

## TAG Mail 9<sup>th</sup> of October



### TAG MEETINGS

\*\*Advance notice: The NSW TAG 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 5pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of October in the Level 7 Meeting Room of the Medical Centre at Concord Hospital.

### WEBSITE UPDATE

\*\*The DMACS newsletter for the month of October has been added to the website.

### TAG ACTIVITIES

Nil

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

#### \*\*TGA

-Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin, Volume 28, Number 5, October 2009. TGA approves H1N1 influenza virus vaccine; The long and the short of movement disorders with metoclopramide; Washout or taper when switching antidepressants <http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0910.htm#a1>

#### \*\*NHMRC

-Commitment to develop NHMRC Principles on Conflict of Interest  
<http://nhmrcommunicationscreatesend4.com/T/ViewEmail/r/2D63C5DF06D1AD0F/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>  
-Strong support for H1N109 swine flu vaccination program  
<http://nhmrcommunicationscreatesend2.com/T/ViewEmail/r/EE442ED5B550E080/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

Department of Health (UK)

- Dosage of oseltamivir in children under 1yr of age with swine flu  
<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/News/2009---September/25/CMO-letter-Change-in-dosage-of-oseltamivir-in-children-under-one-year-of-age-with-swine-flu-and-subsequent-updated-NHSDirect-factsheet/>

\*\*Prescrire (English Edition) No. 103, Volume 18 October 2009.

-Withdrawal of Desvenlafaxine marketing application for depression in Europe  
-Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis offers no therapeutic advantage  
<http://english.prescrire.org/spip.php?rubrique24>

## **MEDICATION SAFETY**

\*\*ISMP

- Medication error report analysis: Medication list filing error, insulin preparation error by physician.

[http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090901\\_Sep2009\\_ismp.pdf](http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090901_Sep2009_ismp.pdf)

## **PAPERS OF INTEREST**

*Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia: a major cause of mortality in Australia and New Zealand. MJA 2009; 191 (7): 368-373.

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191\\_07\\_051009/tur10849\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/tur10849_fm.html)

*Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia as a quality indicator for hospital infection control. MJA 2009; 191 (7): 389-392.

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191\\_07\\_051009/den10296\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/den10296_fm.html)

Bringing patients' own medications into an emergency department by ambulance: effect on prescribing accuracy when these patients are admitted to hospital. MJA 2009; 191 (7): 374-377.

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191\\_07\\_051009/cha11452\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/cha11452_fm.html)

Extended prescribing rights- the UK experience. Aust Presc 2009; 32:118-9.

<http://www.australianprescriber.com/upload/pdf/articles/1044.pdf>

Balancing "No Blame" with Accountability in Patient Safety. NEJM. Volume 361:1401-1406. October 1, 2009.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/361/14/1401>

## **CONSULTATIONS**

Nil

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*\*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>

\*\* The Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network is a hosting a one day forum on 'Improving medication safety in emergency departments'. The forum is to be held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at Etihad Stadium,

Docklands. The key themes include: safer medication ordering processes, medication reconciliation, information and communication about medications and changes. For more information contact:

[EmergencyCare.Clinicalnetwork@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:EmergencyCare.Clinicalnetwork@dhs.vic.gov.au)

\*\*DOH (NSW): 2009 NSW Health Awards and Expo- 30 October, Australian Technology Park (Redfern)

<http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/>

\*\*CR-EPS, SMPU and ACSQHC: "Strategies for improving medication safety in hospitals: the way forward". 30th October. For more details go to:

<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/>

\*\*SHPA National Conference - Across the Divide, 5- 8 November 2009, Perth. For more details go to: <http://www.shpamm2009.com/>

\*\*ARCHI: NSW Rural and Remote Allied Health - Beyond the rhetoric. Tamworth, 12th-13<sup>th</sup> of November 2009. <http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09>

\*\*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/>

\*\*Change Champions:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.nps.org.au/all_events/all_events/national_medicines_symposium_2010)

## **OTHER NEWS**

\*\*NHMRC Seminars:

- Strategies for improving medication safety in hospitals:The way forward. Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Herston, QLD, Friday 30th October, 2009

-Patient Consent and Blood Transfusion, Charles Latrobe Lecture Theatre, Royal Melbourne Hospital Function and Convention Centre, Grattan St, Parkville,

Victoria 3050, Monday 17th August, 2009  
<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/>