IM lorazepam for sedation. Closes Monday 1st May 2017

CONSULTATIONS
- Consultation: Provisional Approval pathway for prescription medicines. Closes 1 May 2017
- Consultation: Strengthening monitoring of medicines in Australia. Closes 1 May 2017
- Consultation: Options for the future regulation of ‘low risk’ products. Closes 12 May 2017

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA
**ACSQHC**
- Top Tips for Safe Health Care: Booklet for Consumers

**AIHW**
- Older Australia at a glance 2017
- Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia, 2015-16: key findings

**NSW Health**
- NSW Clinical Service Framework for Chronic Heart Failure 2016
- Policy Directive: HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C – Management of Health Care Workers Potentially Exposed

**TGA**
- Recall: Span K™ (potassium chloride) 600mg tablets supplied without child-resistant caps
- Codeine-containing medicines: Harms and changes to patient access
- Prescription medicines: Registration of new chemical entities (folitropin delta (rhu); rurioctogog alpha pegol; alectinib; Grazax™)
- Prescription medicines: Extension of indications (tolvaptan; pembrolizumab; ibuprofen; adapalene/benzoyl peroxide; ustekinumab)
- AusPAR added: Brivaracetam (Briviact™) add-on therapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in patients from 16 years of age with epilepsy.
- AusPAR added: Nine tracer elements including chromic chloride (Addaven™)

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- The effects of bar-coding technology on medication errors: a systematic literature review.

**Healthy Canadians**
- Iodinated Contrast Media - Potential Risk of Hypothyroidism

**CADTH**
- Magnesium as an Alternative or Adjunct to Opioids for Chronic Pain: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines
  [https://www.cadth.ca/magnesium-alternative-or-adjunct-opioids-chronic-pain-review-clinical-effectiveness-and-guidelines-0](https://www.cadth.ca/magnesium-alternative-or-adjunct-opioids-chronic-pain-review-clinical-effectiveness-and-guidelines-0)
- The Use of Medical Cannabis with Other Medications: A Review of Safety and Guidelines
  [https://www.cadth.ca/use-medical-cannabis-other-medications-review-safety-and-guidelines-0](https://www.cadth.ca/use-medical-cannabis-other-medications-review-safety-and-guidelines-0)

**HQSCNZ**
- Health Quality & Safety Commission e-digest – Issue 66, 6–20 April 2017

**The Joint Commission**
- Crash-cart preparedness
  [https://www.jointcommission.org/issues/article.aspx?Article=ihVwWz8rhTSVMFZZgdV%2fLD4o0%2bbr1357U4sXQ8NaDU%3d&j=3241812&e=nswtag@stvincents.com.au&i=94.HTML&u=104205049&mid=1064717&jb=15](https://www.jointcommission.org/issues/article.aspx?Article=ihVwWz8rhTSVMFZZgdV%2fLD4o0%2bbr1357U4sXQ8NaDU%3d&j=3241812&e=nswtag@stvincents.com.au&i=94.HTML&u=104205049&mid=1064717&jb=15)

**SIGN**
- Managing asthma in children: A booklet for parents, carers and family members

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- Answers to commonly asked questions about biosimilar versions of rituximab

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**TGA**
- Safety advisories:
  - Idelalisib (Zydelig™) – change to indications and additions of warnings
- Lose Weight Capsules contain undeclared sibutramine and diclofenac
- Slim-Vie Slimming Capsules contain undeclared sibutramine, sildenafil and phenolphthalein

**FDA**
- Drug safety communication: Codeine and Tramadol Medicines- Restricting Use in Children, Recommending Against Use in Breastfeeding Women

**ISMP**
- QuarterWatch, 2016 Quarter 3 (Depression and Suicidal Behaviours: Exploring the Link with certain Drugs; Serious Injuries from Aspirin)

**MHRA**
- Ponatinib (Iclusig™): risk of vascular occlusive events—updated advice on possible dose reduction

**ISMP Webinar**
- An Insider’s Look at Drug Name Development: Working to put Look-Alike/Sound-Alike Drug Name Problems behind us
  Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 1:30pm - 3:00pm ET
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/764960307596556290

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**AJHP**
- Effects of i.v. push administration on β-lactam pharmacodynamics
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/9/e170
- Efficacy and safety of topical sevoflurane in the treatment of chronic skin ulcers
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/9/e176
- Implementing a pharmacist consultation model for multimodal insulin therapy
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/9/e224

