

## TAG Mail 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009



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

\*\*The 2008 Error-Prone Abbreviations snapshot audit results have been updated and are available from the members section of the website.

### TAG ACTIVITIES

\*\*Current E-mail discussions:

- Pyridoxine for management of seizures in children (responses received until 31/3/09)
- Alcohol and benzodiazepine withdrawal for geriatric patients (responses received until 1/4/09)
- Monitoring in the administration of IV Phenytoin (responses received until 3/4/09)

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

\*\*AIHW

- International Group of Indigenous Health Measurement 2006, Canberra  
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10719>

\*\*ACSQHC

- Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) (containing published reviews from some of our members sitting on the Antibiotic Stewardship Committee)  
<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-03#five>

\*\*SAX Institute

- Hospital Alliance for Research Collaboration: Newsletter March 2009  
<http://www.saxinstitute.org.au/researchassetsprograms/BetterHealthServicesThroughResearch/HARCeBulletin-March2009.cfm?objid=890>

\*\*Productivity Commission

- Chapter 10 of the Productivity Commission Report: Report on Government Services 2009- Framework for performance indicators and key performance indicator results

[http://www.pc.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/85403/42-chapter10-attachment.pdf](http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/85403/42-chapter10-attachment.pdf)

**\*\*COSA**

-Guidelines for the Safe Prescribing, Dispensing and Administration of Cancer Chemotherapy

<http://www.cosa.org.au/File/Members%20Area/Projects/Reports/Guidelines%20for%20Chemo%20book.pdf>

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL**

**\*\*QIC(NZ)**

-Serious and Sentinel Events in New Zealand Hospitals 2007-2008

[http://www.qic.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagescm/7568/\\$File/serious-and-sentinel-events-in-nz-hospitals-0708.pdf](http://www.qic.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagescm/7568/$File/serious-and-sentinel-events-in-nz-hospitals-0708.pdf)

**\*\*AHRQ**

-Task Force Recommends Using Aspirin To Prevent Cardiovascular Disease When the Benefits Outweigh the Harms

<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2009/aspcvdpr.htm>

-Management of Chronic Hepatitis B

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/hepbtp.htm>

-Health Care Innovations Exchange: Featured topic- Culturally Competent Care

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

**\*\*CADTH**

-Indirect Evidence: Indirect Treatment Comparisons in Meta-Analysis

<http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/hta/reports-publications/search/publication/884>

**\*\*Health Canada**

-Misuse of blood lancng devices - Notice to Hospitals

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/\\_2009/blood-capill\\_lanc-ponc\\_dev-dis\\_2\\_nth-aah-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/blood-capill_lanc-ponc_dev-dis_2_nth-aah-eng.php)

**\*\*CDC**

-Guidance for Control of Infections with Carbapenem-Resistant or Carbapenemase-Producing *Enterobacteriaceae* in Acute Care Facilities

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5810a4.htm?s\\_cid=mm5810a4\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5810a4.htm?s_cid=mm5810a4_e)

-MMWR: Guidelines for Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr58e324a1.htm>

**\*\*NPC**

-Antipsychotics increase mortality in patients with Alzheimer's disease

[http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cns/schiz/merec\\_monthly\\_no12.html](http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cns/schiz/merec_monthly_no12.html)

-Insignificant benefits for intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes

[http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cardio/diabetes2/merec\\_extra\\_no38.htm#INS](http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cardio/diabetes2/merec_extra_no38.htm#INS)

**\*\*NPCi Blog**

-RCP publishes report that aims to resolve conflict between the pharmaceutical industry and the medical profession.

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=313>

-The Contribution of Pharmacy to Making Britain a Safer Place to Take Medicines

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=316>

**\*\*Intensive Care Society**

-Statement on the use of unlicensed medicines or licensed medicines for unlicensed uses in critically ill patients.

[http://www.ics.ac.uk/downloads/2009012385\\_ICS%20unlicensed%20drug%202009%2007012009.pdf](http://www.ics.ac.uk/downloads/2009012385_ICS%20unlicensed%20drug%202009%2007012009.pdf)

**\*\*NICE**

-Core interventions in the treatment and management of schizophrenia in primary and secondary care- clinical guideline (update)

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG82>

-Early and locally advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment. Clinical Guideline

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

-Sunitinib for the first-line treatment of advanced and/or metastatic renal cell carcinoma. A technology appraisal.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byID&o=12143>

**\*\*DOH (UK)**

-The Coronary Heart Disease National Service Framework: Building on excellence, maintaining progress - Progress report for 2008

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_096555](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_096555)

**\*\*MTRAC**

-Verdict and Summary on Topiramate in migraine prophylaxis

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/schools/pharm/MTRAC/ProductInfo/verdicts/T/Topiramate2.pdf>

## **MEDICATION SAFETY**

### **\*\*FDA**

-Information for Healthcare Professionals :Risk of Transmission of Blood-borne Pathogens from Shared Use of Insulin Pens

[http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/InfoSheets/HCP/insulin\\_pensHCP.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/InfoSheets/HCP/insulin_pensHCP.htm)

-Mycophenolate mofetil & Mycophenolic Acid Safety information for patients that is easy to comprehend.

