

TAG Mail 8th of May



TAG MEETINGS

**Editorial Committee meeting 11th of May at 3pm in the NSW TAG office.

**High Cost Drugs WG meeting 12th of May at 8:30 am in the NSW TAG office.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**Minutes of the March Safer Medicines Group Meeting have been added to the website.

**DMACS newsletter Volume 11 is now on the DMACS webpage.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**NSW TAG Consultation on potential 'high priority' areas/topics that could be addressed in the upcoming NPS DUE project, 2010. Please send your feedback to tagproject@stvincents.com.au by 11th May 2009.

** E-mail discussion: Proton Pump Inhibitor effect on Calcium Carbonate absorption.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**GMCT

-Newsletter: Guest Editorial by Dr Richard Linley; Allied Health Staff- A precious Resource for NSW Public Hospitals.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_05_01.pdf

**NPS

-Radar: In this issue-Teriparatide for severe Osteoporosis and Hydromorphone prolonged-release tablets for chronic severe disabling pain and Lanthanum tablets for adults with chronic kidney disease who are on dialysis

http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/publications/nps_radar

**NHMRC

-NHMRC Tracker: Including- 2010 NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships, Transparency and Conflict of Interest workshop, Canberra, 2 June 2009 and current consultations underway at NHMRC

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend2.com/T/ViewEmail/r/FEA2DE3270DCD4E7/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**NICE Guidance:

-Glaucoma: diagnosis and management of chronic open angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension

<http://www.nice.org.uk/CG85>

**AHRQ

Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture: 2009 Comparative Database Report

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/hospsurvey09/>

**CADTH

-Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents for Anemia of Cancer or of Chemotherapy

http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/00468_Erythropoiesis-stimulating_agents_to_e.pdf

**CDC

-MMWR Weekly, Volume 58, No.16. This issue includes: Prevalence and Most Common Causes of Disability Among Adults, Outbreak of Shiga Toxin--Producing *Escherichia coli* O157 Infection Associated with a Day Camp Petting Zoo

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

**NZGG

-New Zealand Cardiovascular Guidelines Handbook: Cardiovascular risk assessment and diabetes screening, cardiovascular risk factor management.

http://www.nzgg.org.nz/guidelines/0154/090202_CVD_web_pdf_Final.pdf

**NHS

-NHS Evidence Annual Update on complementary and alternative medicine for asthma: 5-8 May 2009

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/cam/ViewResource.aspx?resID=313286&tabID=289>

**Health Canada

-Association of Enbrel (etanercept) with Histoplasmosis and Other Invasive Fungal Infections - For Health Professionals

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/enbrel_hpc-cps-eng.pdf

-Association of Herceptin (trastuzumab) with Oligohydramnios - For Health Professionals

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/herceptin_hpc-cps-eng.pdf

MEDICATION SAFETY

****ISMP**

-Medication Error Report Analysis: Location of printed labels, Pound/Kilogram confusion

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090401_Apr2009_ismp.pdf

-Acute Care Newsletter: This issue includes; Failed check system for chemotherapy leads to pharmacist's no contest plea for involuntary manslaughter.

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acute care/articles/20090423.asp>

****MHRA**

-Patient Safety Update: Including information on ACE inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor antagonists- recommendations on use during breastfeeding, Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs: reminder on renal failure and impairment.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CONO46451>

****FDA**

-Patient Safety News: Including- Removing Insulin from Cartons, FDA Approves First Human Drug from Genetically Engineered Animals

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=86#8>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Sociodemographic correlates of antidepressant utilisation in Australia. MJA 2009; 190 (9): 479-483.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_09_040509/pag11449_fm.html

-Antifungal prophylaxis in cancer patients after chemotherapy or hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation: systematic review and meta-analysis. Journal of Clinical Oncology 2007; 25(34): 5471-5489.

<http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb/ShowRecord.asp?ID=12008009045>

-Long term monitoring in patients receiving treatment to lower blood pressure: analysis of data from placebo controlled randomised controlled trial. BMJ 2009;338:b1492

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/apr30_1/b1492

-Aspirin Plus Clopidogrel and Risk of Infection After Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(8):788-795.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/169/8/788>

-Recombinant human erythropoiesis-stimulating agents and mortality in patients with cancer: a meta-analysis of randomised trials. The Lancet. Volume 373, Issue 9674, Pages 1532 - 1542.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60502-X/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60502-X/abstract)

-Rivaroxaban versus enoxaparin for thromboprophylaxis after total knee arthroplasty (RECORD4): a randomised trial.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60734-0/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60734-0/fulltext)

CONSULTATIONS

**NPS

-Understanding the issues and exploring the strategies to achieve QUM in palliative care and end of life: A consultation report.

Comments on the report are being sought from all health professionals and interest groups. The report is available at

http://www.nps.org.au/members_and_stakeholders/consultations_and_reviews . Submission are due by May 20 2009.

**NHMRC

-Draft guideline: *Prevention of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in patients admitted to Australian hospitals*

Comments are being invited on the National Health and Medical Research Council's draft clinical practice guideline for the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE - blood clots) in hospitalised patients. Comments on the guideline can be submitted until 5pm AEST Thursday 21 May, 2009.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/consultation.htm#down>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**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/>

** Joint Commission Resources: Pediatric Conference - July 22-23, 2009, Oakbrook Terrace, IL <http://www.jcrinc.com/Conferences-and-Seminars/Pediatric-National-Conference/1514/>

**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

**7th Australasian Association for Quality in Healthcare (AAQHC) Conference in Sydney on 6-9 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>

**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>

OTHER NEWS

**ACSQHC:

-Using Tools to Make Clinical Handover Safe: a Practical Workshop. May 27th 2009. Perth, Western Australia
[http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/E0B59E130FA90A50CA2573AF007BC3C8/\\$File/Tools-ws-Perth2009-05-27.pdf](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/E0B59E130FA90A50CA2573AF007BC3C8/$File/Tools-ws-Perth2009-05-27.pdf)

**ARCHI

-Hospital in the Home 2009- Annual Conference, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, 5-6th November 2009. Call for abstracts, submission before 31st of July 2009.
<http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/hith2009>

**IHI

-The IHI Open School for Health Professions....Free courses and community for future health care leaders. <http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/IHIOpenSchool/>