

TAG Mail 24th April 2009



TAG MEETINGS

There are no TAG meetings for this week.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**E-mail discussion: Continuing need for first-dose IV administration by RMOs? is now published within the members section of the website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**NPS Consultation: "Understanding the issues and exploring the strategies to achieve quality use of medicines in palliative care and end of life: A consultation report". Please submit your feedback (to be collated as part of NSW TAG response) by 11th of May.

**TAG Consultation: Update to the Antiplatelet Position Statement. Please submit your preferences on topics of focus for the updated version by 28th of April 2009.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health labour force statistics and data quality assessment

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10684>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**ISMP

-Oral Dosage Forms That Should Not Be Crushed

<http://www.ismp.org/Tools/default.asp>

-Using Evidence-Based Environmental Design to Enhance Safety and Quality

<http://www.ihi.org/IHI/Results/WhitePapers/UsingEvidenceBasedEnvironmentalDesignWhitePaper.htm>

**Joint Commission

-Measuring Hand Hygiene Adherence: Overcoming the Challenges

http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/68B9CB2F-789F-49DB-9E3F-2FB387666BCC/0/hh_monograph.pdf

**IHI

-Improving Transitions to Reduce Readmissions

http://www.ihi.org/NR/rdonlyres/9D0C0048-2B35-4D31-B684-1665E3D51CFF/0/BisognanoBoutwellImprovingTransitionstoReduceReadmissions_FrontiersApr09.pdf

****CADTH**

- Drugs for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: A Systematic Review of the Clinical-Effectiveness of Combination Therapy

http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/M0004_Drugs_for_Pulmonary_Arterial_Hypertension_tr_e.pdf

-Rx for Change Interventions Database: summarizes current research evidence about the effects of strategies to improve drug prescribing practice and drug use.

<http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/compus/interventions>

****NHS**

- NHS Evidence

<http://www.nice.org.uk/newsevents/nicenewslettersandalerts/intopractice-newsletterforimplementers/april2009/primaryarticleapril2009.jsp>

- Venous thromboembolism - rivaroxaban

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/TA170>

****CDC**

-*MMWR Dispatch*. Volume 58, Dispatch April 21, 2009- Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Infection in Two Children. Southern California, March--April 2009

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm58d0421a1.htm?s_cid=mm58d0421a1_e

****BMJ**

-In reference to last weeks article "Hospitals make too many errors when collecting data, finds public spending watchdog"- please find the report referenced: "Figures you can trust- A briefing on data quality in the NHS" at

<http://collateral.newsflashconnect.co.uk/RemoteStorage/Audit-commission/Releases/1770/Figures%20you%20can%20trust%20-%20AC%20briefing.pdf>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****MHRA**

-New advice on oral salicylate gels in under 16s

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/CON044027>

****FDA**

-Efalizumab (marketed as Raptiva) Information

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/efalizumab/default.htm>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Liaison between public hospital staff and the pharmaceutical industry: guidance from the NSW Therapeutic Advisory Group. MJA 2009; 190 (8): 406-407

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_08_200409/shi11384_fm.html

-Rehospitalizations among Patients in the Medicare Fee-for-Service Program. Volume 360:1418-1428, April 2 2009.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/360/14/1418?ijkey=AwmEJ9uu.zqWQ&keytype=ref&siteid=nejm>

-Influence of different antiplatelet treatment regimens for primary percutaneous coronary intervention on all-cause mortality. European Heart Journal. Advance Access published online on April 17, 2009.

<http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/ehp114v1>

-Translating statistical findings into plain English. The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 16 April 2009.

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/onlinefirst>

-Sodium Bicarbonate Therapy for Prevention of Contrast- Induced Nephropathy: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

<http://download.journals.elsevierhealth.com/pdfs/journals/0272-6386/PIIS0272638608014315.pdf>

-Professional Medical Associations and their Relationships with Industry. A proposal for Controlling Conflict of Interest. JAMA. 2009;301(13):1367-1372.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/301/13/1367>

-Development of an Online Morbidity, Mortality, and Near-Miss Reporting System to Identify Patterns of Adverse Events in Surgical Patients. *Arch Surg*. 2009;144(4):305-311.

<http://archsurg.amaassn.org/cgi/content/abstract/144/4/305>

-Four layer bandage compared with short stretch bandage for venous leg ulcers: systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials with data from individual patients. *BMJ* 2009;338:b1344

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/apr17_1/b1344

-What Is the Significance of Unrecognized Non-Q-Wave Myocardial Infarction? *PLoS Med* 6(4): e1000060. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000060

<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000060>

CONSULTATIONS

**NHMRC

-Draft guideline: *Prevention of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in patients admitted to Australian hospitals*

Comments are being invited on the National Health and Medical Research Council's draft clinical practice guideline for the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE - blood clots) in hospitalised patients. Comments on the guideline can be submitted until 5pm AEST Thursday 21 May, 2009.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/consultation.htm#down>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Acute Medical Assessment Units: Improving Care and Flow for Medical Patients
Friday 24th of April Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville Victoria

<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/>

**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/>

** 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

**7th Australasian Association for Quality in Healthcare (AAQHC) Conference in
Sydney on 6-9 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>

OTHER NEWS

****ARCHI: NSW Rural and Remote Allied Health - Beyond the Rhetoric. The 2009 Program Committee invites authors to submit an abstract for inclusion in the program. <http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09>**

****National Heart Foundation- “Go Red for Women- Women and Heart Disease” Week commencing May 3rd 2009.
<http://www.goredforwomen.com.au/index.htm>**

****IHI- Breaking the Cycle of Readmissions. Thursday, May 7, 2009
2:00 PM-3:00 PM Eastern Time. IHI invites you to enjoy a free audio program focused on the cutting edge of health care improvement which will feature lively 60-minute discussions with international experts on the latest thinking and strategies to improve patient care.
<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/WIHI.htm>**

****The Commonwealth Fund- Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice. An opportunity to spend 12 months in the United States, conducting original research and working with leading U.S. health policy experts.
<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Fellowships/Harkness-Fellowships.aspx>**