

TAG Mail 2nd of October



TAG MEETINGS

**Advance notice: The NSW TAG 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 5pm on Monday 19th of October in the Level 7 Meeting Room of the Medical Centre at Concord Hospital.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**The confirmed minutes of the July meeting of the High Cost Drugs Working Party have been added to the website.

** A reminder- that contact details of current DTC Chairs and Secretaries have now been published on the website. Please go to the members section, "NSW DTC Contact List" to find this useful resource.

TAG ACTIVITIES

** E-mail discussion: Medications interacting with warfarin

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

-Towards national indicators of safety and quality in health care

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10792>

-Health expenditure Australia 2007-08

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10954>

**TGA

-What's new on the website: Drugs designated as orphan drugs (added Hepatect CP), TGA approves vaccine against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza (new)

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

**GMCT

- Newsletter- Clinician Connect

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_10_01.pdf

** SAX Institute

-HARC eBulletin Issue 10 September 2009.

<http://mymail.ezmsgs.com/em/mail/view.php?id=1471050373&k=c992ac4>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**New Zealand Guideline Group

-Management of Early Breast Cancer

http://www.nzgg.org.nz/guidelines/dsp_guideline_popup.cfm?guidelineCatID=7&guidelineID=157

****AHRQ**

-Evidence Report/ Technology Assessment. Diagnosis and Management of Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/downloads/pub/evidence/pdf/dcis/dcis.pdf>

-Consumer Engagement in Developing Electronic Health Information Systems. Final Report.

http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_1248_888520_0_0_18/09-0081-EF.pdf

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

- FDA Public Health Alert: Potential Medication Errors with Tamiflu for Oral Suspension

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm183649.htm>

-Sitagliptin (marketed as Januvia and Janumet) - acute pancreatitis

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm183800.htm>

-Exjade (deferasirox) - Early Communication

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm183840.htm>

-Early Communication about an Ongoing Safety Review Orlistat (marketed as Alli and Xenical)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm179166.htm>

****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Information: Phenergan Elixir

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/DrugAlerts/CON057396>

****ISMP**

-How has the current economy affected patient safety?

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acute/articles/20090910.asp>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Medication errors in chemotherapy: incidence, types and involvement of patients in prevention. A review of the literature. European Journal of Cancer Care, Published Online: 25 Aug 2009 10.1111/j.1365-2354.2009.01127.x

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122577111/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

-Medication errors: how reliable are the severity ratings reported to the national reporting and learning system? International Journal for Quality in Health Care 2009 21(5):316-320; doi:10.1093/intqhc/mzp034

<http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/21/5/316>

-Systematic Review: Comparative Effectiveness and Harms of Combinations of Lipid-Modifying Agents and High-Dose Statin Monotherapy. Annals of Internal Medicine 3 November 2009, Volume 151 Issue 9.

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/full/0000605-200911030-00144v1>

-Impact of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza on critical care capacity in Victoria. Medical Journal of Australia - Rapid Online Publication - 28 September 2009.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_09_021109/lum10916_fm.html

CONSULTATIONS

Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

** The Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network is a hosting a one day forum on 'Improving medication safety in emergency departments'. The forum is to be held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at Etihad Stadium, Docklands. The key themes include: safer medication ordering processes, medication reconciliation, information and communication about medications and changes. For more information contact: EmergencyCare.Clinicalnetwork@dhs.vic.gov.au

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

**CR-EPS, SMPU and ACSQHC: "Strategies for improving medication safety in hospitals: the way forward". 30th October. For more details go to: <http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/>

**SHPA National Conference - Across the Divide, 5- 8 November 2009, Perth. For more details go to: <http://www.shpamm2009.com/>

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

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**Australian Society for Antimicrobials National Scientific Meeting to be held at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel, Sydney. February 25-27, 2010.

<http://www.antimicrobials2010.com/>

**Change Champions:

- 3rd Improving Medication Safety seminar: Sharing the lessons learnt, 9-10 March 2010, Sydney. Call for abstracts-submission by 15/10/09.

- The Deteriorating Patient seminar, 11-12 March 2010, Sydney. Call for abstracts-submission by 15/10/09.

<http://www.changechampions.com.au/upcoming-seminars>

**IHI/BMJ International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care in Nice, France on April 20-23, 2010 <http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

OTHER NEWS

** The NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Patient Safety is running a 1-day short course on 3rd of December titled; "Human Factors: Barriers and opportunities for application in clinical practice". This event will take place at Alfred Hospital, Prahran, Melbourne. <http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/>

**Dr Annette Pantle has recently been appointed as the new president of the Australasian Association for Quality in Health Care. This coming year, the association will be presenting, '*Back to the Future - Unlocking the Potential*'- The 8th Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care from 6 to 8 September, 2010 at Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

www.aaqhc2010.org.au

**The Australian Society for Antimicrobials Meeting Program Committee invite you to submit abstracts for review for the 11th Annual ASA National Scientific Meeting to be held at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel, Sydney February 25 - 27, 2010. <http://www.antimicrobials2010.com/>