

TAG Mail 6th February 2009



We are compiling a cumulative listing of Reports, Publications, and Medication Safety Information highlighted in TAGMail commencing from the first edition TAGMail in 2009. This will form a central record for links to these documents and will facilitate searching for information from back issues. The cumulative listing is available in the TAGMail section of the website.

TAG MEETINGS

**The next meeting of the High Cost Drugs Working Group will be on the 10th February at 8.30 am in the TAG office.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Member Survey: Members are reminded to respond to the survey by 18th February 2009. To assist in completing the survey, a summary of NSW TAG activities in 2008 is available on the front page of the website.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**The February edition of the DMACS newsletter has been added to the DMACS webpage.

**The December minutes of the TAG and TAGNet meetings are in the members section of the website.

**The DTC decision spreadsheet has been updated (to December 2008) and is available in the members section of the website.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NSW Health: Hand Hygiene - Safety Information

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/SI_002_09.pdf

**GMCT Newsletter: Clinician Connect - February 2009

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_02_01.pdf

**AIHW: Eye-related injuries in Australia

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10702>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**MHRA: Drug Safety Update January 2009

This issue highlights drug safety advice regarding piperacillin/tazobactam, tacrolimus, and temsirolimus.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON035989>

**NPC: MeReC Rapid Review: All non-analgesic drug classes are similarly effective in the treatment of neuropathic pain
<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=266>

**CADTH: Anticonvulsants, Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors, and Tricyclic Antidepressants in Management of Neuropathic Pain: A Meta-Analysis and Economic Evaluation <http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/hta/reports-publications/search/publication/870>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**TGA: Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin: Volume 28, Number 1, February 2009
In this issue: Adverse reactions with botulinum toxin A (Botox, Dysport), Proton pump inhibitors and possible fracture risk
<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0902.pdf>

**FDA:

--Ongoing safety review: Drotrecogin alfa
FDA is working with the manufacturer to further evaluate the incidence of serious bleeding events and mortality in patients who received drotrecogin alfa
http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early_comm/drotrecogin_alfa.html
--Safety labelling changes approved by FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) -- November 2008
http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2008/nov08_quickview.htm

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**The quality of medication information in Australia: the need for more clinical expertise and accountability.
MJA 2009; 190 (3): 110-111.
http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_03_020209/sto11172_fm.pdf

**A survey of drug-dose calculation skills of Australian tertiary hospital doctors.
MJA 2009; 190: 117-120.
http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_03_020209/sim10260_fm.pdf

**Do Medication Samples Jeopardize Patient Safety?
The Annals of Pharmacotherapy: Vol. 43, No. 1, pp. 51-56.
<http://www.theannals.com/cgi/content/abstract/43/1/51>

** Adopting Information Technology to Drive Improvements in Patient Safety: Lessons from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Health Information Technology Grantees. Health Services Research Published Online: 29 Dec 2008.
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121589542/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Healthcare World Australia 2009

17-19 February 2009, Swissotel, Sydney www.terrapinn.com/2009/healthw

**Australian Society for Antimicrobials: Antimicrobials 2009

Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, 26 to 28 February 2009

The program covers many different aspects on antimicrobials including 'How to Use Antibiotics Better', 'Vaccine and Antibiotic Use' and 'Antimicrobial Drug Development'. www.antimicrobials2009.com

**International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care.

March 17-20, 2009; Internationales Congress Center, Berlin, Germany.

<http://internationalforum.bmj.com/>

**ACSQHC: Using Tools to Make Clinical Handover Safe: a Practical Workshop

Monday, 30th March, 2009 Brisbane, Queensland. For further information please contact: Tamsin Kaneen (02) 9263 3581

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**IHI: Delivering safe and optimal care through effective teamwork and communication

April 2-3, 2009, Boston, MA

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/ImplementingTeamCommunicationApril2009.htm>

**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/>

**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

**International Society for Quality in Healthcare: 26th International conference

11-14 October, 2009 Dublin, Ireland. [http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-](http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html)

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