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Trends in the prescription of novel oral anticoagulants in UK primary care
- Individualising the Dose of Allopurinol in Patients with Gout

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Safety and efficiency of a new generic package labelling: a before and after study in a simulated setting
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/04/21/bmjqs-2016-006422
- Speaking up about traditional and professionalism-related patient safety threats: a national survey of interns and residents
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/04/25/bmjqs-2016-006284

**Cochrane Library**
- Deprescribing versus continuation of chronic proton pump inhibitor use in adults
- Clozapine combined with different antipsychotic drugs for treatment-resistant schizophrenia
- Once-daily versus multiple-daily dosing with intravenous aminoglycosides for cystic fibrosis
- Antibiotic therapy for pelvic inflammatory disease
- Pharmacological interventions for acute pancreatitis
- Treatment with disease-modifying drugs for people with a first clinical attack suggestive of multiple sclerosis
- Unfractionated heparin versus low molecular weight heparins for avoiding heparin-induced thrombocytopenia in postoperative patients

**JAMA Cardiology**
- Adherence to High-Intensity Statins Following a Myocardial Infarction Hospitalization among Medicare Beneficiaries
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamacardiology/article-abstract/2619232

**JAMA Dermatology**
- Comparison of Efficacy and Safety between Propranolol and Steroid for Infantile Hemangioma - A Randomized Clinical Trial
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamadermatology/fullarticle/2618146

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Safety and Efficacy of Antiviral Therapy for Prevention of Cytomegalovirus Reactivation in Immunocompetent Critically Ill Patients: A Randomized Clinical Trial
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2621832

**JAMA Ophthalmology**
- Effect of Adalimumab on Visual Functioning in Patients with Noninfectious Intermediate Uveitis, Posterior Uveitis, and Panuveitis in the VISUAL-1 and VISUAL-2 Trials
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaophthalmology/article-abstract/2618255

**JAMIA**
- Optimizing drug-dose alerts using commercial software throughout an integrated health care system

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
- Adjuvant Systemic Therapy and Adjuvant Radiation Therapy for Stage I to IIIA Completely Resected Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancers: American Society of Clinical Oncology/Cancer Care Ontario Clinical Practice Guideline Update

**NEJM**
- Eltrombopag Added to Standard Immunosuppression for Aplastic Anemia
- Risankizumab versus Ustekinumab for Moderate-to-Severe Plaque Psoriasis

**Paediatrics**
- Combination Clearance Therapy and Barbiturate Coma for Severe Carbamazepine Overdose
http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/04/17/peds.2016-1560
**The Lancet – Infectious Diseases**
- Effect of appropriate combination therapy on mortality of patients with bloodstream infections due to carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (INCREMENT): a retrospective cohort study

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**Updated details: 2017 Patient Experience Symposium, 2nd-3rd May 2017, Grand Lodge, Sydney Masonic Centre, 279 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

**Choosing Wisely Australia National Meeting 2017, Thursday 4 May 2017, Melbourne Cricket Ground

**6th Biennial Update in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, 12th May 2017, Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick

https://www.ivvy.com/event/RUG17

**1st Australasian Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference, Melbourne, 24-25 May 2017
www.improvediagnosis.org/AusDEM17

**NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation - Shared Decision Making Masterclass: Making Health Decisions Together, 26th May 2017, Sydney

**Vivid Sydney ‘Dare to Design Our Healthcare Future – Reimagining the Future of Australia’s Healthcare Future’ 2nd June, 9 Barnett Long Room, Customs House, 31 Alfred Street Sydney
https://www.vividsydney.com/event/ideas/dare-design-our-health-future

**Women and Heart Disease Forum, 14th June 2017, Qantas Centre of Service Excellence, 70-80 Euston Road, Alexandria NSW

**Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Clinical Pharmacology International Summer Courses
Utrecht University, The Netherlands
3-7 July 2017 - Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug safety
10-14 July 2017 - Pharmaceutical Policy Analysis (WHO CC for Pharmaceutical Policy and Regulation)
17-21 July 2017 - Pharmacoeconomics
More detailed information can be found below or on the summer school website (www.utrechtsummerschool.nl<http://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl>).

** Healthcare Leaders Forum, Swissotel, Sydney, 22 & 23 August 2017

**6th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2017, Roma, Italy, 6-8th September 2017
Abstract submission to 31 March 2017
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
http://www.isqua.org/Events/london-2017

**CEC’s ‘Advanced Measurement and Variation Workshop’ 23nd October (additional workshop on 13th November)
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