

TAG Mail 2009
Cumulative Listing of Reports, Publications,
and Medication Safety Information



26th of June 2009

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/DrugSafetyInformationforHeathcareProfessionals/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/DrugSafetyInformationforHeathcareProfessionals/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>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NHMRC

-Tracker: Draft national strategy for Australian medical research and public health research - 2010-12; Are you planning to apply for a Centres of Research Excellence Scheme this year?

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend.com/T/ViewEmail/r/6DF6DF75A92CDF77/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**EMA

-EU-Wide recall of efalizumab due to serious side effects

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/humandocs/PDFs/EPAR/raptiva/34625509en.pdf>

****MeReC**

- Standard dose statins reduce the risk of CHD in patients with familial hypercholesterolaemia

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=357>

-More data question the value of aspirin in primary prevention of CV disease

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=359>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Medwatch: Increased mortality when switching from Calcineurin Inhibitors to Sirolimus in stable liver transplants.

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm165015.htm>

-Patient Safety News #87: Raptiva Withdrawn from the Market

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=87#1>

****NHMRC**

-Australian Patient Safety Bulletin: This issue discusses association between Safe Practices Scores, Using quality indicators to improve hospital care and A hospital discharge program to decrease rehospitalisation

<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/news/june09bulletin.pdf>

****MHRA**

-One Liners Issue 68: Includes- Double trouble -when combining external pacemakers, ICDs and pacing leads; Hot Patch-MRIs and medicated skin patches

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/OneLiners/CON049158>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Self administered cognitive screening test (TYM) for detection of Alzheimer's disease: cross sectional study. *BMJ* 2009;338:b2030

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/jun08_3/b2030

-Rosiglitazone evaluated for cardiovascular outcomes in oral agent combination therapy for type 2 diabetes (RECORD): a multicentre, randomised, open-label trial. *The Lancet*, Early Online Publication, 5 June 2009.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60953-3/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60953-3/abstract)

-A Randomized Trial of Therapies for Type 2 Diabetes and Coronary Artery Disease- *The BARI 2D Study Group. NEJM. June 7, 2009* (10.1056/NEJMoa0805796)

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/abstract/NEJMoa0805796v1>

-Metformin for obesity in children and adolescents: a systematic review
Diabetes Care. Published online before print June 5, 2009, doi: 10.2337/dc09-0258. <http://care.diabetesjournals.org/content/early/2009/06/01/dc09-0258.abstract>

-Corticosteroids in the Treatment of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock in Adults.
JAMA. 2009;301(22):2362-2375
<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/301/22/2362>

-Adalimumab for long-term treatment of psoriatic arthritis: 2-year data from the Adalimumab Effectiveness in Psoriatic Arthritis Trial (ADEPT). Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases 2009;68:702-709.
<http://ard.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/68/5/702>

-Current Pharmacological Management of Gastro-Esophageal Reflux in Children: An Evidence-Based Systematic Review. Review Article. Pediatric Drugs. 11(3):185-202, May 15, 2009.
<http://pediatrics.adisonline.com/pt/re/pdd/abstract.00148581-200911030-00004.htm;jsessionid=K23c4YRKLcGqTQSTkRLL1nvpZMkjL9WLH548bNzmORLHjy6vK3J2!713060492!181195629!8091!-1>

-The relationship between computerized physician order entry and pediatric adverse drug events: a nested matched case-control study.
Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety. Published Online: 28 May 2009.
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122411194/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**VIFM

-Coronial Communique: Volume 7 Issue 2. May 2009. This issue discusses: When is a headache, not just a headache?, Meningococcal Disease- meningitis or bacteraemia?

http://www.vifm.org/attachments//CC_May_2009.pdf

**AIHW

-Australian Hospital Statistics 2007-2008

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/hse/hse-71-10776/hse-71-10776.pdf>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**CDC

-MMWR Volume 58 number 21: Update: Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection --- Mexico, March--May, 2009; Impact of New WHO Growth Standards on the Prevalence of Acute Malnutrition and Operations of Feeding Programs
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5821a4.htm>

**MeReC

-NPCi blogs now indicate the level of evidence

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=352>

-EMA statement on possible interaction between clopidogrel and proton pump inhibitors

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=354>

-Intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes: what part does it play?

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=353>

**FDA

-FDA ALERT: Propylthiouracil-Induced Liver Failure

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/DrugSafetyInformationforHealthcareProfessionals/ucm162701.htm>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA

-Drug Safety Newsletter Volume 2, Number 1 2009. This issue discusses topics around serious liver damage related to atomoxetine and abacavir hypersensitivity reaction

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugSafetyNewsletter/ucm107318.pdf>

**TGA

-ADRAC Bulletin Volume 28 No.3 June 2009. This issue includes: Metformin, dehydration and lactic acidosis, Drug-induced lupus erythematosus: An emerging association with TNF inhibitors and Drug-associated macular oedema - latanoprost and rosiglitazone <http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0906.pdf>

**ISMP

-Acute Care Newsletter June 4th: Icons and symbols on IV related products: Global industry must reflect on the safety aspects, True allergy or other symptom? <http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/currentissue.asp>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Error Management: Omitted and unjustified medications in the discharge summary. *Quality and Safety in Health Care* 2009;18:205-208

<http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/18/3/205>

-Aspirin in the primary and secondary prevention of vascular disease: collaborative meta-analysis of individual participant data from randomised trials. *The Lancet*, [Volume 373, Issue 9678](#), Pages 1849 - 1860.

