

TAG Mail 12th of June



TAG MEETINGS

There are no TAG meetings for the upcoming week.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Nil

TAG ACTIVITIES

-NSW TAG office is compiling a list of methods/sources used to prepare intravenous heparin infusions in NSW public hospitals. Please indicate how heparin for intravenous infusion is prepared in your hospital by 12th of June 2009.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**VIFM

-Coronial Communique: Volume 7 Issue 2. May 2009. This issue discusses: When is a headache, not just a headache?, Meningococcal Disease- meningitis or bacteraemia?

http://www.vifm.org/attachments//CC_May_2009.pdf

**AIHW

-Australian Hospital Statistics 2007-2008

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hse/hse-71-10776/hse-71-10776.pdf>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**CDC

-MMWR Volume 58 number 21: Update: Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection --- Mexico, March--May, 2009; Impact of New WHO Growth Standards on the Prevalence of Acute Malnutrition and Operations of Feeding Programs

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5821a4.htm>

**MeReC

-NPCi blogs now indicate the level of evidence

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=352>

-EMA statement on possible interaction between clopidogrel and proton pump inhibitors

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=354>

-Intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes: what part does it play?

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=353>

****FDA**

-FDA ALERT: Propylthiouracil-Induced Liver Failure

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm162701.htm>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Drug Safety Newsletter Volume 2, Number 1 2009. This issue discusses topics around serious liver damage related to atomoxetine and abacavir hypersensitivity reaction

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugSafetyNewsletter/ucm107318.pdf>

****TGA**

-ADRAC Bulletin Volume 28 No.3 June 2009. This issue includes: Metformin, dehydration and lactic acidosis, Drug-induced lupus erythematosus: An emerging association with TNF inhibitors and Drug-associated macular oedema - latanoprost and rosiglitazone <http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0906.pdf>

****ISMP**

-Acute Care Newsletter June 4th: Icons and symbols on IV related products: Global industry must reflect on the safety aspects, True allergy or other symptom? <http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/currentissue.asp>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Error Management: Omitted and unjustified medications in the discharge summary. *Quality and Safety in Health Care* 2009;18:205-208
<http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/18/3/205>

-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.
[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)

-Are verbal orders a threat to patient safety? *Quality and Safety in Health Care* 2009;18:165-168 <http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/18/3/165>

-A shared electronic health record: lessons from the coalface. *MJA* 2009; 190 (11): S113-S11
http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_11_010609/sil11185_fm.html

CONSULTATIONS

- National Safety and Quality Framework. The proposed 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. Have your say on future action to improve the safety and quality of health care in Australia.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

** National Institute of Complementary Medicine (NICM)- Symposium
Friday 19th June 2009, Brisbane.

<http://www.nicm.edu.au/content/view/136/237/>

**Integrated Care Pathways 2009. Focuses on new and innovative techniques that can help make care pathways more effective. Wednesday 24 June 2009 - Thursday 25 June 76 Portland Place, London. <http://www.healthcare-events.co.uk/conf/booking.php?action=home&id=289&confbook=0f658fd0283be55e79b8e02b52fccf7a>

** 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

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