

TAG Mail 10th of July



TAG MEETINGS

- **Editorial Committee meeting Monday 13th of July, 3pm in the NSW TAG Office.
- **High Cost Drugs Working Group- DEFERRED until Tuesday the 21st of July.

WEBSITE UPDATE

- **Results from the e-mail discussion around formulary listing of rivaroxaban are now published within the members section of the website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

- NSW TAG consultation on NPS Drug Use Evaluation Projects for 2010. Please send your feedback to NSW TAG by 17th July 2009.

- SAFER Medicines Group is holding a planning meeting on the 22nd July from 3.00 to 5.30 pm at Harold Park Raceway, Glebe.

The aims of the planning meeting are to determine:

- **The direction of SAFER for the future and prioritise potential activities
- **How SAFER can best meet the needs of the TAG membership
- **How SAFER can best align with medication activities and priorities of other organizations.

For further information please contact Jocelyn, jlowinger@stvincents.com.au before 10th of July.

- E-mail discussion: Clarification of Heparin Infusion Chart availability in NSW. Please e-mail your response to tagproject@stvincents.com.au by the 16th of July 2009.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

- General practice in Australia, health priorities and policies 1998 to 2008
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10721>

**ACSQHC

- Quality Health Care Conversation. Quality Health Care Conversation is a consultation on the proposed [National Safety and Quality Framework](#). The framework is designed to guide action to improve the safety and quality of the care provided in all health care settings over the next decade.

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

**CIAP

- PDA Users- annual updates to MIMS are now available for download.
http://www.hcn.com.au/mims_pda/mims_pda_start.html Note: you will also have to apply for a new registration code by going to the MIMS on PDA Registration http://www.hcn.com.au/mims_pda/mims_pda_register.html

-CIAP is pleased to announce that direct access to full-text articles is now available for EBSCOhost titles. Access to the full-text article will be available from within any of the OvidSP search results.

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au:2001/libraries/contacts.html>

****AMA**

-Electronic Prescription Transfer Systems - 2009

is the process by which a prescription is electronically generated by a prescriber, authenticated via an electronic signature and securely transmitted to a pharmacy for dispensing.

<http://www.ama.com.au/node/4749>

****TGA**

-What's new on the TGA website since the 23rd of June 2009.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****WHO**

- In response to the pandemic threat by a new influenza A(H1N1) strain, the development of a patient care checklist was started on 29 April 2009.

http://www.who.int/patientsafety/activities/ah1n1_checklist/en/

****CDC**

-MMWR: Recurring Norovirus Outbreaks in a Long-Term Residential Treatment Facility --- Oregon, 2007 and Hepatitis A Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 24--35 Months --- United States, 2006 and 2007

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

****Joint Commission**

-Complimentary MDRO Toolkit: Multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs) prevention and control is one of the most complex management issues that health care executives face. <http://www.jcrinc.com/MDRO-Toolkit/>

****SIGN**

- British Guideline on the Management of Asthma

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/pdf/sign101.pdf>

-Management of Hip Fracture in Older People

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/pdf/sign111.pdf>

****NPCi**

-Clinical trials may underestimate the incidence of statin-related myopathy

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=369>

****NHS**

-Medicines Management: New product evaluations- a resource for medicines management <http://www.mmnetwork.nhs.uk/med-man-new-details.php?newsid=1761>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****ISMP**

- Acute Care Newsletter, 2nd July: Misidentification of alphanumeric symbols in both handwritten and computer-generated information, Safety Brief: Med list filing error

<http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acute/acuteissue.asp>

****FDA**

-Information for Healthcare Professionals: Varenicline (marketed as Chantix) and Bupropion (marketed as Zyban, Wellbutrin, and generics)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm169986.htm>

-Public Health Advisory: FDA Requires New Boxed Warnings for the Smoking Cessation Drugs Chantix and Zyban

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PublicHealthAdvisories/ucm169988.htm>

-Warning on Testosterone Gel Products, Update on Precipitate Formation with Ceftriaxone and Calcium-containing Products

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=88#7>

- Propoxyphene-containing Products

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm170763.htm>

****Canada Health**

-Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter, Volume 19 Issue 3, July 2009. Montelukast: Psychiatric reactions, Intravitreal injection of triamcinolone acetonide: ocular reactions, Fentanyl transdermal patches and accidental child exposure.

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/carn-bcei_v19n3-eng.pdf

****Joint Commission**

- Providing a Safer Environment for Health Care Personnel and Patients through Influenza Vaccination: Strategies from Research and Practice

http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/814E02F2-1E1C-4D76-9043-DBB3E12A205A/0/Flu_Monograph.pdf

****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Update: Clopidogrel and proton pump inhibitors: interaction, Clarification: ACE inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor antagonists - use during breastfeeding, Mycophenolate mofetil: pure red cell aplasia and use of long acting beta-agonists in COPD.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CONO51770>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Aspirin in the primary and secondary prevention of vascular disease: collaborative meta-analysis of individual participant data from randomised trials. The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9678, Pages 1849 - 1860, 30 May 2009
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60503-1/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60503-1/abstract)

-Efficacy and safety of insulin analogues for the management of diabetes mellitus: a meta-analysis. CMAJ 2009; 180 (4): 385-97.
<http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/reprint/180/4/385?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=Efficacy+and+safety+of+insulin+analogues+for+the+management+of+diabetes+mellitus%3A+a+meta-analysis.&andexactfulltext=and&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&sortspec=date&resourcetype=HWCIT>

-Zoledronic acid and risedronate in the prevention and treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis (HORIZON): a multicentre, double-blind, double-dummy, randomised controlled trial. The Lancet. Volume 373, Issue 9671, Pages 1253 - 1263, 11 April 2009
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60250-6/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60250-6/abstract)

-British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology have published a special issue around medication errors in both practical and theoretical settings. Brit J Clin Pharmacol. 2009;67: 589-695.
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117977535/home>

CONSULTATIONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

** 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. 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 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>

**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>

**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>

OTHER NEWS

**CI-SCaT

-Timeline for the transition of CI-SCaT to eviQ

<https://www.treatment.cancerinstitute.org.au/cancerinstitute/cancerinstitute/DADAServlet?sid=2216159CIS&page=0BENPC&gen=0>

**AHRQ

-Will it Work Here? A Decisionmaker's Guide to Adopting Innovations. A Web Conference on Decisions making for the Adoption of Health Service Innovations. 27th July 2009.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/about/willwkconf.htm>