[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)

-Are verbal orders a threat to patient safety? *Quality and Safety in Health Care* 2009;18:165-168 <http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/18/3/165>

-A shared electronic health record: lessons from the coalface. *MJA* 2009; 190 (11): S113-S11

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_11_010609/sil11185_fm.html

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**NHMRC

-Tracker Newsletter Issued 29th of May: Forthcoming Urgent Call For Research

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend4.com/T/ViewEmail/r/A69EE2A42DBF592F/1F9DE94AA3A7745E2540EF23F30FEDED>

-NICS update: NHMRC announces 2009 NICS Fellows

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend.com/T/ViewEmail/r/3EEBFC5C93AD32E9/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

**NSW Health

Statewide Standing Order for Supply of Anti-Influenza Prophylaxis to Defined Contacts

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2009/pdf/PD2009_026.pdf

**ADRAC

-Reports in this bulletin: Drug-associated macular oedema - latanoprost and rosiglitazone, Drug-induced lupus erythematosus: An emerging association with TNF inhibitors, Metformin, dehydration and lactic acidosis.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0906.htm#a1>

**GMCT

-Clinician Connect Newsletter: Including guest editorial on ‘What drives confidence in Public Health Care Systems?’

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_06_01.pdf

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****NHS Evidence**

-Update on evidence for Atrial Fibrillation

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/cardiovascular/viewResource.aspx?resid=314789>

****CADTH**

-Dabigatran or Rivaroxaban Versus Other Anticoagulants for Thromboprophylaxis After Major Orthopedic Surgery: Systematic Review of Comparative Clinical-Effectiveness and Safety

<http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/hta/reports-publications/search/publication/908>

****AHRQ**

- Preventing Hospital-Acquired Venous Thromboembolism A Guide for Effective Quality Improvement

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/vtguide/>

****MTRAC**

-Updated: Leviteracetam- Verdict & Summary

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/schools/pharm/MTRAC/ProductInfo/verdicts/L/Levetiracetam4.pdf>

****CDC**

-MMWR: Trends in Smoking Before, During, and After Pregnancy --- Pregnancy.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

MEDICATION SAFETY

****AHRQ**

-Patient Safety Net News: This week; To Err Is Human – To Delay Is Deadly, Prescription errors and outcomes related to inconsistent information transmitted through computerized order entry: a prospective study.

<http://psnet.ahrq.gov/whatsNew.aspx>

****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Update: Volume 2 Issue 11, June 2009. In this issue: Antipsychotics and risk of thromboembolic events, Chloral hydrate (Welldorm) and Triclofos: not first-line options for insomnia, Clopidogrel and proton pump inhibitors: possible interaction, Topical ketoprofen: reminder on risk of photosensitivity reactions.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CONO49070>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Risk of gastrointestinal perforation in patients with cancer treated with bevacizumab: a meta-analysis. The Lancet Oncology. Volume 10, Issue 6, Pages 559 - 568, June 2009

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045\(09\)70112-3/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(09)70112-3/abstract)

-Folic acid use and major congenital malformations in offspring of women with epilepsy: a prospective study from the UK Epilepsy and Pregnancy Register. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry. 2009 May;80(5):506-11.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?orig_db=PubMed&db=pubmed&cmd=Search&defaultField=Title%20Word&term=J%20Neurol%20Neurosurg%20Psychiatry%5Bjour%5D%20AND%2080%5Bvolume%5D%20AND%20506%5Bpage%5D%20AND%202009%5Bpdatt%5D

-Effects of Web- and Computer-Based Smoking Cessation Programs Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(10):929-937.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/10/929>

-Acid-Suppressive Medication Use and the Risk for Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia JAMA. 2009;301(20):2120-2128. <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/301/20/2120>

-Tadalafil Therapy for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. Circulation. Published Online on May 26, 2009.

<http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/CIRCULATIONAHA.108.839274v1>

-Effect of the quality and outcomes framework on diabetes care in the United Kingdom: retrospective cohort study. BMJ 2009;338:b1870.

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/may26_2/b1870?papetoc

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**ARCHI

-ARCHI net news: Includes; Practical Steps to Improving Emergency Department Signage, Project RED (Re-Engineered Discharge), Mental Health Clinical Services Redesign Workshop http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/may09

****CIAP**

-New Additions: AMH New Edition, e-Therapeutic Guidelines Dermatology (new tables and boxes on: Dosing of oral antihistamines, Important considerations when using topical corticosteroids in adults and in children Indications for lasers and their relative efficacy- under 'Other Drug Resources' on the CIAP front page.

