

TAG Mail 1st of May



TAG MEETINGS

**SAFER Group meeting Wednesday 6th of May at 3pm in the NSW TAG office.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**E-mail Discussions:

-Initial treatment for PEP in cases of occupational and non-occupational exposure.

-Intravenous Vincristine

are now published within the members section of the website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Activity as a result of MSSA: CEC/TAG have prepared a document highlighting what work is being done across the state as a result of, or related to items in the MSSA. We hope this document will facilitate sharing of information about improvement activities across the state. This has been designed as a living document and will be updated regularly. The document is available at the HSNet Medication Safety Self Assessment Group. To join HSNet go to <https://www.hsnet.nsw.gov.au/> To provide information about medication safety initiatives for inclusion in this document, please email the details to mssa@cec.health.nsw.gov.au

**NSW TAG Consultation on priorities for upcoming NPS DUE quality improvement initiative for 2010. Please send your comments to tagproject@stvincents.com.au by 11th May 2009.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NSW Health

-Human swine influenza investigation

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.asp

-Intranet: Media releases Swine Flu

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

**Therapeutic Guidelines

The following guidelines have now been released:

-2009 Version 3 Dermatology Guideline

-2008 Version 6 Psychotropic Guideline

**ARCHI

-Newsletter, April Edition: including Medical Health Redesign and a Medical Assessment Unit Workshop

- http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/apr09

****CIAP**

-Newsletter in this edition; CIAP Password Change, New Resources and Changes on CIAP, Safety Alert Broadcast System (SABS) plus CIAP Learning Strategy and Plan 2009

<http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/news/apr09-news.html>

****ACSQHC**

-National Hand Hygiene Initiative Newsletter April 2009.

<http://www.hha.org.au/UserFiles/file/HAI%20HH%20Newsletter%20April%2009%20-%20final%20high%20res%20version1.pdf>

****AIHW**

- Spinal cord injury, 1999-2005

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/inj/injcat-124-10716/injcat-124-10716.pdf>

****TGA**

What's new on [TGA website](http://www.tga.gov.au) since 14 April 2009

<http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****MeReC**

-Monthly Newsletter: No.13 April 2009: NICE publishes guidance on management of RA, Increased CV risk with NSAIDs, but prescribing trends encouraging and New antidepressant meta-analysis has limitations

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/pain/rheum/merec_monthly_no13.html

****DOH (UK)**

Defining Guiding Principles for Processes supporting Local Decision-making about Medicines http://www.npc.co.uk/policy/resources/guiding_principles.pdf

****ISMP**

Shared MDIs: Can cross-contamination be avoided?

<http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acute/acute/articles/20090409.asp>

****CADTH**

-Activated Factor VII in Treatment of Haemorrhage unrelated to Hemophilia: A Systematic Review and Economic Evaluations

http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/H0457A_Recombinant_Activated_Factor_VII_Hemorrhage_Hemophilia_tr_e.pdf

****Canada Health**

- Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter, Vol. 19. Issue 2- April 2009. This issue includes; Atypical antipsychotics and agranulocytosis, Adverse reaction and incident reporting - 2008, Cough and cold products.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/index-eng.php>

**** CDC**

-MMWR Update: Drug Susceptibility of Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Viruses, April 2009

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm58d0428a1.htm?s_cid=mm58d0428a1_e

****NPC**

-5th NPC Conference for non-medical prescribers
10th February 2009 London - Presentations from the event.

http://www.npc.co.uk/events/5thnon_medpresconf/5thnon_medpresconf_videos.htm

****NLH (NHS)**

2009 Annual Evidence Update on rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/musculoskeletal/viewResource.aspx?resid=312000&code=1e1a34321cfa3c61e46364558a411620>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****Health Canada**

-Association of trastuzumab with Oligohydramnios

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/herceptin_hpc-cps-eng.php

-Association of etanercept with Histoplasmosis and Other Invasive Fungal Infections - For Health Professionals

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/enbrel_hpc-cps-eng.php

****MeReC**

-Bulletin: Recent safety issues with inhaled treatments for COPD. Volume 19 Number 4, April 2009

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/resp/copd/merec_bulletin_vol19_no4.html

****AHRQ**

-Patient Safety Network; this issue includes: Pharmacists' medication reconciliation-related clinical interventions in a children's hospital, The rate and costs attributable to intravenous patient-controlled analgesia errors.

