

## TAG Mail 20<sup>th</sup> March 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

### WEBSITE UPDATE

\*\*CATAG Guiding principles on the use of complementary and alternative medicines are now available on the website.

\*\*Terms of Reference for the NSW TAG Editorial Committee have been published on the Editorial Committee webpage.

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

\*\*AIHW

-Measuring and reporting mortality in hospital patients

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10729>

-Enhancing the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services National Minimum Data Set: counting clients and reporting comorbidity

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10691>

\*\*eMJA

-Calcium and bone health: position statement for the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, Osteoporosis Australia and the Endocrine Society of Australia

[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190\\_06\\_160309/san10083\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_06_160309/san10083_fm.html)

\*\*ACSQHC

-OSSIE Guide to Clinical Handover Improvement (Consultation Edition); developed to assist clinician-leaders and managers to implement solutions and tools for improving clinical handover practices.

[http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/PriorityProgram-05\\_OssieGuide](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/PriorityProgram-05_OssieGuide)

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

\*\*ISMP

-Inattentive blindness: What captures your attention?

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acutecare/articles/20090226.asp>

## **\*\*NPCi Blog**

-March Drug Safety Update from MHRA/CHM: This issue focuses on two drugs used for ADHD – atomoxetine and methylphenidate. Drug safety advice on the use of antipsychotics in elderly patients with dementia, the risk of severe pancreatitis and renal failure with exenatide and atypical stress fractures with bisphosphonates.

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=312>

-Encouraging prescribing trends for NSAIDs

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=293>

-NSAIDs increase risk of death and CV mortality in people with HF.

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=291>

-NICE guidelines on the management of breast cancer

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=290>

## **\*\*BMJ**

-Prominent celecoxib researcher admits fabricating data in 21 articles

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/mar09\\_2/b966](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/mar09_2/b966)

-Shingles vaccination is likely to be cost effective at age 65 or 70

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/short/338/mar06\\_2/b944?q=rss\\_home](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/short/338/mar06_2/b944?q=rss_home)

## **\*\*NICE**

-Published appraisals now exist on the NICE website. Appraisals include subheadings such as “clinical effectiveness” and “cost effectiveness”.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?status=3&d-16544-p=1&action=byType&type=6>

## **\*\*Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC)**

-Provides advice on medications to DTCs in the Scottish NHS on various pharmaco-economic parameters- some topics included in their reviews: Summary of evidence on comparative efficacy, Summary of clinical effectiveness.

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

## **MEDICATION SAFETY**

nil

## **PAPERS OF INTEREST**

- Errors in administration of parenteral drugs in intensive care units: multinational prospective study. BMJ 2009;338 ; b814

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/338/mar12\\_1/b814.pdf](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/338/mar12_1/b814.pdf)

-Long-term Benefit of High-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol-Raising Therapy With Bezafibrate. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(5):508-514.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/5/508>

-Glucose Normalization and Outcomes in Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(5):438-446.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/5/438>

## CONSULTATIONS

Nil

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\*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: Using the IHI Global Trigger Tool for Measuring Patient Safety April 1 2009, 3 Webinars. Read the related article about using the Trigger Tool for Measuring Adverse Drug Events (ADEs): Adverse drug event trigger tool: A practical methodology for measuring medication related harm. Quality and Safety in Health Care. 2003;12:194-200.

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/WebandACTIONUsingtheIHIGlobalTriggerToolApril2009.htm>

\*\*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>

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

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

\*\*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](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>

## **OTHER NEWS**

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