

TAG Mail 16th of October



TAG MEETINGS

**The 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the TAG membership, is scheduled for 5pm on Monday 19th of October in the Level 7 Meeting Room of the Medical Centre at Concord Hospital. The relevant meeting papers and agenda have been circulated to the membership prior to this meeting.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Nil

TAG ACTIVITIES

The NSW TAG secretariat will be moving from our current location (Victoria St, Darlinghurst) to 26 Leichhardt St, Darlinghurst. The move will be complete by Christmas 2009.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

- Diabetes prevalence in Australia: an assessment of national data sources

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10639>

-Asthma in Australian children: findings from Growing up in Australia, the longitudinal study of Australian children

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10771>

**TGA

-Expressions of interest for up to 4 positions on the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) (new)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adec.htm#newmembers>

-Expressions of interest for up to 12 positions on the new Advisory Committee on Safety of Medicines (ACSOM) (new)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/adrac.htm#newmembers>

-What's New on the website: Drugs designated as orphan drugs

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

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ

- The Guide to Clinical Preventive Services 2009. Recommendations of the US Preventive Services Task Force.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/pocketgd09/pocketgd09.pdf>

**NPSA (UK)

-NPSA advising hospitals to follow new oxygen safety guidance

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/site-map/npsa-advising-hospitals-to-follow-new-oxygen-safety-guidance/>

****American Journal of Health System Pharmacy**
-Review of recent evidence: Potential interaction between clopidogrel and PPIs
http://www.ajhp.org/misc/Clopidogrel_PPI.pdf

****Drug and therapeutics Bulletin:**
Anticoagulation with dabigatran or rivaroxaban. Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin
2009;47:116-120; doi:10.1136/dtb.2009.09.0041
<http://dtb.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/47/10/116>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****Health Canada**

-Important Safety Information Regarding the Use of Sleep Aid Drugs and the Risk of Complex Sleep-Related Behaviours http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2009/2009_161-eng.php

-MedEffect Newsletter Vol 19 Issue 4- October 2009: Intravenous immune globulin (IVIg): hemolytic reactions, Sildenafil (Revatio) and medication incident
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/carn-bcei_v19n4-eng.php#a3

****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Update, October 2009. In this issue: Smoking and smoking cessation: clinically significant interactions with commonly used medicines, Aspirin: not licensed for primary prevention of thrombotic vascular disease
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON059804>

-One liners: Food for thought
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/OneLiners/CON057398>

****FDA**

-Administration of Relenza (zanamivir) Inhalation Powder
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm186081.htm>

****ISMP**

-Serious adverse drug event reports increase last quarter, 2008
<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acutecare/articles/20091008.asp>

****NHS**

- New eLearning resource for VTE
<http://e-lfh.org.uk/projects/vte/launch/>
-Ticagrelor – another antiplatelet for ACS

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=668>

****DoH (UK)**

-Guidance for the pharmacological management of substance misuse among young people in secure environments

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_106782.pdf

PAPERS OF INTEREST

- Disclosure of competing interests. BMJ 2009;339:b4144

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/339/oct12_2/b4144

-BTS guidelines for the management of community acquired pneumonia in adults: update 2009. Thorax 2009;64(Suppl 3):iii1-iii55;
doi:10.1136/thx.2009.121434

http://thorax.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/64/Suppl_3/iii1

-Fall prevention with supplemental and active forms of vitamin D: a meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. BMJ 2009;339:b3692

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/oct01_1/b3692

-Aspirin use and survival after diagnosis of colorectal cancer. JAMA 2009 Aug 12;302(6):649-58.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19671906?dopt=Abstract>

-Adherence to Antihypertensive Medications and Cardiovascular Morbidity Among Newly Diagnosed Hypertensive Patients **Circulation. 2009**

Published online before print October 5, 2009,

doi:10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.108.830299

<http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/CIRCULATIONAHA.108.830299v1>

CONSULTATIONS

Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**SHPA National Conference - Across the Divide, 5- 8 November 2009, Perth. For more details go to: <http://www.shpamm2009.com/>

**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>

Women's & Children's Hospitals Australasia (WCHA) 2009 Annual Conference
Sebel & Citigate King George Square, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
9-13 November 2009 <http://www.wcha2009.com/>

**Measuring Patient Outcomes
17-18 February 2009, Rydges World Square Sydney
www.measuringpatientoutcomes.com

**Australian Society for Antimicrobials National Scientific Meeting to be held at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel, Sydney. February 25-27, 2010.
<http://www.antimicrobials2010.com/>

**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 <http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

**NPS National Medicines Symposium, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 26th May 2010 to 28th May 2010.
http://www.nps.org.au/all_events/all_events/national_medicines_symposium_2010

OTHER NEWS

**NHMRC Seminars:
- Strategies for improving medication safety in hospitals:The way forward. Royal

Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Herston, QLD, Friday 30th October, 2009
-Patient Consent and Blood Transfusion, Charles Latrobe Lecture Theatre, Royal
Melbourne Hospital Function and Convention Centre, Grattan St, Parkville,
Victoria 3050, Monday 17th August, 2009
<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/>