

TAG Mail 7th of August



TAG MEETINGS

**Editorial Committee Meeting Monday the 10th of August at 3:30pm in the TAG office.

**TAGNet Meeting via teleconference, Tuesday 11th of August at 11am.

WEBSITE UPDATE

NIL

TAG ACTIVITIES

-This issue of Australian Prescriber includes an editorial by NSW TAG secretariat staff, J.Lowinger and D.Maxwell:

Heparins for venous thromboembolism prophylaxis- safety Issues. Australian Prescriber Volume 32 Number 4 - August 2009

<http://www.australianprescriber.com/upload/pdf/articles/1038.pdf>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**TGA

-ADRAC Bulletin: Fixed drug eruptions, Serotonin syndrome with duloxetine and Interstitial Lung Disease with Leflunomide.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0908.htm#a1>

**NPS

-Radar: Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) for preventing venous thromboembolism after hip or knee replacement surgery, Oxybutynin patch (Oxytrol) PBS listed as an alternative for overactive bladder and Sitagliptin with metformin (Janumet) fixed-dose combination tablets PBS listed for type 2 diabetes mellitus.

http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/publications/nps_radar/issues/current/august_2009/brief_item_sitagliptin

**MJA

-The new age of pharmacovigilance. MJA 2009; 191 (3): 136-137

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_03_030809/ron10064_fm.html

-Understanding Australia's influenza pandemic policy on the strategic use of the antiviral drug stockpile. MJA 2009; 191 (3): 136-137

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_03_030809/mcc10652_fm.html

-Summary of the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases and the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand guidelines: treatment and prevention of H1N1 influenza 09 (human swine influenza) with antiviral agents

MJA 2009; 191 (3): 142-145

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_03_030809/che10661_fm.html

****GMCT**

-Newsletter, August 2009: Guest editorial by Steve Flecknoe-Brown- The Place of the Arts in Healing.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_08_01.pdf

****AIHW**

- Estimating the impact of selected National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC) reforms on health care expenditure, 2003 to 2033.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10932>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****CDC**

-MMWR: Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines and Status of State Electronic Disease Surveillance Systems- US 2007.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

****MeReC**

-Important updates on drug safety from the MHRA/CHM: Aliskiren risk of angioedema and renal dysfunction

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cardio/cdhyper/merec_monthly_no16.html

-Issue No 40, July 2009. Prostate cancer screening: no compelling evidence that benefits outweigh harms; Rosuvastatin gives a small reduction in VTE in people at low risk of CV disease and Is clopidogrel ACTIVE for atrial fibrillation?

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/therap/prost/merec_extra_no40.htm

****HTA**

-Early high-dose lipid-lowering therapy to avoid cardiac events: a systematic review and economic evaluation

<http://www.hta.nhs.uk/fullmono/mon1334.pdf>

****Medicines Management Network (UK)**

-Medicine Digest 24th of July, Number 624. In this issue: Bicarbonate supplementation in patients with chronic kidney disease; Interaction of erythropoietin and HbA1c in patients with diabetes not on dialysis; Outcomes using different peginterferons in patients with Hepatitis C infection.

<http://www.mmnetwork.nhs.uk/downloads/news/Med%20digest%20624.pdf>

****AHRQ**

-What's new at the AHRQ Innovations Exchange- This weeks featured Topic: Integrating Health Information Technology with Care Delivery

<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****ANZCA**

-Safety of Anesthesia: A review of anaesthesia related mortality reporting in Australia and New Zealand 2003-2005.
<http://www.anzca.edu.au/news/announcements/ANZCA%20Mortality%20Report.pdf>

****FDA**

-Follow-up to the June 4, 2008 Early Communication about the Ongoing Safety Review of Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blockers
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm174449.htm>

-Botox and Botox Cosmetic (Botulinum toxin Type A) and Myobloc (Botulinum toxin Type B)
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm164255.htm>

-Medwatch, August 2009: This month features; Antiepileptic Drugs and Suicidality, Increased Mortality in Liver Transplant Patients Treated with Rapamune (Sirolimus) and Neuropsychiatric Events with Certain Asthma Drugs
<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=89#6>

****EMEA**

-European Medicines Agency update on safety of insulin glargine
<http://www.emea.europa.eu/humandocs/PDFs/EPAR/Lantus/47063209en.pdf>

****Joint Commission**

-Speak Up: Prevent Errors in Your Child's Care
http://www.jointcommission.org/PatientSafety/SpeakUp/sp_peds.htm

****Health Canada**

-Oral sodium phosphate products are no longer authorized for purgative use
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/oral_sodium_phos_hpc-cps-eng.pdf

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Use of antihypertensive medications and topical beta-blockers and the long-term incidence of cataract and cataract surgery *Br J Ophthalmol*. Published Online First: 23 July 2009. doi:10.1136/bjo.2008.153379
<http://bjo.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/bjo.2008.153379v1>

-Antipsychotic Drugs and Hyperglycemia in Older Patients With Diabetes. *Arch Intern Med*. 2009;169(14):1282-1289 <http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/14/1282>

-Modern-Day Clinical Course of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus After 30 Years' Duration
The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial/Epidemiology of Diabetes
Interventions and Complications and Pittsburgh Epidemiology of Diabetes
Complications Experience (1983-2005) *Arch Intern Med.* 2009;169(14):1307-1316
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/14/1307>

-Are Opioid Dependence and Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT)
Documented in the Medical Record? A Patient Safety Issue. *Journal of Internal
Medicine* Issn: 1525-1497, DOI: 10.1007/s11606-009-1043-4.
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/kl7wk1u700404153/>

-Comparison of Drug Dosing Recommendations Based on Measured GFR and
Kidney Function Estimating Equations. *American Journal of Kidney Diseases*
Volume 54, Issue 1 Pages 33-42 (July 2009) [http://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-
6386\(09\)00601-5/abstract](http://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386(09)00601-5/abstract)

CONSULTATIONS

**TGA

-Required Advisory Statements for Medicine Labels - proposed update 5.
Responses should be sent to the TGA by 20 August 2009
<http://www.tga.gov.au/meds/drrasmlupd5.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**7th Australasian Association for Quality in Healthcare (AAQHC) Conference in
Sydney on 7-9 September, 2009 <http://www.aqhc2009.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](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-
allied09](http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09)

**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. We invite you to submit an abstract that will be considered for a poster presentation or session, deadline for submissions is September 21, 2009. <http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

OTHER NEWS

**IHI

-Using Multidisciplinary Rounds to Ensure the Right Care for Every Patient -- A Three-Month Virtual Program, begins September 17th 2009.

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/ExpeditionUsingMultidisciplinaryRoundsToEnsuretheRightCare.htm>