

TAG Mail 2009
Cumulative Listing of Reports, Publications,
and Medication Safety Information
(July - December)



20th November

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

Nil

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****Care Quality Commission**

-Managing Patients' Medicines after discharge from hospital

http://www.cqc.org.uk/_db/_documents/Managing_patients_medicines_after_discharge_from_hospital.pdf

****CADTH**

-Long-acting Beta₂-Agonist (LABA) and Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) Combination Therapy for Adult Persistent Asthma: Systematic Review of Clinical Outcomes and Economic Evaluation

<http://www.cadth.ca//index.php/en/media-centre/email/hta-480>

****NHS**

-Supporting rational local decision-making about medicines (and treatments)

A handbook of good practice guidance

http://www.npc.co.uk/policy/local/constitution_handbook.htm

****NPC**

ACE inhibitors, not A2RAs or combination therapy, in ischaemic heart disease

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=799>

****FDA**

-Clopidogrel (marketed as Plavix) and Omeprazole (marketed as Prilosec) - Drug Interaction

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm190848.htm>

****Hospital Pharmacy Journal**

-ISMP Medication Error Report Analysis

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20091101_Nov2009_ismp.pdf

-Smoothing the Path for Intravenous (IV) to Oral (PO) Conversion: Where Have We Come in 11 Years?

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdata/20091101_Nov2009_peer1.pdf

****DH (UK)**

-The use of antipsychotic medications for people with dementia: Time for action
http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_108302.pdf

****All Wales Medicines Strategy Group**

-Final appraisal report: Methoxy polyethylene-glycol- epoetin beta (Mircera)
<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/371/Mircera%20FAR.pdf>

****House of Commons- Public Accounts Committee**

Reducing Healthcare Associated Infections

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmselect/cmpubacc/812/812.pdf>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Local Anesthetics, Continuously Infused (marketed as bupivacaine, chlorprocaine, lidocaine, mepivacaine, procaine, ropivacaine) - Chondrolysis
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm190496.htm>

****AHRQ**

- Patient education: Educational Video- Staying Active and Healthy with Blood Thinners
<http://www.healthcare411.ahrq.gov/videocast.aspx?id=555>

****MHRA**

Devices in Practice - a guide for health and social care professionals

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/Otherdevicesafetyguidance/CON007423>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

- Treatment disparities and effect on late mortality in patients with diabetes presenting with acute myocardial infarction: observations from the ACACIA registry. MJA 2009; 191 (10): 539-543

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_10_161109/hun10337_fm.html

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

****Australian Government- Department of Health and Ageing**

-Outcome Statement - National Medicines Policy Partnerships Forum 29 June 2009

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/outcome-statement-29-june09>

****AIHW**

-Public health expenditure in Australia, 2007-08

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hwe/hwe-47-10952/hwe-47-10952.pdf>

****TGA**

-What's new on the website: Proposed Section 7 Declaration: that products in capsule, tablet or pill form are therapeutic goods

<http://www.tga.gov.au/cm/consult/cons-s7declaration.htm>

- ADEC Pharmaceutical Subcommittee

<http://www.tga.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adec.htm#pscmem>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****FDA**

- Oncology Tools: Dose Calculator- will convert a dose in mg/kg or mg/m² to a total dose

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/onctools/animalquery.cfm>

****Joint Commission**

- JCI Success Stories- Sharing your Organisations Achievement with the World

<http://www.jointcommissioninternational.org/JCI-Success-Stories/>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Safe Use Initiative: Collaborating to reduce preventable harm from medications

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/UCM188961.pdf>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-A Trial of Darbepoetin Alfa in Type 2 Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease.

