

## TAG Mail 6<sup>th</sup> March 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

\*\*There are no TAG meetings scheduled for the coming week

### WEBSITE UPDATE

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

\*\*Minutes from the SAFER Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009, have now been added to the members section of the website.

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

\*\*NSW Health: Release of the updated Paracetamol Policy Directive  
[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2009/PD2009\\_009.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2009/PD2009_009.html)

\*\*GMCT Newsletter: Clinician Connect March 2009  
[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news\\_2009\\_03\\_01.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_03_01.pdf)

\*\*VIFM Newseltter: Coronial Communique  
[http://www.vifm.org/attachments//CC\\_Feb\\_2009.pdf](http://www.vifm.org/attachments//CC_Feb_2009.pdf)

\*\*AIHW

-Hospitalisations due to falls by older people; A picture of rheumatoid arthritis in Australia; Implementation of the Children's Services National Minimum Data Set: a feasibility study; Fewer dentists, fewer teeth outside capital cities; Aircraft workers health study results inconclusive <http://www.aihw.gov.au/>

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

\*\*AHRQ USA: Reviews of Selected Pharmacogenetic Tests for Non-Cancer and Cancer Conditions

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/determinationprocess/downloads/id61TA.pdf>

-Minimising medication errors in children.

<http://adc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/94/2/161>

-Web M & M:

Medication Reconciliation Victory after an Avoidable Error;  
Double Dosing, by the Rules

<http://webmm.ahrq.gov/>

\*\*National Prescribing Centre New resource for non-medical prescribing

<http://www.npc.co.uk/prescribers/nmp.htm>

\*\*NPCi blog

-Incretin-based therapies in type 2 diabetes

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=280>

-Evidence to support sertraline as first-line drug treatment option for major depression.

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=283>

-Another biologic for the treatment of psoriasis

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=281>

\*\*Department of Health (UK)

-Technology - the next front in the battle against healthcare associated infections

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH\\_095449](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/Recentstories/DH_095449)

\*\*NHS

Routine antenatal anti-D prophylaxis for RhD-negative women: a systematic review and economic evaluation

<http://www.hta.nhs.uk/project/1670.asp>

\*\*WHO Save Lives: Clean Your Hands

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/index.html>

\*\*Science Direct

The Public Health Hazards of Risk Avoidance Associated With Public Reporting of Risk-Adjusted Outcomes in Coronary Intervention

[http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?\\_ob=ArticleURL&\\_udi=B6T18-4VRS95P-2&\\_user=4831393&\\_coverDate=03%2F10%2F2009&\\_rdoc=2&\\_fmt=high&\\_orig=bro\\_wse&\\_srch=doc-](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6T18-4VRS95P-2&_user=4831393&_coverDate=03%2F10%2F2009&_rdoc=2&_fmt=high&_orig=bro_wse&_srch=doc-)

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Public Reporting of Quality Measures: What Are We Trying to Accomplish?

[http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?\\_ob=ArticleURL&\\_udi=B6T18-4VRS95P-3&\\_user=4831393&\\_coverDate=03%2F10%2F2009&\\_rdoc=3&\\_fmt=high&\\_orig=bro\\_wse&\\_srch=doc-](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6T18-4VRS95P-3&_user=4831393&_coverDate=03%2F10%2F2009&_rdoc=3&_fmt=high&_orig=bro_wse&_srch=doc-)

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**\*\*NICE**

-Rheumatoid arthritis: the management of rheumatoid arthritis in adults <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG79>

-Early and locally advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG80>

-Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG81>

**\*\*NeLM**

PPI use may reduce response to clopidogrel

<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/News/2009---March/04/PPI-use-may-reduce-response-to-clopidogrel/>

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**\*\*TGA Safety Notice SN:004/09 -Recalls**

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/sn\\_004\\_09.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/sn_004_09.pdf)

**\*\*Joint Commission-Online February 2009. Medication reconciliation, error prone abbreviations and medication storage.**

