

TAG Mail 11th of September



TAG MEETINGS

**Nil

WEBSITE UPDATE

** E-mail discussions:

- eCalculators on CIAP
- Use of additional medication prescribing and administration charts (to the NIMC)

have now been added to the member's section of the website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Current e-mail discussions:

- Identifying patients with drug eluting stents
- IV Chemotherapy referral forms

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**ARCHI Net News August 2009

http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/aug09

**AIHW: Disability in Australia: multiple disabilities and need for assistance

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10788>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ:

-Innovations exchange: Featured Topic: The Patient-Centered Medical Home

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

-Comparative Effectiveness of Lipid-Modifying Agents: Final research review

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=rr&ProcessID=11&DocID=170>

-Health Care-Associated Infections Webpage - New Resource

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/hais.htm>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**MHRA: Drug Safety Update Volume 3 September 2009

Includes information on: Insulin glargine and clopidogrel and PPI drug interaction

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/pl-p/documents/publication/con057142.pdf>

**NPSA: Safety in doses: Tackling medication incidents and increasing patient

safety <http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/corporate/news/tackling-medication-incidents->

[and-increasing-patient-safety/](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Optimizing vancomycin dosing through pharmacodynamic assessment targeting area under the concentration-time curve/minimum inhibitory concentration

http://factsandcomparisons.com/assets/HpDateNamed/20090901_sep2009_peer1.pdf

**MJA papers:

-National health reform: it's time for a decision

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/hic109639_fm.html

-A healthier future for all Australians: an overview of the final report of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/ben10926_fm.html

-Final report of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission: will we get the health care governance reform we need?

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/sto10903_fm.html

-Winds of change: growing demands for transparency in the relationship between doctors and the pharmaceutical industry

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_05_070909/mit10538_fm.html

-A case study evaluation of ethics review systems for multicentre clinical trials

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_05_070909/hic10063_fm.html

**Cochrane review: The effects of on-screen, point of care computer reminders on processes and outcomes of care

<http://mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD001096/frame.html>

**Healthcare Quarterly: Vol. 12 Special Issue | Patient Safety Papers

<http://www.longwoods.com/home.php?cat=604>

**"Canary Measures" Among the AHRQ Patient Safety Indicators

<http://ajm.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/1062860609341585v1>

CONSULTATIONS

**TGA: Review of Schedule 1 to Therapeutic Goods Order No. 80 Child-resistant packaging requirements for medicines (TGO 80).

The closing date for submissions is: Wednesday 23 September 2009.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/consult/tgo80.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**International Society for Quality in Healthcare: 26th International conference 11-14 October, 2009 Dublin, Ireland. <http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html>

** The Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network is 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

**DOH (NSW): 2009 NSW Health Awards and Expo- 30th 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/>

**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>

-IHI/BMJ International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care in Nice, France on April 20-23, 2010. Deadline for submissions is September 21, 2009.
<http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

OTHER NEWS

**Registrations are now open for the 4th Annual NSW Health Expo - October 30, 2009!

Go to <http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/expo> for the latest news and delegate registration details.