NEJM, October 30, 2009 (10.1056/NEJMoa0907845)

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/abstract/NEJMoa0907845v1>

- British Journal of Psychiatry presents a themed supplement on depot injections

Contents: November 2009, Volume 195, Issue 52

<http://bjp.rcpsych.org/content/vol195/issue52/>

-Patterns of use of thienopyridine therapy after percutaneous coronary interventions with drug-eluting stents and bare-metal stents. American Heart Journal Volume 158, Issue 4, Pages 592-598.e1 (October 2009)

[http://www.ahjonline.com/article/S0002-8703\(09\)00543-2/abstract](http://www.ahjonline.com/article/S0002-8703(09)00543-2/abstract)

-Antibacterial Medication Use during Pregnancy and Risk of Birth Defects National Birth Defects Prevention Study *Arch Pediatr Adolesc*

Med. 2009;163(11):978-985. <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/163/11/978>

-Major Bleeding, Mortality, and Efficacy of Fondaparinux in Venous Thromboembolism Prevention Trials *Circulation*. 2009 Published online before print November 2, 2009, doi: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.109.872630

<http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/CIRCULATIONAHA.109.872630v1>

-The Relative Efficacy and Safety of Clopidogrel in Women and Men. *J Am Coll Cardiol*, 2009; 54:1935-1945, doi:10.1016/j.jacc.2009.05.074

<http://content.onlinejacc.org/cgi/content/abstract/54/21/1935>

-Management of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction: Comparison of the updated guidelines from North America and Europe. *AHJ* Volume 158, Issue 5, Pages 695-705 November 2009. [http://www.ahjonline.com/article/S0002-8703\(09\)00653-X/abstract](http://www.ahjonline.com/article/S0002-8703(09)00653-X/abstract)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**GMCT

-Newsletter: Guest Editorial by Dr Paul Wrigley -National Move to Co-ordinate Pain Management- Opportunity for NSW

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/news_2009_11_01.pdf

**NHMRC

-Tracker Newsletter: Minister Announces NHMRC Grants for 2010

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend3.com/T/ViewEmail/r/123ACB4A5D1FD915/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

**MJA

-MJA Books Launch- Enhancing Patient Care: A Practical Guide to Improving Quality and Safety in Hospitals, authored by Alan Wolff and Sally Taylor.

<http://www.mja.com.au/public/publish/Enhancing%20Patient%20Care%20Information.pdf>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****NHS**

-Technology Appraisal: Prasugrel for the treatment of ACS with percutaneous coronary intervention <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA182> .

-Technology Appraisal: Topotecan for the treatment of recurrent carcinoma of the cervix. <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/TA183>

****New Zealand Evidence-based Health Care Bulletin October 2009. Vol 10 no.5**

<http://www.nzgg.org.nz/newsletter/index.cfm?bulletinID=48>

****Care Quality Commission**

Managing patients' medicines after discharge

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/guidanceforprofessionals/healthcare/nhsstaff/specialreviews/2008/09/managingmedicines.cfm>

****SIGN**

-Guidance: Management of attention deficit and hyperkinetic disorders in children and young people.

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/fulltext/112/index.html>

****CDC**

-MMWR October 30, 2009 / Vol. 58 / No. 42. Overdose Deaths Involving Prescription Opioids Among Medicaid Enrollees --- Washington, 2004–2007.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

****The University of British Columbia**

-Therapeutics Letter: Therapeutics initiative evidence based drug therapy- Antipsychotics in Children <http://www.ti.ubc.ca/PDF/74.pdf>

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****FDA**

-Information for Healthcare Professionals: Reports of Altered Kidney Function in patients using Exenatide (Marketed as Byetta)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm188656.htm>

****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Update: Volume 3, Issue 4, November 2009. Colchicine: reminder on risk of serious and fatal toxicity in overdose, Vigabatrin for infantile spasms: risk of movement disorders and MRI abnormalities.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON062553>

-Statins: Updates to product safety information

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/CON062558>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Does point-of-care testing lead to the same or better adherence to medication? A randomised controlled trial: the PoCT in General Practice Trial. MJA 2009; 191 (9): 487-491

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_09_021109/gia10573_fm.html

-Low drug doses may improve outcomes in chronic disease. MJA 2009; 191 (9): 511-513 http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_09_021109/dim10643_fm.html

-Accuracy of medication documentation in hospital discharge summaries: a retrospective analysis of medication transcription errors in manual and electronic discharge summaries. Available online 3 October 2009.

