

TAG Mail 18th of September



TAG MEETINGS

**Nil

WEBSITE UPDATE

**Results of the following email discussions have been added to the members section:

- Identification of patients with drug eluting stents
- IV chemotherapy referral forms
- Rapid sedation in ED and mental health

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Current mail discussions:

- Prefilled syringes in anaesthesia

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NSW Health Safety Alert 004/09 - New Version of Adult National Inpatient Medication Chart

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/quality/sabs/sa_004_09_pdf.asp

**ARCHI Net News September 2009

http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/sept09

**AIHW

-Health expenditure for arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions, 2004-05.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10699>

**TGA:

-Therapeutic Goods (Listing) Notice 2009 (No.4) (sodium bicarbonate)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/tgnlist0904.htm>

-Therapeutic Goods (Listing) Notice 2009 (No.3) (potassium chloride)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/tgnlist0903.htm>

-Therapeutic Goods (Listing) Notice 2009 (No.2) (sodium citrate and sodium acid citrate)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/tgnlist0902.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ

- Innovations exchange: Featured topic - Worksite wellness

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

**National Prescribing Service Current Awareness Bulletin (eCAB) - Sept 11th

- Clopidogrel plus PPIs: doubts about clinical relevance of

interaction: <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=580>

- Improving adherence to prescribed drugs:

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/339/aug20_1/b3282

- NICE guidance having significant impact according to study:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/newsroom/presstatements/NICECommentToTheNHSInformationCentreOnTheUseOfNICEAppraisedMedicines.jsp>

** Joint Commission Online (Sept 16th)

- The Joint Commission launches the Center for Transforming Healthcare, to tackle patient safety issues.

<http://www.centerfortransforminghealthcare.org/>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**ISMP Canada

-National Collaborative: Top 5 Drugs Reported as Causing Harm through Medication Error in Paediatrics

<http://www.ismp-canada.org/download/safetyBulletins/ISMPCSB2009-6-NationalCollaborative-Top5DrugsReported.pdf>

**FDA MedWatch - Promethazine Injection: September 16th

- the boxed warning for promethazine is being updated, describing the risks of severe tissue injury, including gangrene, requiring amputation following intravenous administration.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm182500.htm>

**FDA MedWatch - August 2009 Drug Safety Labelling Changes

- 35 drugs with changes to Boxed Warning, Warnings, Contraindications, Precautions, Adverse Reactions

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/ucm181141.htm>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Eight Rights of Safe Electronic Health Record Use. JAMA. 2009;302:1111-1113

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/302/10/1111?home>

**Antipyretic Agents for Preventing Recurrences of Febrile Seizures: Randomized Controlled Trial. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2009;163(9):799-804.

<http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/163/9/799>

**Dropping the Baton During the Handoff from Emergency Department to Primary Care: Pediatric Asthma Continuity Errors. Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety, Volume 35, Number 9, September 2009, pp. 467-474(8)

<http://psnet.ahrq.gov/resource.aspx?resourceID=11568>

****MJA Rapid Publications**

--Does the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission have a real answer for public hospitals?

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_08_191009/pen10940_fm.html

--The NHHRC final report: view from the hospital sector

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_08_191009/sco10877_fm.html

--Bigger is not always better: what the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission report means for general practice

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_08_191009/kidd10908_fm.html

****Improving adherence to prescribed drugs. BMJ 2009;339:b3282**

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/339/aug20_1/b3282

UPCOMING EVENTS

****International Society for Quality in Healthcare: 26th International conference**

11-14 October, 2009 Dublin, Ireland. [http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-](http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html)

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**** The Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network is a hosting a one day forum on 'Improving medication safety in emergency departments'.**

The forum is to be held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at Etihad Stadium, Docklands. The key themes include: safer medication ordering processes, medication reconciliation, information and communication about medications and changes. For more information contact:

EmergencyCare.Clinicalnetwork@dhs.vic.gov.au

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

****ARCHI: NSW Rural and Remote Allied Health - Beyond the rhetoric. Tamworth, 12th-13th of November 2009. [http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-](http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09)**

[allied09](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>

-IHI/BMJ International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care in Nice, France on April 20-23, 2010. Deadline for submissions is September 21, 2009.
<http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

OTHER NEWS

** The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is inviting Australian hospitals (and area/regional health services) to participate in the World Health Organization's High 5s Medication Reconciliation Program. Expressions of interest must be submitted before 31 October 2009. Details are available at
http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-06_MedRecon

**Registrations are now open for the 4th Annual NSW Health Expo - October 30, 2009! Go to <http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/expo> for the latest news and delegate registration details.

**IHI Improvement Map: On September 15, 2009, IHI launched the Improvement Map, an online tool that distills the best knowledge available on the key process improvements that will lead to better outcomes for patients.
<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ImprovementMap/>