[http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/BD8048E0-24DC-4BD4-8913-F4415BBD20F5/0/02\\_09\\_jconline.pdf](http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/BD8048E0-24DC-4BD4-8913-F4415BBD20F5/0/02_09_jconline.pdf)

**\*\*CADTH COMPUS newsletter: This issue includes Information on supporting insulin analogue prescribing**

<http://cadth.ca/index.php/en/compus/compus-communique/compus-communique-4-14>

**\*\*FDA Requires Boxed Warning and Risk Mitigation Strategy for Metoclopramide-Containing Drugs**

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW01963.html>

-Summary View: Safety Labeling Changes Approved By FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) -- December 2008

[http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2008/dec08\\_quickview.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2008/dec08_quickview.htm)

**\*\*MHRA Children's over-the-counter cough and cold medicines: New advice**

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/CON038908>

-Information sent to healthcare professionals in February 2009 about the safety of medicines: Toremfifene-Risk of QT prolongation; Bevacizumab-Reports of severe eye inflammation and sterile endophthalmitis after off label use;

Efalizumab- Recommendation to suspend marketing authorisation as risks outweigh benefits

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/Monthlylistsofinformationforhealthcareprofessionalsoonthesafetyofmedicines/CON041210>

-Drug Safety Update: Volume 2 Issue 8, March 2009

Methylphenidate: updated guidance on safe and effective use in ADHD;

Atomoxetine: risk of psychotic or manic symptoms; Antipsychotics: use in elderly patients with dementia Exenatide (Byetta): risk of severe pancreatitis and renal failure; Bisphosphonates: atypical stress fractures

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON041211>

-Class 2 drug alert (action within 48 hours): Novartis vaccines and diagnostics S.r.l - Menjugate kit - Meningococcal group C conjugate vaccine - EL (09)/A06

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/Drugalerts/CON038882>

-Press release: No evidence of risk to any UK children over meningitis vaccine

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/NewsCentre/Pressreleases/CON038896>

**\*\*NHS Reporting and Learning System (RLS) Data Summary:**

This quarterly publication sets out the number of patient safety incident reports received, and describes patterns and trends in these incidents.

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/nrls/patient-safety-incident-data/quarterly-data-reports/>

## **PAPERS OF INTEREST**

Quality of drug interaction alerts in prescribing and dispensing software

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190\\_05\\_020309/swe11286\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_05_020309/swe11286_fm.html)

## **CONSULTATIONS**

Reflection Paper: Formulations of Choice for the Paediatric Population

Comments due 10<sup>th</sup> April 2009

<http://www.tga.gov.au/meds/eucons/peg19481005en.pdf>

Draft Guideline for Levels and Kinds of Evidence for Listed Medicines with Indications and Claims for Weight Loss.

Comments due 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

<http://www.tga.gov.au/cm/consult/drweightloss.pdf>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\*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: Using the IHI Global Trigger Tool for Measuring Patient Safety  
April 1 2009, 3 Webinars. Read the related article about using the Trigger Tool  
for Measuring Adverse Drug Events (ADEs): [Adverse drug event trigger tool: A practical methodology for measuring medication related harm](#). Quality and  
Safety in Health Care. 2003;12:194-200.  
<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/WebandACTIONUsingtheIHIGlobalTriggerToolApril2009.htm>

\*\*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/>

\*\*CEC Clinical Leadership Program (CLP): The CEC Clinical Leadership Program  
(CLP) focuses on building capacity in a strategic, supportive manner by  
identifying and nurturing leadership talent within the NSW health system.  
Expressions of Interest are being sought for the 2009 Program via sponsors within  
each area health service  
Six 2 day Modules  
<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/>

\*\*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](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.aaqhc2009.org.au/program/>

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

#### **OTHER NEWS**

\*AHRQ Screening for Skin Cancer  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf/uspsskca.htm>