International Journal of Medical Informatics.

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6T7S-4XC976P-1&_user=4831393&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&view=c&_acct=C000065306&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=4831393&md5=a0a773a93554ba6267ecc4f1c04ba225

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

-Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia 2007-08. Report on the National Minimum data Set

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10745>

-Breast cancer in Australia: an overview, 2009

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10852>

-National Bowel Cancer Screening Program : annual monitoring report 2009

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10752>

**eMJA

-Can we readily identify patients who need antibiotics in a severe influenza pandemic?

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_09_021109/letters_021109_fm-3.html

-Rates of hospitalisation for acute respiratory illness and the emergence of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus in the Hunter New England Area Health Service

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_10_161109/letters_161109_fm-ROP.html

****TGA**

-What's new on the TGA website: Drugs designated as orphan drugs (Terlipressin) <http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****Database of Abstracts, of Reviews of Effects (DARE)**

Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa antagonists: a systematic review of randomized clinical trials in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention.

<http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb/ShowRecord.asp?ID=12005008289>

****NHS Guidance**

-Depression: the treatment and management of depression in adults (update)

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG90>

-The treatment and management of depression in adults with chronic physical health problems (Partial update of CG23) <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG91>

****HTA**

A randomised controlled trial of the use of aciclovir and/or prednisolone for the early treatment of Bell's palsy: the BELLS study.

<http://www.hta.nhs.uk/minisumm/min1347.shtml>

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****ISMP**

-Oral syringes: A crucial and economical risk-reduction strategy that has not been fully utilized

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acutecare/articles/20091022.asp>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****Oral or transdermal opioids for osteoarthritis of the knee or hip. Review. Cochrane. 2009 Oct 7;(4):CD003115**

http://mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD003115/pdf_files.html

****Influence of different antiplatelet treatment regimens for primary percutaneous coronary intervention on all-cause mortality. European Heart Journal 2009 30(14):1736-1743; doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehp114**

<http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/30/14/1736>

**Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor exposure in utero and pregnancy outcomes. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2009 Oct;163(10):949-54.
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19805715?dopt=Abstract>

**Towards a new standard of care for patients with myeloma? The Lancet Oncology, Early Online Publication, 22 October 2009 doi:10.1016/S1470-2045(09)70313-4. [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045\(09\)70313-4/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(09)70313-4/fulltext)

**Reporting of Safety Results in Published Reports of Randomized Controlled Trials. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(19):1756-1761. <http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/169/19/1756?home>

-Editorial: Adverse Events in Randomized Trials. Neglected, Restricted, Distorted, and Silenced. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(19):1737-1739
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/169/19/1737?home>

**Going Off-label Without Venturing Off-Course. Evidence and Ethical Off-label Prescribing. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(19):1745-1747.
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/169/19/1745?home>

**Effect of prophylactic paracetamol administration at time of vaccination on febrile reactions and antibody responses in children: two open-label, randomised controlled trials. The Lancet, Volume 374, Issue 9698, Pages 1339 - 1350. [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)61208-3/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)61208-3/abstract)

**Exposure To Folic Acid Antagonists During The First Trimester of Pregnancy and the Risk of Major Malformations. British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology. "Accepted Article"; doi: 10.1111/1365-2125.2009.03544.x
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122650838/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

**Systematic Review: Comparative Effectiveness of Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors or Angiotensin II-Receptor Blockers for Ischemic Heart Disease. Annals of Internal Medicine. 15 December 2009, Volume 151 Issue 12.
<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/0000605-200912150-00162v1>

23rd October REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW
-Medical labour force 2007 <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hwl/hwl-45-10723/hwl-45-10723.pdf>

****eMJA**

- Uniform format for disclosure of competing interests in ICMJE journals
http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_09_021109/dra11131_fm.html

****NHMRC**

-\$21M for new better health grants
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/media/rel09/091013-partnership-grants.htm>

****CIAP**

-CIAP Newsletter <http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/news/oct09-news.html>

