

TAG Mail 9th January 2009



TAG MEETINGS

**There are no TAG meetings planned for the coming week

WEBSITE UPDATE

**The NSW TAG position statement on Paracetamol use is now published on the website

**The results from the 2nd abbreviations snapshot audit is now published in the members section of the website

**The email discussion on urokinase use for cleaning PICC lines is now published in the VQUMN section of the website.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

**TGA Consultations:

-- Technical review of the Code of Practice for the Tamper-Evident Packaging (TEP) of Therapeutic Goods. Submissions providing information that will help inform the review of the technical content of the TEP Code of Practice are invited. Comment by Friday 6 February 2009.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/packaging/tepcopreview.htm>

-- General requirements for labels for medicines. Comment by close of business Friday 30 January 2009. <http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/consult/tgo69c.htm>

**SA Health: Etoposide and Etoposide products safety notice: Nov 2008

<http://www.safetyandquality.sa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=82>

**NPC MeReC rapid reviews:

-- Dual antihypertensive therapy in patients at high risk of CV disease

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=250>

-- Z-drugs increase the risk of road traffic accidents

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=249>

-- Inhaled corticosteroids don't affect mortality in COPD, but increase the risk of pneumonia

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=252>

**AHRQ Innovations Exchange: improving the health literacy of patients

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

**FDA Patient Safety News: A video show for health professionals - Jan 2009

www.fda.gov/psn

**The Joint Commission Online Newsletter:

http://www.jointcommission.org/Library/jconline/jconline_dec_2008.htm

****USP: Proposed chapter: Physical environments that promote safe medication use** [http://www.usp.org/pdf/EN/USPNF/PF34\(6\)Combined.pdf](http://www.usp.org/pdf/EN/USPNF/PF34(6)Combined.pdf)

This proposed chapter discusses work space factors that can affect safe medication delivery, including lighting, interruptions, noise level, and physical space design. Send comments to Colleen E. Brennan, RPh, at CYB@usp.org by February 15, 2009.

****Papers of interest:**

--The effect on medication errors of pharmacists charting medication in an emergency department. Pharm World Sci. 2008 Nov 29; [Epub ahead of print].

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/63276638214481j4/>

--Intensive Glycemic Control and the Prevention of Cardiovascular Events. A Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association and a Scientific Statement of the American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association

<http://content.onlinejacc.org/cgi/reprint/j.jacc.2008.10.008v1.pdf>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****TGA: Consumer level recall of Nyal herbal cold and flu products**

Two herbal cold and flu medicines have been voluntarily recalled from the Australian market following reports of a number of allergic and anaphylactic reactions

<http://www.tga.gov.au/alerts/medicines/nyal.htm>

<http://www.tga.gov.au/recalls/2008/nyal.htm>

****FDA: Suicidal Behavior and Ideation and Antiepileptic Drugs**

The FDA requires manufacturers of antiepileptic drugs include a Warning in their labeling and develop a Medication Guide to be provided to patients prescribed these drugs to inform them of the risks of suicidal thoughts or actions.

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/antiepileptics/default.htm>

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/>

**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-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html>

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