

TAG Mail 26th of June



TAG MEETINGS

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

WEBSITE UPDATE

**An e-mail discussion on intravenous heparin solutions has been added to the members section of the website.

**DTC decisions have been updated to the period ending April 2009.

TAG ACTIVITIES

-NSW TAG consultation on NPS Drug Use Evaluation Projects for 2010. Please send your feedback to NSW TAG by 17th July 2009.

-Please note: The NSW TAG Position Statement around Paracetamol Use, is designed to compliment the NSW Health Paracetamol Policy Directive. The position statement provided by NSW TAG contains further details and references to which the reader can refer.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NPS

-Drug Use Evaluation toolkit for Acute Postoperative Pain (APOP) management in hospitals is now available. The toolkit consists of a downloadable electronic audit tool (e-DUE) and educational resources. Quality measures include pain assessment and sedation scores, postoperative analgesic use and patient satisfaction with pain control.

http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/drug_use_evaluation_due_programs/due_kit_for_hospitals/apop

**Archi

-Archi Net News: NSW Health Advisory Councils Convention.

http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/jun09

**NSW Health

-Section 100 Highly Specialised Drugs Program

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/ib/2009/pdf/IB2009_028.pdf

**AIHW

-National Opioid Pharmacotherapy Statistics Annual Data (NOPSAD) 2009 collection data guide

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10779>

**TGA

-Website Update- What's new? Drugs designated as orphan drugs (added midazolam) <http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ

-White Paper: Potential Conflict of Interest in the Production of Drug Compendia <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/determinationprocess/downloads/id64TA.pdf>

-Screening for Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Pregnancy

Reaffirmation Recommendation Statement

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf09/hepb/hepbpgrs.htm>

**NICE

-Lenalidomide for the treatment of multiple myeloma in people who have received at least one prior therapy <http://www.nice.org.uk/TA171>

-Cetuximab for the treatment of metastatic and/or recurrent squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck <http://www.nice.org.uk/TA172>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA

-Updated Information on Leukotriene Inhibitors: Montelukast (marketed as Singulair), Zafirlukast (marketed as Accolate), and Zileuton (marketed as Zyflo and Zyflo CR)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm165489.htm>

-Communication about an Ongoing Safety Review of Stimulant Medications used in Children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm165858.htm>

**NHS- NPSA

-Review of patient safety for children and young people

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/nrls/improvingpatientsafety/children-and-young-people/>

**ISMP

-Medication Error Report Analysis: This issue includes- Methotrexate Overdose, Topical Lidocaine Gel and Mammography and Safety Caps that do not Protect Children

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090601_June2009_ismp.pdf

****AHRQ**

- Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture: 2009 Comparative Database Report
<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/hospsurvey09/>

****Health Canada**

-Reports of Pure Red Cell Aplasia in patients treated with Mycophenolate Mofetil
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/cellcept_2_hpc-cps-eng.pdf

****BMJ**

-Topical administration of chloramphenicol can induce acute hepatitis. BMJ 2009;338:b1699.
http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/jun12_1/b1699

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-ASID/TSANZ guidelines: treatment and prevention of H1N1 influenza 09 (human swine influenza) with antiviral agents. eMJA - Rapid Online Publication 18 June 2009 http://www.mja.com.au/public/rop/cheng/che10661_fm.html

-Use of erythropoietin-stimulating agents in breast cancer patients: A risk review American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, Vol. 66, Issue 13, 1180-1185
<http://www.ajhp.org/cgi/content/abstract/66/13/1180>

-Empiric Antimicrobial Therapy for Pediatric Skin and Soft-Tissue Infections in the Era of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* PEDIATRICS Vol. 123 No. 6 June 2009, pp. e959-e966
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/123/6/e959>

-Enteral feeding Misconnections: An Update. Nutr Clin Prac 2009; 24;325.
<http://ncp.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/24/3/325.pdf>

-Selection of indicators for continuous monitoring of patient safety: recommendations of the project 'safety improvement for patients in Europe' International Journal for Quality in Health Care 2009 21(3):169-175.
<http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/21/3/169>

CONSULTATIONS

Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS

**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>

** 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.aqhc2009.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

**ISMP

-Medication Safety Self Assessment for Automated Dispensing Cabinets- An Invitation to Participate <http://www.ismp.org/selfassessments/ADC/survey.pdf>

**IHI

-An IHI Expedition. Preventing Venous Thromboembolism in Hospitalized Patients: Risk Assessment.

The aim of this Expedition is to enable participants to assess all hospitalized patients for VTE risk on admission in order to start needed prophylaxis. The program begins July 21, 2009.

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