****Australian Society for Antimicrobials**

-ASA News- 15-Oct-2009 <http://www.asainc.net.au/news/>

****ARCHI**

-Newsletter: Electronic Medical Records, The Clinical Leadership Program and Connecting Care for Severe Chronic Disease Management Workshop.
http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/oct09#ehc

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****MeReC**

-New BTS guidance on management of community acquired pneumonia (CAP)
<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=674>

****AHRQ**

-Comparative Effectiveness of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors or Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers Added to Standard Medical Therapy for Treating Stable Ischemic Heart Disease
<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=rr&ProcessID=57&DocID=187>

****HTA**

- Vitamin K to prevent fractures in older women: a systematic review and economic evaluation (Stevenson) 158 pages, Volume 13, number 45
<http://www.hta.nhs.uk/project/1712.asp>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****ISMP**

- Error report analysis: Plain Dextrose 5% in Water or Hypotonic Saline Solutions Could Result in Acute Hyponatraemia and Death in Healthy Children; Provera, Prozac or Proscar?

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20091001_Oct2009_ismp.pdf

-Adverse Reactions Bulletin: Enoxaparin- Induced Thrombocytopenia Resulting in Systemic Bleeding; Colonic Necrosis With Sodium Polystyrene Sulfonate- Redux.

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20091001_Oct2009_ismpadv.pdf

****FDA**

- Medical, Statistical, and Clinical Pharmacology Reviews of Pediatric Studies Conducted under Section 505A and 505B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), as amended by the FDA Amendments Act of 2007 (FDAAA)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/ucm049872.htm>

****Health Canada**

-Important Information About the Risk of Dosing Error for Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate) Powder for Oral Suspension (12 mg/mL) - For Health Professionals

http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/tamiflu_2_hpc-cps-eng.php

-Safety Information on Ceftriaxone administration.

http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/pdf/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/2009/ceftriaxone_2_nth-aah-eng.pdf

-New Safety Information Regarding Intelence (etravirine) and Severe Skin and Hypersensitivity Reactions - For Health Professionals http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/intelence_hpc-cps-eng.php

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

****AIHW**

- Diabetes prevalence in Australia: an assessment of national data sources

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10639>

-Asthma in Australian children: findings from Growing up in Australia, the longitudinal study of Australian children

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10771>

****TGA**

-Expressions of interest for up to 4 positions on the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) (new)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/docs/html/adec/adec.htm#newmembers>

-Expressions of interest for up to 12 positions on the new Advisory Committee on Safety of Medicines (ACSOM) (new)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/adrac.htm#newmembers>

-What's New on the website: Drugs designated as orphan drugs

<http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ

- The Guide to Clinical Preventive Services 2009. Recommendations of the US Preventive Services Task Force.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/pocketgd09/pocketgd09.pdf>

**NPSA (UK)

-NPSA advising hospitals to follow new oxygen safety guidance

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/site-map/npsa-advising-hospitals-to-follow-new-oxygen-safety-guidance/>

**American Journal of Health System Pharmacy

-Review of recent evidence: Potential interaction between clopidogrel and PPIs

http://www.ajhp.org/misc/Clopidogrel_PPI.pdf

**Drug and therapeutics Bulletin:

Anticoagulation with dabigatran or rivaroxaban. Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin 2009;47:116-120; doi:10.1136/dtb.2009.09.0041

<http://dtb.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/47/10/116>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**Health Canada

-Important Safety Information Regarding the Use of Sleep Aid Drugs and the Risk of Complex Sleep-Related Behaviours http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2009/2009_161-eng.php

-MedEffect Newsletter Vol 19 Issue 4- October 2009: Intravenous immune globulin (IVIG): hemolytic reactions, Sildenafil (Revatio) and medication incident http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/carn-bcej_v19n4-eng.php#a3

**MHRA

-Drug Safety Update, October 2009. In this issue: Smoking and smoking cessation: clinically significant interactions with commonly used medicines, Aspirin: not licensed for primary prevention of thrombotic vascular disease <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON059804>

