

TAG Mail 17th of July



TAG MEETINGS

**High Cost Drugs Working Group- Tuesday the 21st of July, at 8:30am in the NSW TAG office.

WEBSITE UPDATE

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TAG ACTIVITIES

-E-mail discussion: Use of Aspirin suppositories in acute stroke patients

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NHMRC

-Tracker: Podcast: 10 of the best research projects 2008 - Cleopatra bathed in it, now it heals skin, The Centres of Research Excellence Scheme for 2009 OPENS today

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend.com/T/ViewEmail/r/5B18C130FC13E9C1/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

**Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, Osteoporosis Australia and the Endocrine Society of Australia.

-Position Statement : "Calcium and Bone Health"

http://www.anzcms.org.au/resources/policies/ANZBMS_Calcium_Position_Paper_2007.pdf

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**CDC

-MMWR Weekly: Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication --- India, January 2007--May 2009, Imported Human Rabies --- California, 2008

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

**SIGN

- Revised SIGN/BTS British asthma guideline issued

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/fulltext/101/index.html>

**Cochrane Library

-What's new in Issue 3, 2009? Topical rubefaciants for acute and chronic pain in adults, Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for the common cold, Long term effects of weight reducing drugs in hypertensive patients

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/mrwhome/106568753/HOME>

****NPC**

-Connect Newsletter: National Support Materials to support the review of Renin-Angiotensin drugs launched on NPCi; NPCi update-New floors unveiled, Updated therapeutics materials, New non-medical prescribing website features!

http://www.npc.co.uk/npc_publications/resources/connect_issue_57.pdf

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Information for Healthcare Professionals: Immunosuppressant Drugs; Required Labeling Changes

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm171654.htm>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Combining Antiplatelet and Anticoagulant Therapies

J Am Coll Cardiol, 2009; 54:95-109, doi:10.1016/j.jacc.2009.03.044

<http://content.onlinejacc.org/cgi/content/abstract/54/2/95>

-Long-term safety of methotrexate monotherapy in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic literature research. *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*

2009;68:1100-1104 <http://ard.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/68/7/1100>

-Drug-Drug Interaction Between Clopidogrel and the Proton Pump Inhibitors. *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*: Vol. 43, No. 7, pp. 1266-1274. DOI

10.1345/aph.1M051

<http://www.theannals.com/cgi/content/abstract/43/7/1266>

-Ordering Off the Menu: Assessing Compliance with a Nonformulary Medication Policy. *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*: Vol. 43, No. 7, pp. 1251-1257. DOI

10.1345/aph.1M098.

<http://www.theannals.com/cgi/content/abstract/43/7/1251>

CONSULTATIONS

NIL

UPCOMING EVENTS

** 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. 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 7-9 September, 2009 <http://www.aaqhc2009.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>

**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>

OTHER NEWS

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