

TAG Mail 13th February 2009



We are compiling a cumulative listing of Reports, Publications, and Medication Safety Information highlighted in TAGMail commencing from the first edition TAGMail in 2009. This will form a central record for links to these documents and will facilitate searching for information from back issues. The cumulative listing is available in the TAGMail section of the website.

TAG MEETINGS

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

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Member Survey: Members are reminded to respond to the survey by 18th February 2009. To assist in completing the survey, a summary of NSW TAG activities in 2008 is available on the front page of the website.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**Nil

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW: Chronic disease and participation in work

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10442>

**Australian Prescriber: February 2009

In this issue: Pharmaceutical marketing and the internet, Prescription pricing demystified, Treating dementia, Medicinal mishap - monitor morphine, Treatments for severe psoriasis, Drug treatment of pituitary tumours

<http://www.australianprescriber.com/magazine/32/1>

**ARCHI Net News: February 2009

http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/feb09

**DOHA: The Australian Government has announced arrangements for the new advisory structure to support Australia's National Medicines Policy.

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/10C238C4F6194419CA25755500175165/\\$File/nr012.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/10C238C4F6194419CA25755500175165/$File/nr012.pdf)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange: using the Pathways model to increase access to health care and produce healthy outcomes.

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

**CDC: Prevention of Rotavirus Gastroenteritis among Infants and Children

Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5802a1.htm>

**Regional Drug and Therapeutics Centre (Newcastle) UK: The use of lapatinib in the management of metastatic breast cancer
http://www.nyrdtc.nhs.uk/docs/eva/Lapatinib_RDTC.pdf

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA: Potential Signals of Serious Risks/New Safety Information Identified from the Adverse Event Reporting System (AERS).
http://www.fda.gov/cder/aers/potential_signals/default.htm

**EMA: Recommendation for updating antiepileptic product information with warnings on suicidal risk
<http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/press/pr/67072408en.pdf> (page 2)

**MHRA: Drug Safety Update: Volume 2 Issue 7, February 2009
This issue gives drug safety advice on two matters: tibolone and breast cancer; NSAID use and increased thrombotic cardiovascular risk.
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON038625>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Towards an International Classification for Patient Safety. Int J Qual Health Care. 2009;21:1-26. <http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/21/1/18>

**Contrast Volume During Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention and Subsequent Contrast-Induced Nephropathy and Mortality. Ann Intern Med.2009; 150: 170-177. <http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/3/170>

**A Reengineered Hospital Discharge Program to Decrease Rehospitalization. Ann Intern Med.2009; 150: 178-187
<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/3/178>

**Doctors, patients, and the drug industry: Partners, friends, or foes?
http://www.bmj.com/cgi/section_pdf/338/feb03_2/b211.pdf

**Overrides of Medication Alerts in Ambulatory Care. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(3):305-311.
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/3/305>

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/>

**ACSQHC: Using tools to make clinical handover safe: a practical workshop
Monday, 30th March, 2009 Brisbane, Queensland. For further information please contact: Tamsin Kaneen (02) 9263 3581
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**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

**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>

OTHER NEWS
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