-One liners: Food for thought

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/OneLiners/CON057398>

****FDA**

-Administration of Relenza (zanamivir) Inhalation Powder

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm186081.htm>

****ISMP**

-Serious adverse drug event reports increase last quarter, 2008

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acutecare/articles/20091008.asp>

****NHS**

- New eLearning resource for VTE

<http://e-lfh.org.uk/projects/vte/launch/>

-Ticagrelor – another antiplatelet for ACS

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=668>

****DoH (UK)**

-Guidance for the pharmacological management of substance misuse among young people in secure environments

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_106782.pdf

PAPERS OF INTEREST

- Disclosure of competing interests. BMJ 2009;339:b4144

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/339/oct12_2/b4144

-BTS guidelines for the management of community acquired pneumonia in adults: update 2009. Thorax 2009;64(Suppl 3):iii1-iii55;

doi:10.1136/thx.2009.121434

http://thorax.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/64/Suppl_3/iii1

-Fall prevention with supplemental and active forms of vitamin D: a meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. BMJ 2009;339:b3692

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/oct01_1/b3692

-Aspirin use and survival after diagnosis of colorectal cancer. JAMA 2009 Aug 12;302(6):649-58.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19671906?dopt=Abstract>

-Adherence to Antihypertensive Medications and Cardiovascular Morbidity Among Newly Diagnosed Hypertensive Patients. *Circulation*. 2009
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doi:10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.108.830299
<http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/CIRCULATIONAHA.108.830299v1>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**TGA

-Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin, Volume 28, Number 5, October 2009. TGA approves H1N1 influenza virus vaccine; The long and the short of movement disorders with metoclopramide; Washout or taper when switching antidepressants <http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0910.htm#a1>

**NHMRC

-Commitment to develop NHMRC Principles on Conflict of Interest
<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend4.com/T/ViewEmail/r/2D63C5DF06D1AD0F/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>
-Strong support for H1N109 swine flu vaccination program
<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend2.com/T/ViewEmail/r/EE442ED5B550E080/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

Department of Health (UK)

- Dosage of oseltamivir in children under 1yr of age with swine flu
<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/News/2009---September/25/CMO-letter-Change-in-dosage-of-oseltamivir-in-children-under-one-year-of-age-with-swine-flu-and-subsequent-updated-NHSDirect-factsheet/>

**Prescrire (English Edition) No. 103, Volume 18 October 2009.

-Withdrawal of Desvenlafaxine marketing application for depression in Europe
-Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis offers no therapeutic advantage
<http://english.prescrire.org/spip.php?rubrique24>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**ISMP

- Medication error report analysis: Medication list filing error, insulin preparation error by physician.

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

PAPERS OF INTEREST

Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia: a major cause of mortality in Australia and New Zealand. MJA 2009; 191 (7): 368-373.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/tur10849_fm.html

Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia as a quality indicator for hospital infection control. MJA 2009; 191 (7): 389-392.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/den10296_fm.html

Bringing patients' own medications into an emergency department by ambulance: effect on prescribing accuracy when these patients are admitted to hospital. MJA 2009; 191 (7): 374-377.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_07_051009/cha11452_fm.html

Extended prescribing rights- the UK experience. Aust Presc 2009; 32:118-9.

<http://www.australianprescriber.com/upload/pdf/articles/1044.pdf>

Balancing "No Blame" with Accountability in Patient Safety. NEJM. Volume 361:1401-1406. October 1, 2009.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/361/14/1401>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

-Towards national indicators of safety and quality in health care

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10792>

-Health expenditure Australia 2007-08

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10954>

****TGA**

-What's new on the website: Drugs designated as orphan drugs (added Hepatect CP), TGA approves vaccine against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza (new)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm>

****GMCT**

- Newsletter- Clinician Connect

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_10_01.pdf

**** SAX Institute**

-HARC eBulletin Issue 10 September 2009.

