

## TAG Mail 24th of July



### TAG MEETINGS

\*\*High Cost Drugs Working Group meeting, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of July at 8:30am in the TAG office.

### WEBSITE UPDATE

\*\*E-mail discussions:

- Heparin Infusion Charts
- Use of aspirin suppositories in acute stroke patients have now been published in the members section of the website.

### TAG ACTIVITIES

NIL

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

\*\*AIHW

-Refining national asthma indicators Delphi survey and correlation analysis.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10769>

\*\*TGA

-Website updates:

TGA biologicals framework newsletter, Issue 1, July 2009

<http://www.tga.gov.au/bt/biologicals-newsletter-0907.pdf>

Expressions of interest sought for membership to Medicines Evaluation Committee (MEC)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/docs/html/mecinfo.htm>

\*\*ACSQHC

-The Hand Hygiene Australia Manual, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition is now available.

<http://www.hha.org.au/UserFiles/file/HHAManualJuly2009.pdf>

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

\*\*CDC

-MMWR: Japanese encephalitis among three US travellers returning from Asia 2003-2008, Intensive-Care Patients With Severe Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr\\_wk.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html)

\*\*HTA

-The effect of different treatment durations of clopidogrel in patients with non-ST segment elevation acute coronary syndrome: a systematic review and value of information analysis. <http://www.hta.nhs.uk/fullmono/mon1331.pdf>

**\*\*AHRQ**

-Healthcare Innovations Exchange: Standardized Discharge Planning Focusing on Patient Education and Care Coordination Increases Understanding of Postdischarge Needs and Likelihood of Follow-up Care, Project RED (Re-Engineered Discharge) Toolkit

<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/content.aspx?id=2180>

**\*\*House of Commons (UK)**

-Patient Safety. Sixth report of sessions 2008-09. Volume 1.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmselect/cmhealth/151/151i.pdf>

**\*\*NHS Guidance:**

-When to suspect child maltreatment

<http://www.nice.org.uk/CG89>

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**\*\*NSW Health**

-New Lessons - July 2009: Errors involving Infusion Pumps and Identification of the Correct Patient for Radiology Procedures

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/lessons/>

**\*\*FDA**

-Early Communication about an Ongoing Safety Review of Omalizumab (marketed as Xolair)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm172218.htm>

**\*\*MHRA**

-One Liners issue 69: MHRA has received reports of oxygen cylinder fires whilst in use by the ambulance service; supposedly “new” boxes of pre-filled syringes are found to contain empty syringes.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/OneLiners/CON051902>

**\*\*Canada Health**

-Association of TELZIR (fosamprenavir) with a potential increased risk of myocardial infarction (heart attack)

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/\\_2009/telzir\\_hpc-cps-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/telzir_hpc-cps-eng.php)

## PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Stepped-Dose vs. Full-Dose Efavirenz for HIV Infection and Neuropsychiatric Adverse Events 4 August 2009 | Volume 151 Issue 3

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/0000605-200908040-00127v1>

-Stent thrombosis after drug-eluting stent implantation: incidence, timing, and relation to discontinuation of clopidogrel therapy over a 4 year period

<http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/ehp275>

-Cardiovascular Medication Errors in Children. PEDIATRICS Vol. 124 No. 1 July 2009, pp. 324-332 (doi:10.1542/peds.2008-2073)

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/124/1/324>

-Computerized Clinical Decision Support During Medication Ordering for Long-term Care Residents with Renal Insufficiency. April 23, 2009 as JAMIA PrePrint; doi:10.1197/jamia.M2981

<http://www.jamia.org/cgi/content/abstract/16/4/480>

## CONSULTATIONS

NIL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\*Managing challenging behaviours in older people with cognitive impairment. 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 7-9 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, 12th-13<sup>th</sup> of November 2009. <http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09>

\*\*Change Champions:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. We invite you to submit an abstract that will be considered for a poster presentation or session, deadline for submissions is September 21, 2009. <http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

#### **OTHER NEWS**

\*\*ACSQHC

- Editors of the antimicrobial stewardship publication (which is to be produced as part of the Hospital Acquired Infection program) are seeking examples of resources/materials used in Australian hospitals to promote appropriate and safe prescribing of antibiotics. For further information, please contact Margaret Duguid, Pharmaceutical Advisor, Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care: [Margaret.Duguid@safetyandquality.gov.au](mailto:Margaret.Duguid@safetyandquality.gov.au)