<http://psnet.ahrq.gov/resource.aspx?resourceID=9965>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Transitions of Care Consensus Policy Statement American College of Physicians-Society of General Internal Medicine-Society of Hospital Medicine-American

Geriatrics Society-American College of Emergency Physicians-Society of Academic Emergency Medicine. Journal of General Internal Medicine. April 3rd 2009.

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/e30wn8313124138j/>

-Effect of an Electronic Medication Reconciliation Application and Process Redesign on Potential Adverse Drug Events - A Cluster-Randomized Trial. *Arch Intern Med.* 2009;169(8):771-780.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/169/8/771>

-Patient to Patient transmission of Hepatitis B virus: a systematic review of reports on outbreaks between 1992 and 2007. *BMC Medicine* 2009. 7:15.

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1741-7015-7-15.pdf>

-Is Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Surgery a Generally Effective Intervention?: Testing a Generic Hypothesis Over a Set of Meta-Analyses. April 2009 - Volume 249 - Issue 4 - pp 551-556

http://journals.lww.com/annalsofsurgery/Abstract/2009/04000/Is_Antibiotic_Prophylaxis_in_Surgery_a_Generally.1.aspx

CONSULTATIONS

**NHMRC

-Draft guideline: *Prevention of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in patients admitted to Australian hospitals*

Comments are being invited on the National Health and Medical Research Council's draft clinical practice guideline for the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE - blood clots) in hospitalised patients. Comments on the guideline can be submitted until 5pm AEST Thursday 21 May, 2009.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/consultation.htm#down>

**TGA

-National co-ordinating policy framework for medicines and poisons: Scheduling Policy Framework for Medicines and Poisons

<http://www.tga.gov.au/regreform/drschedule-framework.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Acute Medical Assessment Units: Improving Care and Flow for Medical Patients Friday 24th of April Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville Victoria

<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/>

**Heart Foundation Conference 2009: Hearts in Focus: Celebration, Collaboration and Challenges 14-16 May 2009, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia <http://www.heartfoundation2009.com/>

**NPSF: Patient safety in challenging times: more than ever a critical need May 20 - 22, 2009, Washington, DC.
Call for abstracts now open. Applications close Friday, January 23, 2009.
<http://www.npsf.org/npsfac/>

** Joint Commission Resources: Pediatric Conference - July 22-23, 2009, Oakbrook Terrace, IL <http://www.jcrinc.com/Conferences-and-Seminars/Pediatric-National-Conference/1514/>

**Managing challenging behaviours in older people with cognitive impairment (call for abstracts open). 6-7 August 2009. Rialto, Collins St, Melbourne, VIC
http://www.changechampions.com.au/guidelines/Challenging_Behaviours.pdf

**7th Australasian Association for Quality in Healthcare (AAQHC) Conference in Sydney on 6-9 September, 2009 <http://www.aqhc2009.org.au/program/>

**International Society for Quality in Healthcare: 26th International conference 11-14 October, 2009 Dublin, Ireland. <http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html>

**DOH (NSW): 2009 NSW Health Awards and Expo- 30th October, Australian Technology Park (Redfern)
<http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/>

**ARCHI: NSW Rural and Remote Allied Health - Beyond the Rhetoric. Tamworth, 12th-13th of November 2009. <http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09>

**CDC

-MMWR Vol. 58 No. 15: In this issue- Work-Related Fatalities Associated with Tree Care Operations, Malignant Mesothelioma Mortality and HIV Infection Guangdong Province
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

OTHER NEWS

** ACSQHC

-Using tools to make Clinical Handover Safe: a Practical Workshop. Wednesday 27th of May 2009, Perth Western Australia.
<http://www.catalystevents.com.au/perth.asp>