<http://mymail.ezmsgs.com/em/mail/view.php?id=1471050373&k=c992ac4>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****New Zealand Guideline Group**

-Management of Early Breast Cancer

http://www.nzgg.org.nz/guidelines/dsp_guideline_popup.cfm?guidelineCatID=7&guidelineID=157

****AHRQ**

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

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<http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/tgnlist0903.htm>
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<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>

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- Clopidogrel plus PPIs: doubts about clinical relevance of interaction: <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=580>
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****AHRQ:**

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****NPS**

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**HTA

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**Medicines Management Network (UK)

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**AHRQ

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-Safety of Anesthesia: A review of anaesthesia related mortality reporting in Australia and New Zealand 2003-2005.

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**FDA

-Follow-up to the June 4, 2008 Early Communication about the Ongoing Safety Review of Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blockers

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-Botox and Botox Cosmetic (Botulinum toxin Type A) and Myobloc (Botulinum toxin Type B)

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm164255.htm>

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**EMEA

-European Medicines Agency update on safety of insulin glargine
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** Joint Commission

-Speak Up: Prevent Errors in Your Child's Care
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**Health Canada

-Oral sodium phosphate products are no longer authorized for purgative use
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**AHRQ

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**IDSA

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**CADTH

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**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

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****NHS Guidance**

-Hepatitis B- tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

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****MHRA**

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

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****AHRQ**

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****FDA**

-Colchicine for Rheumatological healthcare professionals

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****ISMP**

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****TGA**

-Website updates:

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Expressions of interest sought for membership to Medicines Evaluation Committee (MEC)

<http://www.tga.gov.au/docs/html/mecinfo.htm>

****ACSQHC**

-The Hand Hygiene Australia Manual, 1st Edition is now available.

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****CDC**

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****HTA**

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****AHRQ**

-Healthcare Innovations Exchange: Standardized Discharge Planning Focusing on Patient Education and Care Coordination Increases Understanding of Postdischarge Needs and Likelihood of Follow-up Care, Project RED (Re-Engineered Discharge) Toolkit

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****House of Commons (UK)**

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<http://www.nice.org.uk/CG89>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****NSW Health**

-New Lessons - July 2009: Errors involving Infusion Pumps and Identification of the Correct Patient for Radiology Procedures

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/lessons/>

****FDA**

-Early Communication about an Ongoing Safety Review of Omalizumab (marketed as Xolair)

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****MHRA**

-One Liners issue 69: MHRA has received reports of oxygen cylinder fires whilst in use by the ambulance service; supposedly “new” boxes of pre-filled syringes are found to contain empty syringes.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/OneLiners/CON051902>

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-Association of TELZIR (fosamprenavir) with a potential increased risk of myocardial infarction (heart attack)

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

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<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/0000605-200908040-00127v1>

-Stent thrombosis after drug-eluting stent implantation: incidence, timing, and relation to discontinuation of clopidogrel therapy over a 4 year period

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-Computerized Clinical Decision Support During Medication Ordering for Long-term Care Residents with Renal Insufficiency. April 23, 2009 as JAMIA PrePrint; doi:10.1197/jamia.M2981

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****NHMRC**

-Tracker: Podcast: 10 of the best research projects 2008 - Cleopatra bathed in it, now it heals skin, The Centres of Research Excellence Scheme for 2009 OPENS today

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****Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, Osteoporosis Australia and the Endocrine Society of Australia.**

-Position Statement : "Calcium and Bone Health"

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****CDC**

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****SIGN**

- Revised SIGN/BTS British asthma guideline issued
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****Cochrane Library**

-What's new in Issue 3, 2009? Topical rubefaciants for acute and chronic pain in adults, Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for the common cold, Long term effects of weight reducing drugs in hypertensive patients
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/mrwhome/106568753/HOME>

****NPC**

-Connect Newsletter: National Support Materials to support the review of Renin-Angiotensin drugs launched on NPCi; NPCi update-New floors unveiled, Updated therapeutics materials, New non-medical prescribing website features!
http://www.npc.co.uk/npc_publications/resources/connect_issue_57.pdf

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Information for Healthcare Professionals: Immunosuppressant Drugs; Required Labeling Changes
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-Long-term safety of methotrexate monotherapy in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a systematic literature research. *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* 2009;68:1100-1104 <http://ard.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/68/7/1100>

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<http://www.theannals.com/cgi/content/abstract/43/7/1266>

-Ordering Off the Menu: Assessing Compliance with a Nonformulary Medication Policy. *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*: Vol. 43, No. 7, pp. 1251-1257. DOI 10.1345/aph.1M098.

