

TAG Mail 20th February 2009



We are compiling a cumulative listing of Reports, Publications, and Medication Safety Information highlighted in TAGMail commencing from the first edition TAGMail in 2009. This will form a central record for links to these documents and will facilitate searching for information from back issues. The cumulative listing is available in the TAGMail section of the website.

TAG MEETINGS

**There are no TAG meetings scheduled for the coming week

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Member survey extended until Friday 27th February. To assist in completing the survey, a summary of NSW TAG activities in 2008 is available on the front page of the website.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**The Life Saving Drug Register has been updated to January 2009.

**Updated results of the error-prone abbreviations audit including breakdown of individual error prone abbreviations from 10 organisations has been added to the members section of the website.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NSW Health:

--Outpatient Pharmaceutical Charges and Safety Net Arrangements for 2009

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2009/PD2009_007.html

--Intravenous Amiodarone Safety Notice

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/sn_003_09.pdf

**CIAP Newsletter: February 2009

In this issue: CIAP and ARCHI Password Change, New Resources and Changes on CIAP, Safety Alert Broadcast System (SABS), Did You Know? Where to find images?, ARCHI News, CIAP Training News, Drug Database Updates

<http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/news/feb09-news.html#cpc>

**AIHW: Geographic variation in oral health and use of dental services in the Australian population 2004-06

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10713>

**National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC): A Healthier Future for all Australians - Interim Report December 2008. Please note CATAG made a submission to this report and is acknowledged in the document.

<http://www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/interim-report-december-2008>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ USA:

--WebM&M January 2009:

In this issue: Are Two Insulin Pumps Better Than One? Hospital Admission Due to High-Dose Methotrexate Drug Interaction <http://www.webmm.ahrq.gov/>

--Reviews of Selected Pharmacogenetic Tests for Non-Cancer and Cancer Conditions

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/determinationprocess/downloads/id61TA.pdf>

--Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Back Pain Utilization Report

<http://www.ahrq.gov/downloads/pub/evidence/pdf/backpaincam/backcam.pdf>

**CDC USA: Plan to combat extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis:

Recommendations of the Federal Tuberculosis Task Force

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5803a1.htm?s_cid=rr5803a1_e

**FDA Medication Guides: Update February 2009

http://www.fda.gov/cder/Offices/ODS/medication_guides.htm

**IHI Continuous Improvement Newsletter: January 2009

http://www.ihl.org/ihl/files/ci/CI_2009_01_issue88.html

**WHO: Children's medicines research

WHO has received US\$ 9.7 million in grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to work with UNICEF to conduct crucial research in children's medicines, with the aim of increasing the number of child-size medicines designed and formulated specifically for children.

http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2009/childsize_medicines_20090121/en/index.html

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA: New mycophenolate mofetil medication guide

http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/CelIcept_DHCPL_MedGuide.pdf

**Regional Drug and Therapeutics Centre Newcastle UK: Drug-induced Clostridium difficile infection.

http://www.nyrdtc.nhs.uk/docs/smu/RDTC_SMU_04.pdf

**Health Canada: New safety information regarding progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy associated with natalizumab

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/tysabri_2_hpc-cps-eng.php

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Medical Journal of Australia www.mja.com.au

--Prevalence of metabolic syndrome among Australians with severe mental illness: Med J Aust 2009; 190 (4): 176-179.

--Screening for the metabolic syndrome in patients receiving antipsychotic treatment: a proposed algorithm: Med J Aust 2009; 190 (4): 185-189.

--Clozapine-induced cardiotoxicity: a clinical update. MJA 2009; 190 (4): 190-192.

--eGFR — use beyond the evidence: MJA 2009; 190 (4): 197-199.

--Automated reporting of eGFR: a useful tool for identifying and managing kidney disease: MJA 2009; 190 (4): 200-203.

--Supplement: Pathways to schizophrenia. A new wave of prevention and early intervention strategies:

**Heparin: Improving Treatment and Reducing Risk of Harm: Clinical, Laboratory and Safety Challenges. Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare.

<http://www.psqh.com/janfeb09/heparin.html>

**Reducing Medication Errors and Improving Systems Reliability Using an Electronic Medication Reconciliation System. Jt Comm J Qual Patient Saf. 2009;35:106-114.

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/jcaho/jcqs/2009/00000035/00000002/art00006>

**Noncardiac Surgery and Antiplatelet Therapy Following Coronary Artery Stenting. Heart. published online 12 Feb 2009.

<http://heart.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/hrt.2008.161273v1>

**Adverse Drug Reactions in Hospital In-Patients: A Prospective Analysis of 3695 Patient-Episodes. PLoS ONE 4(2): e4439.

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0004439>

**Overrides of Medication Alerts in Ambulatory Care. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(3):305-311.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/3/305>

CONSULTATIONS

**TGA:

--Draft Guideline for Levels and Kinds of Evidence for Listed Medicines with Indications and Claims for Weight Loss. Please provide comments on the draft Guideline by 3 April 2009. <http://www.tga.gov.au/cm/consult/drweightloss.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Australian Society for Antimicrobials: Antimicrobials 2009
Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, 26 to 28 February 2009

The program covers many different aspects on antimicrobials including 'How to Use Antibiotics Better', 'Vaccine and Antibiotic Use' and 'Antimicrobial Drug Development'. www.antimicrobials2009.com

**International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care.
March 17-20, 2009; Internationales Congress Center, Berlin, Germany.
<http://internationalforum.bmj.com/>

**ACSQHC: Using tools to make clinical handover safe: a practical workshop
Monday, 30th March, 2009 Brisbane, Queensland. For further information please contact: Tamsin Kaneen (02) 9263 3581
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**IHI: Delivering safe and optimal care through effective teamwork and communication
April 2-3, 2009, Boston, MA
<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/ImplementingTeamCommunicationApril2009.htm>

**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/>

**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>

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