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We are compiling a cumulative listing of Reports, Publications, and Medication Safety Information highlighted in TAGMail commencing from the first edition TAGMail in 2009. This will form a central record for links to these documents and will facilitate searching for information from back issues. The cumulative listing is available in the TAGMail section of the website.

TAG MEETINGS

**There are no TAG meetings scheduled for the coming week

WEBSITE UPDATE

**A link to the new SATAG website has been added to the external links list on the website. The SATAG site is at

<http://www.dassa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=406>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NSW Medicines Information Centre: Guide to locating medication information

<http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/specialties/medications.html>

**NZGG: Clinical practice guidelines for the management of melanoma in Australia and New Zealand

http://www.nzgg.org.nz/guidelines/0141/Melanoma_Full_GL.pdf

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**NPC UK: MeReC Monthly February 2009

In this issue: Dual antihypertensive therapy in patients at high risk of CV disease; Insignificant benefits for intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes; Glitazones double the risk of fractures in women; Zopiclone or zolpidem increase the risk of road traffic accidents

http://www.npc.co.uk/eht/merec/cardio/cdhyper/merec_monthly_no11.html

**AHRQ USA:

--Using barcode medication administration to improve quality and safety

http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_1248_846906_0_0_18/09-0023-EF_bcma.pdf

--Inpatient Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)

http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_1248_846328_0_0_18/09-0031-EF_cpoe.pdf

--Innovations exchange: programs designed to improve patient care upon hospital discharge and patient safety during intra-hospital transfers.

<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>

**NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme
Controlling hypertension and hypotension immediately post-stroke (CHHIPS) - a randomised controlled trial <http://www.hta.nhs.uk/fullmono/mon1309.pdf>

**Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain: The contribution of pharmacy to making Britain a safer place to take medicines
<http://www.rpsgb.org/pdfs/pharmcontribtobritsaferplacemeds.pdf>

**NICE UK Guidance:

--Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG81>

--Early and locally advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG80>

--Amantadine, oseltamivir and zanamivir for the treatment of influenza (review)

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/TA168>

--Needle and syringe programmes: providing people who inject drugs with injecting equipment <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/PH18>

--Rheumatoid arthritis: the management of rheumatoid arthritis in adults

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG79>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA:

--Public Health Advisory: Updated safety information about efalizumab - continuing concerns about progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy

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

-- Zonisamide: Information for Healthcare Professionals

The FDA has determined that treatment with zonisamide can cause metabolic acidosis in some patients.

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/InfoSheets/HCP/zonisamideHCP.htm>

**EMA: Recommendation to suspend marketing authorisation for efalizumab as risks outweigh benefits

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/humandocs/PDFs/EPAR/raptiva/2085709en.pdf>

**Health Canada: Suspension of marketing of efalizumab in Canada

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/raptiva_2_hpc-cps-eng.php

**NPSA: Reducing risk of harm from oral bowel cleansing solutions

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/nrls/alerts-and-directives/rapidrr/reducing-risk-of-harm-from-oral-bowel-cleansing-solutions/>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Communicating drug benefits and harms with a drug facts box: Two Randomized Trials. Ann Intern Med 21 April 2009 | Volume 150 Issue 8
<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/0000605-200904210-00106v1>

**Estimation of the warfarin dose with clinical and pharmacogenetic data. NEJM 2009; 360:753-764 <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/abstract/360/8/753>

**Trends in healthcare incident reporting and relationship to safety and quality data in acute hospitals: results from the National Reporting and Learning System. Quality and Safety in Health Care 2009;18:5-10.
<http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/18/1/5>

**Development of the Pharmacy Safety Climate Questionnaire: a principal components analysis. Qual Saf Health Care 2009; 18: 28-31.
<http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/18/1/28>

CONSULTATIONS

Nil

UPCOMING EVENTS

**International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care.
March 17-20, 2009; Internationales Congress Center, Berlin, Germany.
<http://internationalforum.bmj.com/>

**ACSQHC: Using tools to make clinical handover safe: a practical workshop
Monday, 30th March, 2009 Brisbane, Queensland. For further information please contact: Tamsin Kaneen (02) 9263 3581
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**IHI: Delivering safe and optimal care through effective teamwork and communication
April 2-3, 2009, Boston, MA
<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/ImplementingTeamCommunicationApril2009.htm>

**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/>

**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>

OTHER NEWS

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