****AIHW**

-Report: An overview of chronic kidney disease in Australia, 2009
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10681>

****TGA**

-This update includes: Drugs designated as orphan drugs, Prescription medicines business process improvement project
<http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm#current>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****AHRQ**

-National Quality Healthcare Report 2008
<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhqr08/nhqr08.pdf>

****Joint Commission**

-Joint Commission Online: Issues of Patient Safety around H1N1, upcoming conferences from the Joint Commission, Updated Sentinel Event Statistics
http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/05787962-F3F6-496C-9C2C-59712A43CD31/0/05_09_jconline.pdf

****CADTH**

-Dabigatran or Rivaroxaban Versus Other Anticoagulants for Thromboprophylaxis After Major Orthopedic Surgery: Systematic Review of Comparative Clinical-Effectiveness and Safety
http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/M0006_Rivaroxaban_and_Dabigatran_L3_e.pdf

-COMPUS Communiqué – Vol. 5, No. 2

CADTH Announces COMPUS' Next Topic in Diabetes Management, Insulin Preparations – Which Types for Which Patients?- Webinars 18th and 23rd of June
<file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/tagproject/Local%20Settings/Temp/GW%7D00002.HTM#TOCO>

****CDC**

- MMWR:Surveillance for Acute Viral Hepatitis, Health Warnings on Tobacco Products --- Worldwide, 2007

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

****MeRec**

-NSAID risks in heart failure

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cns/dementia/merec_extra_no39.htm

-Antipsychotics increase mortality in elderly patients with dementia

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/cns/dementia/merec_extra_no39.htm

-Cholinesterase inhibitors associated with syncope in patients with dementia

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=344>

****BMJ**

-Department of Health lists indicators for healthcare professionals to use in quality accounts

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/may22_2/b2089?papetoc

MEDICATION SAFETY

****ISMP**

-Medication Error Report Analysis: Lyrica- Lopressor Mix Up, Revatio=Sildenafil= Viagra, Reuse of Insulin Pen for Multiple Patients Risks Transmission of Blood Borne Disease.

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090501_May2009_ismp.pdf

-Acute Care Newsletter may 21, 2009. Safety Brief: Fluorouracil antidote on the horizon?, Safety Brief: Heparin cases not quality issue.

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

****AHRQ**

-Web M&M: Vial Mistakes Involving Heparin,

<http://webmm.ahrq.gov/case.aspx?caseID=201>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-ASHP national survey of pharmacy practice in hospital settings: Dispensing and administration—2008. American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, Vol. 66, Issue 10, 926-946. <http://www.ajhp.org/cgi/content/abstract/66/10/926>

-Association of door-to-balloon time and mortality in patients admitted to hospital with ST elevation myocardial infarction: national cohort study
BMJ 2009;338:b1807.

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/may19_1/b1807?papetoc

-Use of blood pressure lowering drugs in the prevention of cardiovascular disease: meta-analysis of 147 randomised trials in the context of expectations from prospective epidemiological studies. BMJ 2009;338:b1665.

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/may19_1/b1665?paperoc

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**NHMRC

-Tracker: NHMRC and the 2009-10 budget, Transparency and Conflict of Interest workshop, Canberra, 2 June 2009

<http://nhmrcommunications.createsend5.com/T/ViewEmail/r/62E7C57DC782016F/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

**AIHW

-National Opioid Pharmacotherapy Statistics Annual Data Collection: 2008 Report

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/aus/bulletin72/aus-115-10698.pdf>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ

-Will it work here? A Decisionmaker's Guide to Adopting Innovations

<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/resources/InnovationAdoptionGuide.pdf>

-Statistical Brief #72. April 2009. Nationwide Frequency and Costs of Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, 2006.

<http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb72.pdf>

**CDC

-MMWR: Included in this weeks edition; Hospitalized Patients with Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection --- California, April--May, 2009, Pediatric Bacterial Meningitis Surveillance --- African Region, 2002--2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5818.pdf>

MEDICATION SAFETY

**IHI

-Updated: IHI Global Trigger Tool for measuring Adverse Events- Second Edition

<http://www.ih.org/NR/rdonlyres/B277159C-60D4-4EFD-BF2A-B9FB62CAA4A/0/IHIGlobalTriggerToolWhitePaper2009.pdf>

**Medscape

-CE Newsletter: Controversial Issues in the Use of VTE Prophylaxis for Patients With Cancer CME/CE, Prophylaxis of Venous Thromboembolism in Patients With Cancer: What the Guidelines Say: Introduction

<http://cme.medscape.com/pharmacists>

****AHRQ**

-Patient Safety Network News: A comprehensive pharmacist intervention to reduce morbidity in patients 80 years or older: a randomized controlled trial, Work interruptions and their contribution to medication administration errors: an evidence review and Pediatric safety. <http://psnet.ahrq.gov/whatsNew.aspx>

****BMJ**

-Strontium ranelate may cause alopecia

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr22_1/b1494

****NICE**

-Guidance released: Spinal cord stimulation for chronic pain of neuropathic or ischaemic origin

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/TA159>

****RPSGB**

-Council escalates its call for the decriminalisation of dispensing errors

<http://www.rpsgb.org.uk/pdfs/pr090512.pdf>

****MHRA**

-US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warning about weight loss products linked to liver damage

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Howweregulate/Medicines/Herbalandhomoeopathicmedicines/Herbalmedicines/HerbalSafetyNews/Currentsafetyissues/CON046623>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Nursing student medication errors involving tubing and catheters: A descriptive study. Nurse Education Today. Doi:10.1016/j.nedt.2009.02.010

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6WNX-4VYW642-1&_user=4831393&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&view=c&_acct=C00065306&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=4831393&md5=5bcc36555184db699ad48901335ac971

- Consensus-Based Recommendations for Standardizing Terminology and Reporting Adverse Events for Emergency Department Procedural Sedation and Analgesia in Children. Annals of Emergency Medicine. Volume 53, Issue 4, Pages 426-435.e4 (April 2009). [http://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644\(08\)01849-0/abstract](http://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644(08)01849-0/abstract)

