

## TAG Mail 31<sup>st</sup> of July



### TAG MEETINGS

\*\*TAG meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 3pm in the Concord L7 meeting room.

### WEBSITE UPDATE

-The confirmed minutes of the High Cost Drugs Working Group have been published in the members section of the website.

### TAG ACTIVITIES

-SAFER Medicines Group planning teleconference invitation:

Last week a planning meeting was held for the SAFER Medicines Group. If you could not attend this meeting, we are offering you another opportunity to have your say.

To this end, we would like to invite you (or an interested representative) to attend a teleconference on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 3.30-4.30 pm to discuss the issues facing SAFER and seek your input.

If you are interested in attending, please email [jlowinger@stvincents.com.au](mailto:jlowinger@stvincents.com.au)

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

\*\*ACSQHC

-Hand Hygiene Newsletter July 2009

<http://www.hha.org.au/UserFiles/file/HAIHandHygieneNewsletterJuly2009.pdf>

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

\*\*CDC

-MMWR: Neurologic Complications Associated with Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection in Children --- Dallas, Texas, May 2009, Bubonic and Pneumonic Plague --- Uganda, 2006 <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

-Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5808a1.htm>

\*\*AHRQ

-Vitamin D and Calcium: Systematic Review of Health Outcomes

<http://www.ahrq.gov/downloads/pub/evidence/pdf/vitadcal/vitadcal.pdf>

\*\*IDSA

-Vancomycin Therapeutic Guidelines: A Summary of Consensus

Recommendations from the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the American

Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/600877>

**\*\*CADTH**

-Anti-TNF- $\alpha$  Drugs for Refractory Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Clinical- and Cost-Effectiveness Analyses

[http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/H0479\\_Anti\\_TNF\\_a\\_Drugs\\_for\\_Refractory\\_Inflammatory\\_Bowel\\_Disease\\_tr\\_e.pdf](http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/H0479_Anti_TNF_a_Drugs_for_Refractory_Inflammatory_Bowel_Disease_tr_e.pdf)

-Compus Communique: CADTH Protocol for the New COMPUS Topic: Second-line Therapy for Patients with Diabetes when Inadequately Controlled on Metformin – Now Available, Recorded Webinar on Insulin Preparations- Which types for which patients? <http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/compus/compus-communique/compus-communique-5-4>

**\*\*NPC**

-Early revascularisation offers little over intensive medical therapy in type 2 diabetes <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=380>

**\*\*AHRQ**

-AHRQ Patient Safety Tools and Resources: Advances in Patient Safety: New Directions and Alternative Approaches, Advances in Patient Safety: From Research to Implementation and Tools for Health Care Providers and Policymakers

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/pstools.pdf>

**\*\*NHS Guidance**

-Hepatitis B- tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

<http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/pdf/TA173Guidance.pdf>

**\*\*MHRA**

-Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine: Controlling the risk of misuse of medicines

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/CON052059>

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**\*\*ACSQHC**

-Medication Safety Update: Issue 2, July 2009. VTE Prophylaxis prescribing and the NIMC; National insulin charts for acute care; National labelling recommendations for parenteral medicines, lines and fluids.

[http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/com-pubs\\_MedSafety-MSA-con/\\$File/23770-MS-Update-July2009.pdf](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/com-pubs_MedSafety-MSA-con/$File/23770-MS-Update-July2009.pdf)

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<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/pstools.pdf>

-Innovations Exchange: Standardized Discharge Planning Focusing on Patient Education and Care Coordination Increases Understanding of Postdischarge Needs and Likelihood of Followup Care <http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>

**\*\*FDA**

-Colchicine for Rheumatological healthcare professionals

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm174596.htm>

**\*\*ISMP**

-Acute Care Newsletter: Will color-tinted IV tubing help?

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acuteCare/articles/20090730.asp>

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

-Medication errors: what they are, how they happen, and how to avoid them. Q J Med 2009; 102: 513-521.

<http://qjmed.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/102/8/513.pdf>

-Adequacy of hospital discharge summaries in documenting tests with pending results and outpatient follow-up providers. J Gen Intern Med. 2009 July 3

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/57u6374273282457/>

-Effectiveness of cervical screening with age: population based case-control study of prospectively recorded data. BMJ 2009;339:b2968

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/jul28\\_2/b2968](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/jul28_2/b2968)

**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.aaqhc2009.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**

\*\*IHI

-Building a Quality Measurement System that Works. October 27-28 2009, Boston MA.

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Programs/ConferencesAndSeminars/BuildingaQualityMeasurementSystemThatWorks.htm?TabId=0>

\*\*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)