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**AIHW

-General practice in Australia, health priorities and policies 1998 to 2008

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10721>

**CIAP

-PDA Users- annual updates to MIMS are now available for download.

http://www.hcn.com.au/mims_pda/mims_pda_start.html Note: you will also have to apply for a new registration code by going to the MIMS on PDA Registration http://www.hcn.com.au/mims_pda/mims_pda_register.html

-CIAP is pleased to announce that direct access to full-text articles is now available for EBSCOhost titles. Access to the full-text article will be available from within any of the OvidSP search results.

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au:2001/libraries/contacts.html>

**AMA

-Electronic Prescription Transfer Systems - 2009

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<http://www.ama.com.au/node/4749>

**TGA

-What's new on the TGA website since the 23rd of June 2009.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm>

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**WHO

- In response to the pandemic threat by a new influenza A(H1N1) strain, the development of a patient care checklist was started on 29 April 2009.

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**CDC

-MMWR: Recurring Norovirus Outbreaks in a Long-Term Residential Treatment Facility --- Oregon, 2007 and Hepatitis A Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 24--35 Months --- United States, 2006 and 2007

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**Joint Commission

-Complimentary MDRO Toolkit: Multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs) prevention and control is one of the most complex management issues that health care executives face. <http://www.jcrinc.com/MDRO-Toolkit/>

**SIGN

- British Guideline on the Management of Asthma

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-Management of Hip Fracture in Older People

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/pdf/sign111.pdf>

**NPCi

-Clinical trials may underestimate the incidence of statin-related myopathy

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=369>

**NHS

-Medicines Management: New product evaluations- a resource for medicines management [http://www.mmnetwork.nhs.uk/med-man-new-](http://www.mmnetwork.nhs.uk/med-man-new-details.php?newsid=1761)

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**ISMP

- Acute Care Newsletter, 2nd July: Misidentification of alphanumeric symbols in both handwritten and computer-generated information, Safety Brief: Med list filing error

<http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/currentissue.asp>

**FDA

-Information for Healthcare Professionals: Varenicline (marketed as Chantix) and Bupropion (marketed as Zyban, Wellbutrin, and generics)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm169986.htm>

-Public Health Advisory: FDA Requires New Boxed Warnings for the Smoking Cessation Drugs Chantix and Zyban

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PublicHealthAdvisories/ucm169988.htm>

-Warning on Testosterone Gel Products, Update on Precipitate Formation with Ceftriaxone and Calcium-containing Products

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=88#7>

- Propoxyphene-containing Products

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm170763.htm>

****Canada Health**

-Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter, Volume 19 Issue 3, July 2009.
Montelukast: Psychiatric reactions, Intravitreal injection of triamcinolone acetonide: ocular reactions, Fentanyl transdermal patches and accidental child exposure.

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/carn-bcei_v19n3-eng.pdf

****Joint Commission**

- Providing a Safer Environment for Health Care Personnel and Patients through Influenza Vaccination: Strategies from Research and Practice

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****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Update: Clopidogrel and proton pump inhibitors: interaction, Clarification: ACE inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor antagonists - use during breastfeeding, Mycophenolate mofetil: pure red cell aplasia and use of long acting beta-agonists in COPD.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON051770>

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[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60503-1/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60503-1/abstract)

-Efficacy and safety of insulin analogues for the management of diabetes mellitus: a meta-analysis. CMAJ 2009; 180 (4): 385-97.
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[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60250-6/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60250-6/abstract)

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<http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/news/june09-news.html>

**NSW Health

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http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/ib/2009/pdf/IB2009_036.pdf

