

TAG Mail 25th of September



TAG MEETINGS

**Advance notice: The NSW TAG 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 5pm on Monday 19th of October in the Level 7 Meeting Room of the Medical Centre at Concord Hospital.

**The next meeting of the HCDWG is scheduled for 8.30 am on Tuesday September 29 in the TAG office.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**A list of Drug and Therapeutics Committees represented by the NSW TAG network has been published in the "About NSW TAG" section of the website. Click on "DTC representation" from the drop down menu.

**Contact details of current DTC Chairs and Secretaries have been published in the members section of the website.

**Results of the following email discussions have been added to the members section of the website:

- Prefilled syringes in anaesthesia
- Rapid sedation in ED and mental health (updated)

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Current email discussions:

Nil

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**ACSQHC: Commission Update September 2009

[http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/48AA03304E252B17CA25751600148047/\\$File/Issue-09.pdf](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/48AA03304E252B17CA25751600148047/$File/Issue-09.pdf)

**NHMRC: New NHMRC Principal Committees Announced

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/index.htm>

**Acute coronary syndromes: consensus recommendations for translating knowledge into action. The National Heart Foundation ACS Implementation and Advocacy Working Group. Med J Aust 2009; 191 (6): 334-338.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_06_210909/bri10275_fm.html

**NSW Health Safety Alert: New Version of Adult National Inpatient Medication Charts - SMR140

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/quality/sabs/sa_004_09_pdf.asp

**Queensland Health Medication Safety Advisory: Medication incidents involving the administration of liquid oral medications using hypodermic syringes

http://www.health.qld.gov.au/patientsafety/documents/advis_0905.pdf

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ:

--Comparative Effectiveness of Medications to Reduce Risk of Primary Breast Cancer in Women.

This review compares efficacy and adverse events associated with tamoxifen citrate, raloxifene, and tibolone.

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=rr&ProcessID=50&DocID=179>

--Innovations Exchange: Worksite Wellness <http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>

**Therapeutics Initiative Canada: Atomoxetine for ADHD in children and adolescents <http://www.ti.ubc.ca/PDF/73.pdf>

**National Prescribing Centre UK:

--MeReC Extra Issue 41 September 2009: includes - Interaction between clopidogrel and PPIs; HbA1c reporting in different units; NICE updates guidance on management of type 2 diabetes; Insulin glargine and possible cancer link

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cardio/cdstroke/merec_extra_no41.htm

-- MeReC Monthly No.18 September 2009: includes - HbA1c to be reported in different units; heart failure and fracture risks with rosiglitazone; statin-related myopathy

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cardio/diabetes1/merec_monthly_no18.html

**RPS GB: Good Dispensing Guidelines - England

<http://pharmacyplb.com/gooddispensingguidelines.aspx>

**NICE Guidance UK:

-- Ustekinumab for the treatment of adults with moderate to severe psoriasis

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byID&o=12235>

-- Pemetrexed for the first-line treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byID&o=12243>

-- Sunitinib for the treatment of gastrointestinal stromal tumours

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byID&o=12233>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA:

--Updated information on Natalizumab - September 2009

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/ucm107198.htm>

**ISMP:

--Medication Error Report Analysis: Insulin preparation error by physician; Should Zosyn be available in automated dispensing cabinet stock? Medication list

filing error; Institute for Safe Medication Practices launches first self-assessment of automated dispensing cabinet safety

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090901_Sep2009_ismp.pdf

--Adverse Drug Reactions: Microscopic colitis associated with omeprazole and esomeprazole; Overuse of proton pump inhibitors; Chest pain in a young man treated with prazosin; Mirtazapine-associated hyponatremia; Nephrotoxicity associated with intravenous colistin; Drug-induced parkinsonism: a review

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090901_Sep2009_ismpadv.pdf

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Practice Parameter on the Use of Psychotropic Medication in Children and Adolescents. Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry: 2009;48;961-973

<http://journals.lww.com/jaacap/pages/articleviewer.aspx?year=2009&issue=09000&article=00017&type=abstract>

**MJA Letters: Letters - Quality of drug interaction alerts in prescribing and dispensing software

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_06_210909/letters_210909_fm-4.html

**Medication safety in acute care in Australia: where are we now? Part 1: a review of the extent and causes of medication problems 2002-2008. Aust New Zealand Health Policy. 2009 Aug 11

<http://www.anzhealthpolicy.com/content/6/1/18>

**The nature and causes of unintended events reported at ten emergency departments. BMC Emergency Medicine 2009, 9:16

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-227X/9/16/abstract>

**Life expectancy in relation to cardiovascular risk factors: 38 year follow-up of 19 000 men in the Whitehall study. BMJ 2009;339:b3513

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/sep16_3/b3513

**Emergency management of anaphylaxis in children and young people: new guidance from the Resuscitation Council (UK). Archives of Disease in Childhood - Education and Practice 2009;94:97-101.

<http://ep.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/94/4/97>

CONSULTATIONS

**Australian Cancer Network: Draft Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Locally Advanced and Metastatic Prostate Cancer. Comments on the draft Guidelines are invited by 5 October 2009.

<http://www.cancer.org.au/Healthprofessionals/clinicalguidelines.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**International Society for Quality in Healthcare: 26th International conference 11-14 October, 2009 Dublin, Ireland. <http://www.isqua.org/Dublin2009-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html>

** The Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network is a hosting a one day forum on 'Improving medication safety in emergency departments'. The forum is to be held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 at Etihad Stadium, Docklands. The key themes include: safer medication ordering processes, medication reconciliation, information and communication about medications and changes. For more information contact: EmergencyCare.Clinicalnetwork@dhs.vic.gov.au

**DOH (NSW): 2009 NSW Health Awards and Expo- 30 October, Australian Technology Park (Redfern) <http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/>

**CR-EPS, SMPU and ACSQHC: "Strategies for improving medication safety in hospitals: the way forward". 30th October. For more details go to: <http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/>

**SHPA National Conference - Across the Divide, 5- 8 November 2009, Perth. For more details go to: <http://www.shpamm2009.com/>

**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>

**Change Champions:

- 3rd 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. Deadline for submissions is September 21, 2009. <http://www.axisto.co.uk/bmj/>

OTHER NEWS

** The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is inviting Australian hospitals (and area/regional health services) to participate in the

World Health Organization's High 5s Medication Reconciliation Program. Expressions of interest must be submitted before 31 October 2009. Details are available at

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-06_MedRecon

**Registrations are now open for the 4th Annual NSW Health Expo - October 30, 2009! Go to <http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/expo> for the latest news and delegate registration details.

**IHI Improvement Map: On September 15, 2009, IHI launched the Improvement Map, an online tool that distills the best knowledge available on the key process improvements that will lead to better outcomes for patients.

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ImprovementMap/>