-Surgical treatments for men with benign prostatic enlargement: cost effectiveness study. BMJ 2009;338:b1288
http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/apr16_1/b1288

-Syncope and Its Consequences in Patients With Dementia Receiving Cholinesterase Inhibitors. A Population-Based Cohort Study. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(9):867-873
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/9/867>

-ALLHAT Findings Revisited in the Context of Subsequent Analyses, Other Trials, and Meta-analyses. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(9):832-842. <http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/9/832>

-No More Free Drug Samples? PLoS Med 6(5): e1000074.
doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000074
<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000074>

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**TGA

-Fortnightly website update: includes Drugs designated as orphan drugs (added Thromboreductin, Media release: TGA announcement regarding extension of shelf life of oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) (new)
<http://www.tga.gov.au/new/new.htm#current>

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**AHRQ

-Preventing Hospital-Acquired Venous Thromboembolism: A Guide for Effective Quality Improvement.
<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/vtguide/>

**CDC

-Web M&M: Outbreak of *Salmonella* Serotype Saintpaul Infections Associated with Eating Alfalfa Sprouts --- United States, 2009. Update:Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infections
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

**National Academy of Sciences Publication

-Conflict of Interest in Medical Research, Education, and Practice (2009)- Board on Health Science Policy - Summary

http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12598&page=1

****FDA**

-Suicidal Behavior and Ideation and Antiepileptic Drugs

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/antiepileptics/default.htm>

****NHS MI**

-Can zanamivir be given to patients with renal impairment or patients on renal replacement therapies?

<http://www.nelm.nhs.uk/en/NeLM-Area/Evidence/Medicines-Q--A/Can-zanamivir-be-given-to-patients-with-renal-impairment-or-patients-on-renal-replacement-therapies/>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Medwatch: Tarceva (erlotinib)- safety warning

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

****AHRQ**

-Patient Safety Net News- this week: Fast forward rounds: an effective method for teaching medical students to transition patients safely across care settings, Educational strategy to reduce medication errors in a neonatal intensive care unit. <http://psnet.ahrq.gov/resource.aspx?resourceID=10034>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Implementation of a patient safety incident management system as viewed by doctors, nurses and allied health professionals. Health. Vol. 13, No. 3, 277-296 (2009)

<http://hea.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/13/3/277>

-Long-Term Safety and Efficacy of Drug-Eluting versus Bare-Metal Stents in Sweden. New England Journal of Medicine. Volume 360:1933-1945. May 7, 2009.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/abstract/360/19/1933>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

****GMCT**

-Newsletter: Guest Editorial by Dr Richard Linley; Allied Health Staff- A precious Resource for NSW Public Hospitals.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_05_01.pdf

****NPS**

-Radar: In this issue- Teriparatide for severe Osteoporosis and Hydromorphone prolonged-release tablets for chronic severe disabling pain and Lanthanum tablets for adults with chronic kidney disease who are on dialysis

http://www.nps.org.au/health_professionals/publications/nps_radar

****NHMRC**

-NHMRC Tracker: Including- 2010 NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships, Transparency and Conflict of Interest workshop, Canberra, 2 June 2009 and current consultations underway at NHMRC

<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend2.com/T/ViewEmail/r/FEA2DE3270DCD4E7/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****NICE Guidance:**

-Glaucoma: diagnosis and management of chronic open angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension

<http://www.nice.org.uk/CG85>

****AHRQ**

Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture: 2009 Comparative Database Report

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/hospsurvey09/>

****CADTH**

-Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents for Anemia of Cancer or of Chemotherapy

http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/00468_Erythropoiesis-stimulating_agents_to_e.pdf

****CDC**

-MMWR Weekly, Volume 58, No.16. This issue includes: Prevalence and Most Common Causes of Disability Among Adults, Outbreak of Shiga Toxin--Producing *Escherichia coli* O157 Infection Associated with a Day Camp Petting Zoo

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

****NZGG**

-New Zealand Cardiovascular Guidelines Handbook: Cardiovascular risk assessment and diabetes screening, cardiovascular risk factor management.

http://www.nzgg.org.nz/guidelines/0154/090202_CVD_web_pdf_Final.pdf

****NHS**

-NHS Evidence Annual Update on complementary and alternative medicine for asthma: 5-8 May 2009

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/cam/ViewResource.aspx?resID=313286&tabID=289>

**Health Canada

-Association of Enbrel (etanercept) with Histoplasmosis and Other Invasive Fungal Infections - For Health Professionals

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

-Association of Herceptin (trastuzumab) with Oligohydramnios - For Health Professionals

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

MEDICATION SAFETY

**ISMP

-Medication Error Report Analysis: Location of printed labels, Pound/Kilogram confusion

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090401_Apr2009_ismp.pdf

-Acute Care Newsletter: This issue includes; Failed check system for chemotherapy leads to pharmacist's no contest plea for involuntary manslaughter.

