

TAG Mail 4th of September



TAG MEETINGS

**High Cost Drug Working Group meeting Tuesday 8th of September, 8.30am in the TAG office.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**The following items have been published on the website:

- Membership of the Editorial Committee has been published on the Editorial Committee page of the website
- Confirmed minutes of the 6 May SAFER Medicines Group meeting have been published in the members' section.
- Feedback from the SAFER planning meeting held in August has been added to the members section of the website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Current email discussions:

- Use of additional medication prescribing and administration charts (to the NIMC)
- Clinical Calculators on CIAP

Please send responses to nswtag@stvincents.com.au

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**GMCT - Clinician Connect - September 2009

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/news_2009_09_01.pdf

**AIHW:

--Burden of disease due to asthma in Australia 2003

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10749>

--Health care expenditure on chronic kidney disease in Australia 2004-05

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10789>

**TGA: ADEC 264th meeting resolutions

<http://www.tga.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adec0264.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**New Zealand Evidence-based Health Care Bulletin

http://www.nzgg.org.nz/index.cfm?fuseaction=fuseaction_17#

**AHRQ patient leaflet: Blood thinner pills: your guide to using them safely

<http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/btpills.pdf>

**Hospital pharmacy: Renal dosing wall chart

<http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hospitalpharm/RenalDosingChartWeb.pdf>

**NHS:

MeReC Monthly No.17 August 2009: Interaction between clopidogrel and PPIs;
Intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cardio/atrial/merec_monthly_no17.html

**Cochrane News: Issue 46 2009

http://www.cochrane.org/newslett/CochraneNewsIssue467Aug2009_final.pdf

**HTA Technology Assessment Reports:

--The effect of different treatment durations of clopidogrel in patients with non-ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndromes: a systematic review and value of information analysis <http://www.hta.ac.uk/project/1630.asp>

-- Early high-dose lipid-lowering therapy to avoid cardiac events: a systematic review and economic evaluation <http://www.hta.ac.uk/project/1700.asp>

-- Adefovir dipivoxil and pegylated interferon alpha for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B: an updated systematic review and economic evaluation
<http://www.hta.ac.uk/project/1718.asp>

**DOH UK:

-National Chemotherapy Advisory Group: Chemotherapy Services in England:
Ensuring quality and safety

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_104501.pdf

-Allied health professions prescribing and medicines supply mechanisms scoping project report

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_103949.pdf

**London New Drugs Group: Fentanyl preparations for breakthrough cancer pain

<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/Evidence/Drug-Specific-Reviews/Fentanyl-preparations-for-breakthrough-cancer-pain/>

MEDICATION SAFETY

** FDA warnings:

-Etravirine risk of skin reactions

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/UCM180594.pdf>

-Mycophenolate mofetil risk of pure red cell aplasia

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/UCM177399.pdf>

-TNF Blockers and increased risk of lymphoma and other cancers in children and adolescents - Q&A

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm180694.h>

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-Updated Information on Leukotriene Inhibitors

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm165489.htm>

**FDA Patient Safety News: A Video News Show for Health Professionals - September 2009

-New Warnings on Propoxyphene Overdoses

-Warning on Neuropsychiatric Effects from Smoking Cessation Drugs

-Nephropathy with Certain Organ Transplant Drugs

-Possible Cancer Risk with Lantus

-Update on Cefepime Safety Data

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/index.cfm>

**ISMP Medication Error Report Analysis:

-True allergy or other symptom?

-Too much hydromorphone

-Patient safety increased in obstetrics

-Medication patch slips into incorrect automated dispensing cabinet pocket

-Volume control set safety

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090801_Aug2009_ismp.pdf

**ISMP Adverse Drug Reactions

Cetirizine-induced anaphylaxis, Celecoxib-associated anaphylaxis, Levetiracetam-induced pancytopenia, Trismus induced by fluoxetine, Aliskiren-induced QT interval prolongation, Intestinal necrosis resulting from sodium polystyrene sulfonate

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090801_Aug2009_ismpadv.pdf

**Gardasil Vaccine Safety: Information from FDA and CDC on the Safety of Gardasil Vaccine

<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/SafetyAvailability/VaccineSafety/ucm179549.htm>

**TGA: Human papillomavirus vaccine (GARDASIL). Advice from the Therapeutic Goods Administration

<http://www.tga.gov.au/alerts/medicines/gardasil.htm>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

** JAMA HPV vaccine papers:

--Postlicensure Safety Surveillance for Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Recombinant Vaccine: JAMA 2009;302:750-757

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/302/7/750>

-- Marketing HPV Vaccine: Implications for Adolescent Health and Medical Professionalism JAMA. 2009;302(7):781-786.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/302/7/781>

--Editorial: The Risks and Benefits of HPV Vaccination JAMA 2009;302:795-796.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/302/7/795>

**Intravenous Infusion Safety Technology: Return on Investment
Hospital Pharmacy 2009;44:680-687,696

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090801_Aug2009_peer2.pdf

**The Safety of Intravenous Drug Delivery Systems: Update on Current Issues
Since the 1999 Consensus Development Conference
Hospital Pharmacy 2009;44:159-164

<http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hospitalpharm/AdPDFs/08-Feature-3-Special-Feb09.pdf>

** Comparison of *Tripterygium wilfordii* Hook F Versus Sulfasalazine in the
Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis: Annals Internal Medicine 2009;151:229-240

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/151/4/229#FN>

**Standardizing Care in Medical Oncology: Are Web-Based Systems the Answer?

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122578568/abstract>

CONSULTATIONS

**TGA: Review of Schedule 1 to Therapeutic Goods Order No. 80 Child-resistant packaging requirements for medicines (TGO 80).

The closing date for submissions is: Wednesday 23 September 2009.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/consult/tgo80.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**7th Australasian Association for Quality in Healthcare (AAQHC) Conference in Sydney on 7-9 September, 2009 <http://www.aaqhc2009.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->

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****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. Deadline for submissions is September 21, 2009.

<http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

OTHER NEWS

****NHMRC: New National Health and Medical Research Council Appointed**
The new Council will serve to 30 June 2012 and will be chaired by Professor Michael Good, who has been appointed for a second term. Read the press release at

<http://nhmrccommunicationscreatesend1.com/T/ViewEmail/r/5F6D273634621061/1F9DE94AA3A7745E2540EF23F30FEDED>

****Registrations are now open for the 4th Annual NSW Health Expo - October 30, 2009!**

Go to <http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/expo> for the latest news and delegate registration details.