

TAG Mail 15th of May



TAG MEETINGS

**There are no meetings for the upcoming week.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**The minutes of the February High Cost Drugs Working Group have been published in the members section of the website.

**Confirmed minutes from the March Editorial Committee meeting have been added to the members section of the website.

** E-mail discussion: “Alternatives to Danaparoid in Haemodialysis patients allergic to Heparin” has now been published within the members section of the website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

Nil

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**TGA

-Fortnightly website update: includes Drugs designated as orphan drugs (added Thromboreductin, Media release: TGA announcement regarding extension of shelf life of oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) (new)

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

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ

-Preventing Hospital-Acquired Venous Thromboembolism: A Guide for Effective Quality Improvement.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/vtguide/>

**CDC

-Web M&M: Outbreak of *Salmonella* Serotype Saintpaul Infections Associated with Eating Alfalfa Sprouts --- United States, 2009. Update:Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infections

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

**National Academy of Sciences Publication

-Conflict of Interest in Medical Research, Education, and Practice (2009)- Board on Health Science Policy - Summary

http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12598&page=1

****FDA**

-Suicidal Behavior and Ideation and Antiepileptic Drugs

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/antiepileptics/default.htm>

****NHS MI**

-Can zanamivir be given to patients with renal impairment or patients on renal replacement therapies?

<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/Evidence/Medicines-Q--A/Can-zanamivir-be-given-to-patients-with-renal-impairment-or-patients-on-renal-replacement-therapies/>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Medwatch:Tarceva (erlotinib)- safety warning

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

****AHRQ**

-Patient Safety Net News- this week: Fast forward rounds: an effective method for teaching medical students to transition patients safely across care settings, Educational strategy to reduce medication errors in a neonatal intensive care unit. <http://psnet.ahrq.gov/resource.aspx?resourceID=10034>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Implementation of a patient safety incident management system as viewed by doctors, nurses and allied health professionals. Health.

Vol. 13, No. 3, 277-296 (2009)

<http://hea.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/13/3/277>

-Long-Term Safety and Efficacy of Drug-Eluting versus Bare-Metal Stents in Sweden. New England Journal of Medicine. Volume 360:1933-1945. May 7, 2009.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/abstract/360/19/1933>

CONSULTATIONS

****NPS**

-Understanding the issues and exploring the strategies to achieve QUM in palliative care and end of life: A consultation report.

Comments on the report are being sought from all health professionals and interest groups. The report is available at

http://www.nps.org.au/members_and_stakeholders/consultations_-and-_reviews . Submission are due by May 20 2009.

****NHMRC**

-Draft guideline: *Prevention of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in patients admitted to Australian hospitals*

Comments are being invited on the National Health and Medical Research Council's draft clinical practice guideline for the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE - blood clots) in hospitalised patients. Comments on the guideline can be submitted until 5pm AEST Thursday 21 May, 2009.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/consultation.htm#down>

UPCOMING EVENTS

****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/>

****Implementing Quality Indicators: moving from theory into practice"** in Sydney on Thursday June 11th.

<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/qualityindicators/implementinggislowres.pdf>

**** 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

Nil