

**TAG Mail 22nd of May**



**TAG MEETINGS**

\*\*There are no meetings for the upcoming week.

**WEBSITE UPDATE**

NIL

**TAG ACTIVITIES**

-Advice to NSW Health regarding the management of patients with Parkinsons Disease in the hospital setting. Please email your feedback to the NSW TAG office by Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA**

\*\*NHMRC

-Tracker: NHMRC and the 2009-10 budget, Transparency and Conflict of Interest workshop, Canberra, 2 June 2009

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend5.com/T/ViewEmail/r/62E7C57DC782016F/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

\*\*AIHW

-National Opioid Pharmacotherapy Statistics Annual Data Collection: 2008 Report

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/aus/bulletin72/aus-115-10698.pdf>

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

\*\*AHRQ

-Will it work here? A Decisionmaker's Guide to Adopting Innovations

<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/resources/InnovationAdoptionGuide.pdf>

-Statistical Brief #72. April 2009. Nationwide Frequency and Costs of Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, 2006.

<http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb72.pdf>

\*\*CDC

-MMWR: Included in this weeks edition; Hospitalized Patients with Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection --- California, April--May, 2009, Pediatric Bacterial Meningitis Surveillance --- African Region, 2002--2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5818.pdf>

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

\*\*IHI

-Updated: IHI Global Trigger Tool for measuring Adverse Events- Second Edition

<http://www.ihl.org/NR/rdonlyres/B277159C-60D4-4EFD-BF2A-B9FB62CAA4A/0/IHIGlobalTriggerToolWhitePaper2009.pdf>

**\*\*Medscape**

-CE Newsletter: Controversial Issues in the Use of VTE Prophylaxis for Patients With Cancer CME/CE, Prophylaxis of Venous Thromboembolism in Patients With Cancer: What the Guidelines Say: Introduction

<http://cme.medscape.com/pharmacists>

**\*\*AHRQ**

-Patient Safety Network News: A comprehensive pharmacist intervention to reduce morbidity in patients 80 years or older: a randomized controlled trial, Work interruptions and their contribution to medication administration errors: an evidence review and Pediatric safety. <http://psnet.ahrq.gov/whatsNew.aspx>

**\*\*BMJ**

-Strontium ranelate may cause alopecia

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr22\\_1/b1494](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr22_1/b1494)

**\*\*NICE**

-Guidance released: Spinal cord stimulation for chronic pain of neuropathic or ischaemic origin

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/TA159>

**\*\*RPSGB**

-Council escalates its call for the decriminalisation of dispensing errors

<http://www.rpsgb.org.uk/pdfs/pr090512.pdf>

**\*\*MHRA**

-US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warning about weight loss products linked to liver damage

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Howweregulate/Medicines/Herbalandhomoeopathicmedicines/Herbalmedicines/HerbalSafetyNews/Currentsafetyissues/CON046623>

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

-Nursing student medication errors involving tubing and catheters: A descriptive study. Nurse Education Today. Doi:10.1016/j.nedt.2009.02.010

[http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?\\_ob=ArticleURL&\\_udi=B6WNX-4VYW642-1&\\_user=4831393&\\_rdoc=1&\\_fmt=&\\_orig=search&\\_sort=d&view=c&\\_acct=C00065306&\\_version=1&\\_urlVersion=0&\\_userid=4831393&md5=5bcc36555184db699ad48901335ac971](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6WNX-4VYW642-1&_user=4831393&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&view=c&_acct=C00065306&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=4831393&md5=5bcc36555184db699ad48901335ac971)

- Consensus-Based Recommendations for Standardizing Terminology and Reporting Adverse Events for Emergency Department Procedural Sedation and Analgesia in Children. Annals of Emergency Medicine. Volume 53, Issue 4, Pages

426-435.e4 (April 2009). [http://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644\(08\)01849-0/abstract](http://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644(08)01849-0/abstract)

-Surgical treatments for men with benign prostatic enlargement: cost effectiveness study. BMJ 2009;338:b1288  
[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/apr16\\_1/b1288](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/apr16_1/b1288)

-Syncope and Its Consequences in Patients With Dementia Receiving Cholinesterase Inhibitors. A Population-Based Cohort Study. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(9):867-873  
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/9/867>

-ALLHAT Findings Revisited in the Context of Subsequent Analyses, Other Trials, and Meta-analyses. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(9):832-842. <http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/9/832>

-No More Free Drug Samples? PLoS Med 6(5): e1000074.  
doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000074  
<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000074>

## CONSULTATIONS

\*\*NHMRC

-Consultation - NHMRC Research Fellowships Scheme

-Consultation - Products derived from human tissue

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend5.com/T/ViewEmail/r/62E7C57DC782016F/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\*Implementing Quality Indicators: moving from theory into practice" in Sydney on Thursday June 11th.

<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/qualityindicators/implementingqislowres.pdf>

\*\* National Institute of Complementary Medicine (NICM)- Symposium Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Brisbane.

<http://www.nicm.edu.au/content/view/136/237/>

\*\*Integrated Care Pathways 2009. Focuses on new and innovative techniques that can help make care pathways more effective. Wednesday 24 June 2009 - Thursday 25 June 76 Portland Place, London. <http://www.healthcare->

[events.co.uk/conf/booking.php?action=home&id=289&confbook=0f658fd0283be55e79b8e02b52fccf7a](http://events.co.uk/conf/booking.php?action=home&id=289&confbook=0f658fd0283be55e79b8e02b52fccf7a)

\*\* 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/>

\*\*ARCHI: NSW Rural and Remote Allied Health - Beyond the Rhetoric. Tamworth, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of November 2009. <http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09>

#### **OTHER NEWS**

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