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acutecare/articles/20090423.asp>

**MHRA

-Patient Safety Update: Including information on ACE inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor antagonists- recommendations on use during breastfeeding, Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs: reminder on renal failure and impairment.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON046451>

**FDA

-Patient Safety News: Including- Removing Insulin from Cartons, FDA Approves First Human Drug from Genetically Engineered Animals

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=86#8>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Sociodemographic correlates of antidepressant utilisation in Australia. MJA 2009; 190 (9): 479-483.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_09_040509/pag11449_fm.html

-Antifungal prophylaxis in cancer patients after chemotherapy or hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation: systematic review and meta-analysis. Journal of Clinical Oncology 2007; 25(34): 5471-5489.

<http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb/ShowRecord.asp?ID=12008009045>

-Long term monitoring in patients receiving treatment to lower blood pressure: analysis of data from placebo controlled randomised controlled trial. BMJ 2009;338:b1492

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/apr30_1/b1492

-Aspirin Plus Clopidogrel and Risk of Infection After Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(8):788-795.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/169/8/788>

-Recombinant human erythropoiesis-stimulating agents and mortality in patients with cancer: a meta-analysis of randomised trials. The Lancet. Volume 373, Issue 9674, Pages 1532 - 1542.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60502-X/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60502-X/abstract)

-Rivaroxaban versus enoxaparin for thromboprophylaxis after total knee arthroplasty (RECORD4): a randomised trial.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60734-0/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60734-0/fulltext)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

****NSW Health**

-Human swine influenza investigation

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.asp

-Intranet: Media releases Swine Flu

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

****Therapeutic Guidelines**

The following guidelines have now been released:

-2009 Version 3 Dermatology Guideline

-2008 Version 6 Psychotropic Guideline

****ARCHI**

-Newsletter, April Edition: including Medical Health Redesign and a Medical Assessment Unit Workshop

- http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/apr09

****CIAP**

-Newsletter in this edition; CIAP Password Change, New Resources and Changes on CIAP, Safety Alert Broadcast System (SABS) plus CIAP Learning Strategy and Plan 2009

<http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/news/apr09-news.html>

****ACSQHC**

-National Hand Hygiene Initiative Newsletter April 2009.

<http://www.hha.org.au/UserFiles/file/HAI%20HH%20Newsletter%20April%2009%20-%20final%20high%20res%20version1.pdf>

****AIHW**

- Spinal cord injury, 1999-2005

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/inj/injcat-124-10716/injcat-124-10716.pdf>

****TGA**

What's new on [TGA website](http://www.tga.gov.au) since 14 April 2009

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

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****MeReC**

-Monthly Newsletter: No.13 April 2009: NICE publishes guidance on management of RA, Increased CV risk with NSAIDs, but prescribing trends encouraging and New antidepressant meta-analysis has limitations

http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/pain/rheum/merec_monthly_no13.html

****DOH (UK)**

Defining Guiding Principles for Processes supporting Local Decision-making about Medicines http://www.npc.co.uk/policy/resources/guiding_principles.pdf

****ISMP**

Shared MDIs: Can cross-contamination be avoided?

<http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/articles/20090409.asp>

****CADTH**

-Activated Factor VII in Treatment of Haemorrhage unrelated to Hemophilia: A Systematic Review and Economic Evaluations

http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/H0457A_Recombinant_Activated_Factor_VII_Hemorrhage_Hemophilia_tr_e.pdf

****Canada Health**

- Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter, Vol. 19. Issue 2- April 2009. This issue includes; Atypical antipsychotics and agranulocytosis, Adverse reaction and incident reporting - 2008, Cough and cold products.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/bulletin/index-eng.php>

**** CDC**

-MMWR Update: Drug Susceptibility of Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Viruses, April 2009

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm58d0428a1.htm?s_cid=mm58d0428a1_e

****NPC**

-5th NPC Conference for non-medical prescribers
10th February 2009 London - Presentations from the event.

http://www.npc.co.uk/events/5thnon_medpresconf/5thnon_medpresconf_videos.htm

****NLH (NHS)**

2009 Annual Evidence Update on rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/musculoskeletal/viewResource.aspx?resid=312000&code=1e1a34321cfa3c61e46364558a411620>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****Health Canada**

-Association of trastuzumab with Oligohydramnios

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

-Association of etanercept with Histoplasmosis and Other Invasive Fungal Infections - For Health Professionals

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

****MeReC**

-Bulletin: Recent safety issues with inhaled treatments for COPD. Volume 19 Number 4, April 2009
http://www.npc.co.uk/ebt/merec/resp/copd/merec_bulletin_vol19_no4.html

****AHRQ**

-Patient Safety Network; this issue includes: Pharmacists' medication reconciliation-related clinical interventions in a children's hospital, The rate and costs attributable to intravenous patient-controlled analgesia errors.
<http://psnet.ahrq.gov/resource.aspx?resourceID=9965>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Transitions of Care Consensus Policy Statement American College of Physicians-Society of General Internal Medicine-Society of Hospital Medicine-American Geriatrics Society-American College of Emergency Physicians-Society of Academic Emergency Medicine. Journal of General Internal Medicine. April 3rd 2009.
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/e30wn8313124138j/>

-Effect of an Electronic Medication Reconciliation Application and Process Redesign on Potential Adverse Drug Events - A Cluster-Randomized Trial. *Arch Intern Med.* 2009;169(8):771-780.
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/169/8/771>

-Patient to Patient transmission of Hepatitis B virus: a systematic review of reports on outbreaks between 1992 and 2007. *BMC Medicine* 2009. 7:15.
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1741-7015-7-15.pdf>

