

## TAG Mail 17th April 2009



### TAG MEETINGS

There are no TAG meetings for this week.

### WEBSITE UPDATE

\*\*Responses to E-mail discussions: Monitoring in the Administration of IV Phenytoin and Pyridoxine for Management of Seizures in Children have been added to the website.

\*\* Confirmed February TAG meeting minutes are now posted in the members section of the website.

### TAG ACTIVITIES

\*\* Currently in circulation two e-mail discussions:

- Continuing need for first-dose IV administration by RMO's (responses received until 22/4/09)
- Distribution and Regulation of Potassium (responses received until 23/4/09)

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

\*\*AIHW

-Impact of falling cardiovascular disease death rates

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/aus/bulletin70/aus-113-10688.pdf>

\*\*eMJA

-Pertussis prevention and treatment: a call for wider access to azithromycin

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190\\_07\\_060409/bow10807\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_07_060409/bow10807_fm.html)

-The direct factor Xa inhibitor rivaroxaban

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190\\_07\\_060409/ver10980\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_07_060409/ver10980_fm.html)

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

\*\*Cochrane Collaboration Issue 2, 2009. This issue includes: Statins for the prevention of dementia, Male circumcision for prevention of heterosexual acquisition of HIV in men and Surgery for obesity

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD003641/frame.html>

\*\*NPCi Blog

-Patient Safety First- The How-To-Guide for Measurement of Improvement

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=327>

-Resources Relating to Better Care, Better Value indicators

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=328>

-Rosuvastatin has no CV benefits in patients undergoing haemodialysis

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=323>

-Rosuvastatin produces a small absolute reduction in venous thromboembolism (VTE) in people at low baseline risk  
<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=324>

**\*\*FDA**

-FDA Acts to Halt Marketing of Certain Unapproved Prescription Narcotic Drugs  
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW01983.html>

- Information for Healthcare Professionals: Ceftriaxone (marketed as Rocephin and generics)

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/InfoSheets/HCP/ceftriaxone042009HCP.htm>

-Early Communication about an Ongoing Safety Review of clopidogrel bisulfate (marketed as Plavix)

[http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early\\_comm/clopidogrel\\_bisulfate.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early_comm/clopidogrel_bisulfate.htm)

**\*\*MMWR (USA)**

-Guidelines for Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5804a1.htm?s\\_cid=rr5804a1\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5804a1.htm?s_cid=rr5804a1_e)

-Newsletter Volume 58 no.13 includes: HIV-Associated Behaviors Among Injecting-Drug Users and Cholera Outbreak (Southern Sudan)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5813.pdf>

**\*\*BMJ**

-Patients and the public deserve big changes in evaluation of drugs  
BMJ 2009;338:b1025

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/mar31\\_3/b1025](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/mar31_3/b1025)

- Hospitals make too many errors when collecting data, finds public spending watchdog

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr14\\_1/b1527?paperoc](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr14_1/b1527?paperoc)

**\*\*AHRQ**

-Three Treatments for Osteoarthritis of the Knee: Evidence Shows Lack of Benefit

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=sg&DocID=134&ProcessID=89#section4>

**\*\*Lancet**

-Mitral regurgitation The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 7 April 2009  
doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(09)60692-9

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60692-9/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60692-9/fulltext)

## **MEDICATION SAFETY**

\*\*FDA

-Patient Safety News: Including;Confusing Heparin Labels Can Lead to Errors and Preventing Overdoses when Using Methadone to Treat Chronic Pain

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=85#6>

## **PAPERS OF INTEREST**

Screening for ovarian carcinoma: not quite there yet. *The Lancet Oncology* 2009; 10(4):327-340

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045\(09\)70026-9/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(09)70026-9/abstract)

-Effectiveness and safety of nicotine replacement therapy assisted reduction to stop smoking: systematic review and meta-analysis. *BMJ* 2009;338:b1024

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/apr02\\_3/b1024](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/apr02_3/b1024)

-Effect of Early versus Deferred Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV on Survival *N Engl J Med*, published early online 1 April 2009

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/reprint/NEJMoa0807252v1.pdf>

-Antimicrobial Prescription Errors in Hospitalized Children: Role of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in Detection and Intervention. *Clinical Pediatrics* 2009, doi:10.1177/0009922808330774

<http://cpj.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/0009922808330774v1>

-Triple-Combination Pharmacotherapy for Medically Ill Smokers  
A Randomized Trial. *Ann Intern Med* 2009; 150 (7): 447-454

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/7/447>

-Use of Antithrombotic Drugs and the Presence of Cerebral Microbleeds  
*Arch Neurol.* 2009;66(6):(doi:10.1001/archneurol.2009.42).

<http://archneur.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/2009.42v1>

## **CONSULTATIONS**

-Comparative Effectiveness of Medical Therapies with or without ACEs or ARBs for Stable Ischemic Heart Disease. Draft research review open for comment until 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2009.

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=rr&ProcessID=57&status=draft>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

[http://www.ihl.org/IHL/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/EngagingwithPhysiciansApril09.htm?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=targeted&utm\\_campaign=admin](http://www.ihl.org/IHL/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/EngagingwithPhysiciansApril09.htm?utm_source=email&utm_medium=targeted&utm_campaign=admin)

\*\*Acute Medical Assessment Units: Improving Care and Flow for Medical Patients Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville Victoria  
<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/>

\*\*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/>

\*\* 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](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: 26<sup>th</sup> International conference 11-14 October, 2009 Dublin, Ireland. <http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html>

\*\*DOH (NSW): 2009 NSW Health Awards and Expo- 30<sup>th</sup> October, Australian Technology Park (Redfern)  
<http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/>

## **OTHER NEWS**

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