

TAG Mail 13th March 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

WEBSITE UPDATE

**September 2008 minutes of the Editorial Meeting are now available in the members section of the website.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NHMRC

- New Alcohol Guidelines say reduce drinking to reduce risk

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/media/rel09/090306-alcohol-guidelines.htm>

**AIHW

- Strong growth in health and community services workforces

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/mediacentre/2009/mr20090306.cfm>

**New South Wales Health

-Sharing information about communication activities across NSW!

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/communications/>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**ISMP

- Follow ISMP Guidelines to safeguard the design and use of automated dispensing cabinets (ADCs)

<http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/articles/20090212.asp>

**AHRQ

- Innovative hospital programs designed to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors

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

- Inpatient Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)

Findings from the AHRQ Health IT Portfolio

http://healthit.ahrq.gov/images/jan09cpoereport/cpoe_issue_paper.htm

****NPSA**

-Never Events are serious, largely preventable patient safety incidents that should not occur if the available preventative measures have been implemented.

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/nrls/improvingpatientsafety/neverevents/>

****DH (UK)**

-Ovarian cancer: key messages for health professionals

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/NationalServiceFrameworks/Cancer/DH_095624

****NPCi**

-Combination therapy with DMARDs is BeSt

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=285>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****Health Canada**

-Health Canada Warns That Use of Oral Sodium Phosphate Products For Bowel Cleansing May Lead To Kidney Injury

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2009/2009_37-eng.php

-Safety information regarding topical anesthetics and serious adverse events - For Health Professionals

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/emla_ametop_hpc-cps-eng.php

****FDA**

-Summary View: Safety Labeling Changes Approved By FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) -- January 2009

http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/jan09_quickview.htm

-Transdermal Drug Patches with Metallic Backings

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/safety09.htm#Transdermal>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****The Safety of Intravenous Drug Delivery Systems: Update on Current Issues Since the 1999 Consensus Development Conference**

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdata/20090201_Feb2009_peer3.pdf

****QSHC BMJ**

- Medication errors: the impact of prescribing and transcribing errors on preventable harm in hospitalised patients

<http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/18/1/22>

****Medical Care**

- Variability in Pharmacy Interpretations of Physician Prescriptions
[Brief Report]

<http://www.lww-medicalcare.com/pt/re/medcare/abstract.00005650-200903000-00015.htm;jsessionid=J0KC19BSLLILbKMDGnJLRxrPF13VQwthDhppXrvDQL3bVJNsJxJH!1689917466!181195629!8091!-1>

****Controlling Off-Label Medication Use.** Ann of Internal Med 3 March 2009
Volume 150 Issue 5 Pages 344-347

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/5/344>

****Promoting More Conservative Prescribing.** JAMA. 2009;301(8):865-867

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/extract/301/8/865>

**** Provision of medicines information in Australian community pharmacies.**
Pharmacy World & Science

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/102977/?p=f88d4e3bbfdc4587b11e6c1e349bc077&pi=0>

****Information sheets for patients with acute chest pain: randomised controlled trial.** BMJ 2009;338:b541

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/short/338/feb26_2/b541?q=rss_home

****The Impact of Revascularization on Mortality in Patients with Nonacute Coronary Artery Disease.** Volume 122 , Issue 2, Pages 152-161 (February 2009)

[http://www.amjmed.com/article/S0002-9343\(08\)00955-8/abstract](http://www.amjmed.com/article/S0002-9343(08)00955-8/abstract)

CONSULTATIONS

Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS

****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
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****IHI: Using the IHI Global Trigger Tool for Measuring Patient Safety**

April 1 2009, 3 Webinars. Read the related article about using the Trigger Tool for Measuring Adverse Drug Events (ADEs): Adverse drug event trigger tool: A practical methodology for measuring medication related harm. Quality and Safety in Health Care. 2003;12:194-200.

<http://www.ihi.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/WebandACTIONUsingtheIHIGlobalTriggerToolApril2009.htm>

**IHI: Delivering safe and optimal care through effective teamwork and communication

April 2-3, 2009, Boston, MA

<http://www.ihi.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/ImplementingTeamCommunicationApril2009.htm>

**IHI: Engaging with Physicians in a Shared Quality Agenda April 21-23 2009, Chicago Illinois

http://www.ihi.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/EngagingwithPhysiciansApril09.htm?utm_source=email&utm_medium=targeted&utm_campaign=admin

**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

**CEC

-Clinical Leadership Program (CLP): The CEC Clinical Leadership Program (CLP) focuses on building capacity in a strategic, supportive manner by identifying and nurturing leadership talent within the NSW health system.

Expressions of Interest are being sought for the 2009 Program via sponsors within each area health service

Six 2 day Modules

<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/>