-Is Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Surgery a Generally Effective Intervention?: Testing a Generic Hypothesis Over a Set of Meta-Analyses. April 2009 - Volume 249 - Issue 4 - pp 551-556
http://journals.lww.com/annalsofsurgery/Abstract/2009/04000/Is_Antibiotic_Prophylaxis_in_Surgery_a_Generally.1.aspx

CONSULTATIONS

****NHMRC**

-Draft guideline: *Prevention of venous thromboembolism (deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) in patients admitted to Australian hospitals*
Comments are being invited on the National Health and Medical Research Council's draft clinical practice guideline for the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE - blood clots) in hospitalised patients. Comments on the guideline can be submitted until 5pm AEST Thursday 21 May, 2009.
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/programs/vtp/consultation.htm#down>

****TGA**

-National co-ordinating policy framework for medicines and poisons:
Scheduling Policy Framework for Medicines and Poisons

<http://www.tga.gov.au/regreform/drschedule-framework.pdf>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

****AIHW**

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health labour force statistics and data quality assessment

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10684>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****ISMP**

-Oral Dosage Forms That Should Not Be Crushed

<http://www.ismp.org/Tools/default.asp>

-Using Evidence-Based Environmental Design to Enhance Safety and Quality

<http://www.ihl.org/IHI/Results/WhitePapers/UsingEvidenceBasedEnvironmentalDesignWhitePaper.htm>

****Joint Commission**

-Measuring Hand Hygiene Adherence: Overcoming the Challenges

http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/68B9CB2F-789F-49DB-9E3F-2FB387666BCC/0/hh_monograph.pdf

****IHI**

-Improving Transitions to Reduce Readmissions

http://www.ihl.org/NR/rdonlyres/9D0C0048-2B35-4D31-B684-1665E3D51CFF/0/BisognanoBoutwellImprovingTransitionstoReduceReadmissions_FrontiersApr09.pdf

****CADTH**

- Drugs for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: A Systematic Review of the Clinical-Effectiveness of Combination Therapy

http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/M0004_Drugs_for_Pulmonary_Arterial_Hypertension_tr_e.pdf

-Rx for Change Interventions Database: summarizes current research evidence about the effects of strategies to improve drug prescribing practice and drug use.

<http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/compus/interventions>

****NHS**

- NHS Evidence

<http://www.nice.org.uk/newsevents/nicenewslettersandalerts/intopractice-newsletterforimplementers/april2009/primaryarticleapril2009.jsp>

- Venous thromboembolism - rivaroxaban

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/TA170>

****CDC**

- *MMWR Dispatch*. Volume 58, Dispatch April 21, 2009- Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Infection in Two Children. Southern California, March--April 2009

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm58d0421a1.htm?s_cid=mm58d0421a1_e

****BMJ**

- In reference to last weeks article "Hospitals make too many errors when collecting data, finds public spending watchdog"- please find the report referenced: "Figures you can trust- A briefing on data quality in the NHS" at

<http://collateral.newsflashconnect.co.uk/RemoteStorage/Audit-commission/Releases/1770/Figures%20you%20can%20trust%20-%20AC%20briefing.pdf>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****MHRA**

- New advice on oral salicylate gels in under 16s

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/CON044027>

****FDA**

- Efalizumab (marketed as Raptiva) Information

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

PAPERS OF INTEREST

- Liaison between public hospital staff and the pharmaceutical industry: guidance from the NSW Therapeutic Advisory Group. *MJA* 2009; 190 (8): 406-407

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_08_200409/shi11384_fm.html

- Rehospitalizations among Patients in the Medicare Fee-for-Service Program. *Volume 360*:1418-1428, April 2 2009.

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/360/14/1418?ijkey=AwmEJ9uu.zqWQ&keytype=ref&siteid=nejm>

- Influence of different antiplatelet treatment regimens for primary percutaneous coronary intervention on all-cause mortality. *European Heart*

Journal. Advance Access published online on April 17, 2009.

<http://eurheartj.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/ehp114v1>

-Translating statistical findings into plain English. The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 16 April 2009.

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/onlinefirst>

-Sodium Bicarbonate Therapy for Prevention of Contrast- Induced Nephropathy: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

<http://download.journals.elsevierhealth.com/pdfs/journals/0272-6386/PIIS0272638608014315.pdf>

-Professional Medical Associations and their Relationships with Industry. A proposal for Controlling Conflict of Interest. *JAMA*. 2009;301(13):1367-1372.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/301/13/1367>

-Development of an Online Morbidity, Mortality, and Near-Miss Reporting System to Identify Patterns of Adverse Events in Surgical Patients. *Arch Surg*. 2009;144(4):305-311.