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/safety09.htm#CellCept>

-Safety Labelling Changes Approved By FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) modifications to the BOXED WARNING, CONTRAINDICATIONS, and WARNINGS of 10 drugs

[http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/feb09\\_quickview.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/feb09_quickview.htm)

### **\*\*NSW DOH**

-Safety Notice: Wrong route errors with oral medication

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/index.html>

### **\*\*MHRA**

-One Liners issue 65 - March 2009: Safety information- Incidents involving medical devices

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/OneLiners/CON041338>

## **PAPERS OF INTEREST**

\*\*Secondary cardiovascular risk prevention—we can do better. The Lancet, Volume 373, Issue 9667, Pages 873 - 875

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60524-9/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60524-9/fulltext)

\*\*Glucose Control in the ICU – How Tight Is Too Tight? N Engl J Med 360;13: 1346-1349

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/reprint/NEJMe0901507v1.pdf>

\*\*Intensive versus Conventional Glucose Control in Critically Ill Patients

The NICE-SUGAR Study Investigators N Engl J Med 360;13: 1283-1297

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/NEJMoa0810625?query=TOC>

\*\*Errors in administration of parenteral drugs in Intensive Care Units: multinational prospective study. BMJ 2009; 338

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/338/mar12\\_1/b814.pdf](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/338/mar12_1/b814.pdf)

**\*\*Aspirin to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease: The Association of Aspirin Dose and Clopidogrel With Thrombosis and Bleeding.** Ann Intern Med 2009; 150: 379-86; 414-6

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/6/379>

**\*\*Aspirin for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Events: An Update of the Evidence for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.** Ann Intern Med 2009; 150: 396-404; 405-10; 414-6

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/6/405>

**\*\*Trastuzumab Beyond Progression in Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2-Positive Advanced Breast Cancer: A German Breast Group 26/Breast International Group 03-05 Study.** Journal of Clinical Oncology, 10.1200/JCO.2008.19.6618

<http://jco.ascopubs.org/cgi/content/abstract/JCO.2008.19.6618v1>

**\*\*Coronary artery bypass surgery compared with percutaneous coronary interventions for multivessel disease: a collaborative analysis of individual patient data from ten randomised trials.** The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 20 March 2009 [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60552-3/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60552-3/abstract)

## **CONSULTATIONS**

Nil

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*\*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: Using the IHI Global Trigger Tool for Measuring Patient Safety** April 1 2009, 3 Webinars. Read the related article about using the Trigger Tool for Measuring Adverse Drug Events (ADEs): Adverse drug event trigger tool: A practical methodology for measuring medication related harm. Quality and Safety in Health Care. 2003;12:194-200.

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/AudioAndWebPrograms/WebandACTIONUsingtheIHIGlobalTriggerToolApril2009.htm>

**\*\*IHI: Delivering safe and optimal care through effective teamwork and communication**

April 2-3, 2009, Boston, MA

<http://www.ihl.org/IHL/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/ImplementingTeamCommunicationApril2009.htm>

\*\*IHI: Engaging with Physicians in a Shared Quality Agenda April 21-23 2009, Chicago Illinois

[http://www.ihl.org/IHL/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/EngagingwithPhysiciansApril09.htm?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=targeted&utm\\_campaign=admin](http://www.ihl.org/IHL/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/EngagingwithPhysiciansApril09.htm?utm_source=email&utm_medium=targeted&utm_campaign=admin)

\*\*Acute Medical Assessment Units: Improving Care and Flow for Medical Patients Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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/>

\*\*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](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: 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/>

## **OTHER NEWS**

**\*\*NQF (US)**

-Safe Practices 2009: National Quality Forum is conducting a year long series of webinars to accelerate adoption of better healthcare practices.

[http://www.qualityforum.org/safe\\_practices/](http://www.qualityforum.org/safe_practices/)

**\*\*Australian Society for Antimicrobials**

Australia New Zealand Cooperative on Outcomes in Staphylococcus Sepsis 2007 (ANCOSS)- Invitation to participate <http://www.asainc.net.au/anzcintro>