**AIHW

-Key indicators of progress for chronic disease and associated determinants: technical report

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**GMCT

-Clinician Connect: Guest Editorial by Peter Saul (ICU Physician John Hunter Hospital)- Talking about dying in ICU.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_07_01.pdf

**SAX Institute

-HARC e-bulletin: End of life care- Increasing patients ability to make treatment decisions using a video support tool; Implementing safe practices in hospitals is an international priority but do we know that they improve patient safety?

https://myemail.ezmsgs.com/download/files/24593/854380/HARC_20eBulletin_20July_202009.pdf

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**Cochrane Library

-Highlights of new and updated reviews: Male circumcision reduces HIV risk: No further evidence needed, Giving birth: Upright labor positions shorten first stage labour

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/homepages/106568753/highlights2.pdf>

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-ThinkGlucose Inpatient Care for Patient's with Diabetes. New programme, designed to improve the management of people with diabetes when they are admitted to hospital.

http://www.institute.nhs.uk/quality_and_value/think_glucose/welcome_to_the_website_for_thinkglucose.html?utm_source=newsletterJune09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=thinkglucose

- Bortezomib monotherapy for relapsed multiple myeloma

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=download&o=37094>

-e-VTE: A web based resource designed to help raise awareness and improve understanding of Venous Thromboembolism [http://e-](http://e-lfh.org.uk/projects/vte/launch/)

[lfh.org.uk/projects/vte/launch/](http://e-lfh.org.uk/projects/vte/launch/)

****NHS Evidence -*New Portal*- now available!**

<http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/AboutUs.aspx>

-2009 Annual Evidence Update on Oesophago-gastric cancers

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/Gastroliver/ViewResource.aspx?resID=317235>

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-Implementing better practice in renin-angiotensin drugs

http://www.npci.org.uk/nsm/nsm/renin/library/library_guide_to_nsm.php

****FDA**

-Drug Safety Newsletter: Quinine overview of Off-Label Use and serious adverse events, Zolendronic Acid- reports of acute renal impairment and failure

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugSafetyNewsletter/UCM168579.pdf>

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-MMWR: In this issue; Late HIV Testing, HIV Testing among school students (US)

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html

****AHRQ**

-Innovations exchange: Telephone Counseling by Trained Volunteers Cuts Rate of Postnatal Depression Nearly in Half, Medication Reconciliation Process Results in Anecdotal Reports of Improved Safety in Inpatient Setting

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

****NZGG**

-New Zealand Evidence Based Health Care Bulletin: Evidence Updates from New Zealand and overseas, Living Guideline Process,

<http://www.nzgg.org.nz/newsletter/pdfs/090507%20%20Bulletin%20June%202009.pdf>

**NAO (UK)

-Reducing Healthcare Associated Infections in Hospitals in England

http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/0809/reducing_healthcare_associated.aspx

**RCP (UK)

-Nearly half of heart attack patients treated by primary angioplasty

http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/news/news.asp?PR_id=461

**RPSGB

- Member support helps breakthrough in decriminalization of dispensing errors campaign.

<http://www.rpsgb.org.uk/pdfs/pr090619.pdf>

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-Reduced use of hormones and the drop in breast cancer. BMJ 2009;338:b2116

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-Incident Management in the NSW Public Health System. January to June 2008

http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/pdf/08_01to06_incident_management.pdf

**Health Canada

- Updated Labelling for Piroxicam - Drug No Longer to be Used for Acute Pain or Inflammation

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2009/2009_102-eng.php

**MHRA

-European Medicines Agency (EMA) recommends withdrawal of dextropropoxyphene-containing medicines (including co-proxamol)

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/NewsCentre/CON049300>

**NPSA

-Review of patient safety for children and young people. This review highlights some of the patient safety issues for children, young people and their families

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

****FDA**

-Early Communication About Safety of Lantus (insulin glargine)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm169722.htm>

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-Medication Safety in the community. A review of the literature. June 2009.

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http://heart.bmj.com/cgi/content/short/hrt.2009.169896v1?q=w_heart_ahead_tab

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