<http://archsurg.amaassn.org/cgi/content/abstract/144/4/305>

-Four layer bandage compared with short stretch bandage for venous leg ulcers: systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials with data from individual patients. *BMJ* 2009;338:b1344

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/apr17_1/b1344

-What Is the Significance of Unrecognized Non-Q-Wave Myocardial Infarction? *PLoS Med* 6(4): e1000060. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1000060

<http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1000060>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**AIHW

-Impact of falling cardiovascular disease death rates

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/aus/bulletin70/aus-113-10688.pdf>

**eMJA

-Pertussis prevention and treatment: a call for wider access to azithromycin

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_07_060409/bow10807_fm.html

-The direct factor Xa inhibitor rivaroxaban

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_07_060409/ver10980_fm.html

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**Cochrane Collaboration Issue 2, 2009. This issue includes: Statins for the prevention of dementia, Male circumcision for prevention of heterosexual acquisition of HIV in men and Surgery for obesity
<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD003641/frame.html>

**NPCi Blog

-Patient Safety First- The How-To-Guide for Measurement of Improvement
<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=327>

-Resources Relating to Better Care, Better Value indicators
<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=328>

-Rosuvastatin has no CV benefits in patients undergoing haemodialysis
<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=323>

-Rosuvastatin produces a small absolute reduction in venous thromboembolism (VTE) in people at low baseline risk
<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=324>

**FDA

-FDA Acts to Halt Marketing of Certain Unapproved Prescription Narcotic Drugs
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW01983.html>

- Information for Healthcare Professionals: Ceftriaxone (marketed as Rocephin and generics)

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/InfoSheets/HCP/ceftriaxone042009HCP.htm>

-Early Communication about an Ongoing Safety Review of clopidogrel bisulfate (marketed as Plavix)

http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early_comm/clopidogrel_bisulfate.htm

**MMWR (USA)

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

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5804a1.htm?s_cid=rr5804a1_e

-Newsletter Volume 58 no.13 includes: HIV-Associated Behaviors Among Injecting-Drug Users and Cholera Outbreak (Southern Sudan)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5813.pdf>

**BMJ

-Patients and the public deserve big changes in evaluation of drugs
BMJ 2009;338:b1025

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/mar31_3/b1025

- Hospitals make too many errors when collecting data, finds public spending watchdog

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/apr14_1/b1527?papetoc

****AHRQ**

-Three Treatments for Osteoarthritis of the Knee: Evidence Shows Lack of Benefit

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=sg&DocID=134&ProcessID=89#section4>

****Lancet**

-Mitral regurgitation The Lancet, Early Online Publication, 7 April 2009

doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(09)60692-9

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60692-9/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60692-9/fulltext)

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA**

-Patient Safety News: Including;Confusing Heparin Labels Can Lead to Errors and Preventing Overdoses when Using Methadone to Treat Chronic Pain

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/psn/transcript.cfm?show=85#6>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Screening for ovarian carcinoma: not quite there yet. The Lancet Oncology 2009; 10(4):327-340

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045\(09\)70026-9/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(09)70026-9/abstract)

-Effectiveness and safety of nicotine replacement therapy assisted reduction to stop smoking: systematic review and meta-analysis. BMJ 2009;338:b1024

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/apr02_3/b1024

-Effect of Early versus Deferred Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV on Survival N Engl J Med, published early online 1 April 2009

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/reprint/NEJMoa0807252v1.pdf>

-Antimicrobial Prescription Errors in Hospitalized Children: Role of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in Detection and Intervention. Clinical Pediatrics 2009, doi:10.1177/0009922808330774

<http://cpj.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/0009922808330774v1>

-Triple-Combination Pharmacotherapy for Medically Ill Smokers A Randomized Trial. Ann Intern Med 2009; 150 (7): 447-454

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/7/447>

-Use of Antithrombotic Drugs and the Presence of Cerebral Microbleeds
Arch Neurol. 2009;66(6):(doi:10.1001/archneurol.2009.42).
<http://archneur.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/2009.42v1>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**VMAC

-Unfractionated heparin- Administration and minimising associated risks
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/vmac/downloads/heparin-alert.pdf>

-Unfractionated Heparin- Audit tool
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/vmac/downloads/heparin-audit-tool.pdf>

**GMCT

-Clinician Connect Newsletter. Featuring an editorial on Medical Workforce Recruitment and Management in Rural Areas.

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_04_01.pdf

**ARCHI

-ARCHI news March edition. Collecting Patient Registration Information Training Program and SHARED- A framework for clinical handover

http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/mar09

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**ISMP

-Beware of basal opioid infusions with PCA therapy

<http://www.ismp.org/Newsletters/acutecare/articles/20090312.asp>

**AHRQ

-Premixed Insulin Analogues: A Comparison With Other Treatments for Type 2 Diabetes

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=sg&ProcessID=18&DocID=124>

-Premixed Insulin for Type 2 Diabetes: A Guide for Adults

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=sg&ProcessID=18&DocID=125#section3>

-Emerging Lessons - Computerized Provider Order Entry - Ambulatory

http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=5562&mode=2&holderDisplayURL=http://prodportallb.ahrq.gov:7087/publishedcontent/publish/communities/a_e/ahrq_funded_projects/test_emerging_lessons/acpoe/computerized_provider_order_entry_ambulatory.html

-Web M & M: Double Dosing, by the Rules; Medication Reconciliation Victory after an Avoidable Error

<http://webmm.ahrq.gov/>

****CADTH**

-Intravenous Immunoglobulin for the Treatment of Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy

http://www.cadth.ca/media/pdf/298_Intravenous_Immunoglobulin_CIPD_tr_e.pdf

****CDC**

-MMWR March 27, 2009 / Vol. 58 / No. 11. This issue includes; Application of Lower Sodium Intake Recommendations to Adults --- United States, 1999–2006

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

****NPCi Blog**

-Newer insulins have only limited clinical benefits

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=318>

****NLH (UK)**

2009 Annual Evidence Update: Stopping TB - Homepage

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/INFECTIONS/ViewResource.aspx?resID=307020>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****TGA**

Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin Volume 28, Number 2, April 2009. Severe adverse reactions with intravenous immunoglobulin, Serious reaction reminders: sodium valproate and fetal malformations and cefaclor and serum sickness-like reactions in children.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0904.htm#a1>

****MHRA**

-Drug Safety Update Volume 2 Issue 9, April 2009. Including: Antiepileptics: adverse effects on bone; Off-label or unlicensed use of medicines: prescribers' responsibilities.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON043809>

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-Implementation Of Computerized Physician Order Entry In Seven Countries
Aarts J, Koppel R. Health Aff. 2009;28:404-414.

