

TAG Mail 6th of November



TAG MEETINGS

**SAFER meeting 11th of November, 3pm in the NSW TAG Office

**High Cost Drugs Working Group meeting on the 10th of November, 8:30am in the NSW TAG Office

WEBSITE UPDATE

**The confirmed minutes of the August TAGNet meeting are now available on the TAG website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**E-mail discussion: Minimising Look-Alike Sound-Alike errors (oxycodone and morphine preparations). (Comments due 9/11/09)

**Consultation: Activities undertaken as part of the MSSA (Comments due 13/11/09)

**Consultation: Advice for Packaging and Labelling of Pharmaceuticals (Comments due 16/11/09)

**Consultation: CIAP Calculator Resources: Most used calculators (Comments due 18/11/09)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**GMCT

-Newsletter: Guest Editorial by Dr Paul Wrigley -National Move to Co-ordinate Pain Management- Opportunity for NSW

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/news_2009_11_01.pdf

**NHMRC

-Tracker Newsletter: Minister Announces NHMRC Grants for 2010

<http://nhmrcommunicationscreatesend3.com/T/ViewEmail/r/123ACB4A5D1FD915/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

**MJA

-MJA Books Launch- Enhancing Patient Care: A Practical Guide to Improving Quality and Safety in Hospitals, authored by Alan Wolff and Sally Taylor.

<http://www.mja.com.au/public/publish/Enhancing%20Patient%20Care%20Information.pdf>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****NHS**

- Technology Appraisal: Prasugrel for the treatment of ACS with percutaneous coronary intervention <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA182> .
- Technology Appraisal: Topotecan for the treatment of recurrent carcinoma of the cervix. <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA183>

****New Zealand Evidence-based Health Care Bulletin October 2009. Vol 10 no.5**
<http://www.nzgg.org.nz/newsletter/index.cfm?bulletinID=48>

****Care Quality Commission**

Managing patients' medicines after discharge
<http://www.cqc.org.uk/guidanceforprofessionals/healthcare/nhsstaff/specialreviews/2008/09/managingmedicines.cfm>

****SIGN**

-Guidance: Management of attention deficit and hyperkinetic disorders in children and young people.
<http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/fulltext/112/index.html>

****CDC**

-MMWR October 30, 2009 / Vol. 58 / No. 42. Overdose Deaths Involving Prescription Opioids Among Medicaid Enrollees --- Washington, 2004–2007.
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

****The University of British Columbia**

-Therapeutics Letter: Therapeutics initiative evidence based drug therapy- Antipsychotics in Children <http://www.ti.ubc.ca/PDF/74.pdf>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Information for Healthcare Professionals: Reports of Altered Kidney Function in patients using Exenatide (Marketed as Byetta)
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm188656.htm>

****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Update: Volume 3, Issue 4, November 2009. Colchicine: reminder on risk of serious and fatal toxicity in overdose, Vigabatrin for infantile spasms: risk of movement disorders and MRI abnormalities.
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON062553>

-Statins: Updates to product safety information

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/CON062558>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Does point-of-care testing lead to the same or better adherence to medication? A randomised controlled trial: the PoCT in General Practice Trial. MJA 2009; 191 (9): 487-491

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_09_021109/gia10573_fm.html

-Low drug doses may improve outcomes in chronic disease. MJA 2009; 191 (9): 511-513 http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_09_021109/dim10643_fm.html

-Accuracy of medication documentation in hospital discharge summaries: a retrospective analysis of medication transcription errors in manual and electronic discharge summaries. Available online 3 October 2009. International Journal of Medical Informatics.

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6T7S-4XC976P-1&_user=4831393&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&view=c&_acct=C000065306&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=4831393&md5=a0a773a93554ba6267ecc4f1c04ba225

CONSULTATIONS

**AHRQ

-Technology assessment : Report on Evidence Regarding Off-Label Indications for Targeted Therapies used in Cancer Treatment. Consultation extended until November 16th. <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/ta/tareview.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**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>

**Change Champions

-Non Medical Prescribing: The UK experience. 13 November - 13 November 2009 Managed from Sydney, NSW, 9.00-10.45 AUSTRALIAN EASTERN TIME 13 NOVEMBER, 2009- register now!

http://www.changechampions.com.au/seminar/webinar--non-medical-prescribing--the-uk-experience_46

Women's & Children's Hospitals Australasia (WCHA) 2009 Annual Conference Sebel & Citigate King George Square, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA 9-13 November 2009 <http://www.wcha2009.com/>

****Measuring Patient Outcomes**
17-18 February 2009, Rydges World Square Sydney
www.measuringpatientoutcomes.com

****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/>

****Informa Healthcare: 12th Annual Health Congress 3-5th of March 2010, Sydney Harbour Marriott**
<http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/healthcare/12th-annual-health-congress>

****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/>

****NPS National Medicines Symposium, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 26th May 2010 to 28th May 2010.**
http://www.nps.org.au/all_events/all_events/national_medicines_symposium_2010

OTHER NEWS

****11th Annual Australian Society for Antimicrobials (ASA) National Scientific Meeting, February 25 - 27 2010. Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel, Sydney. Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday 11th December 2009**
Maximum Number of words: 500 words. One figure or table may be included in the abstract <http://www.antimicrobials2010.com/>

****NSW Health 2009: Improving the Health Care Experience- A practical based workshop, will be held on the 16th of November 2009 at Luna Park, North Sydney.**
http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/patient_experiences_forum