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/abstract/28/2/404>

-Model-based cost-effectiveness analysis of interventions aimed at preventing medication error at hospital admission (medicines reconciliation) J Eval Clin Pract 2009; 15(2): 299-306

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122267626/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

-A Genome-Wide Association Study Confirms *VKORC1*, *CYP2C9*, and *CYP4F2* as Principal Genetic Determinants of Warfarin Dose. PLoS Genet 5(3): e1000433. doi:10.1371/journal.pgen.1000433

<http://www.plosgenetics.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pgen.1000433>

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****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

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****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

****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>

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**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

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**CDC

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

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

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**NPC

-Antipsychotics increase mortality in patients with Alzheimer's disease

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-Insignificant benefits for intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes

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**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

****NICE**

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

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

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

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****DOH (UK)**

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

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****MTRAC**

-Verdict and Summary on Topiramate in migraine prophylaxis

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

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****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

-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

**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>

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

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

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10.1200/JCO.2008.19.6618

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****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)

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****AIHW**

-Measuring and reporting mortality in hospital patients

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10729>

-Enhancing the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services National Minimum Data Set: counting clients and reporting comorbidity

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10691>

****eMJA**

-Calcium and bone health: position statement for the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, Osteoporosis Australia and the Endocrine Society of Australia

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_06_160309/san10083_fm.html

****ACSQHC**

-OSSIE Guide to Clinical Handover Improvement (Consultation Edition); developed to assist clinician-leaders and managers to implement solutions and tools for improving clinical handover practices.

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/PriorityProgram-05_OssieGuide

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****ISMP**

-Inattentional blindness: What captures your attention?

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****NPCi Blog**

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**BMJ

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**NICE

-Published appraisals now exist on the NICE website. Appraisals include subheadings such as “clinical effectiveness” and “cost effectiveness”.

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****NHMRC**

- New Alcohol Guidelines say reduce drinking to reduce risk

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/media/rel09/090306-alcohol-guidelines.htm>

****AIHW**

- Strong growth in health and community services workforces

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/mediacentre/2009/mr20090306.cfm>

****New South Wales Health**

-Sharing information about communication activities across NSW!

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

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****ISMP**

- Follow ISMP Guidelines to safeguard the design and use of automated dispensing cabinets (ADCs)

<http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/articles/20090212.asp>

****AHRQ**

- Innovative hospital programs designed to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors

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

- Inpatient Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)

Findings from the AHRQ Health IT Portfolio

http://healthit.ahrq.gov/images/jan09cpoereport/cpoe_issue_paper.htm

****NPSA**

-Never Events are serious, largely preventable patient safety incidents that should not occur if the available preventative measures have been implemented.

<http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/nrls/improvingpatientsafety/neverevents/>

****DH (UK)**

-Ovarian cancer: key messages for health professionals

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/NationalServiceFrameworks/Cancer/DH_095624

****NPCi**

-Combination therapy with DMARDs is BeSt

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=285>

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****Health Canada**

-Health Canada Warns That Use of Oral Sodium Phosphate Products For Bowel Cleansing May Lead To Kidney Injury

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/_2009/2009_37-eng.php

-Safety information regarding topical anesthetics and serious adverse events - For Health Professionals

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

****FDA**

-Summary View: Safety Labeling Changes Approved By FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) -- January 2009

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**** Medication errors: the impact of prescribing and transcribing errors on preventable harm in hospitalised patients Quality and Safety in Health Care 2009;18:22-27**

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**** Variability in Pharmacy Interpretations of Physician Prescriptions [Brief Report]. Medical Care:Volume 47(3)March 2009pp 370-373**

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<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/5/344>

**Promoting More Conservative Prescribing. *JAMA*. 2009;301(8):865-867
<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/extract/301/8/865>

** Provision of medicines information in Australian community pharmacies.
Pharmacy World & Science
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/102977/?p=f88d4e3bbfdc4587b11e6c1e349bc077&pi=0>

**Information sheets for patients with acute chest pain: randomised controlled trial. *BMJ* 2009;338:b541
http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/short/338/feb26_2/b541?q=rss_home

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**NSW Health: Release of the updated Paracetamol Policy Directive
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**GMCT Newsletter: Clinician Connect March 2009
http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_03_01.pdf

**VIFM Newseltter: Coronial Communique
http://www.vifm.org/attachments//CC_Feb_2009.pdf

**AIHW

-Hospitalisations due to falls by older people; A picture of rheumatoid arthritis in Australia; Implementation of the Children's Services National Minimum Data Set: a feasibility study; Fewer dentists, fewer teeth outside capital cities; Aircraft workers health study results inconclusive <http://www.aihw.gov.au/>

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**AHRQ USA: Reviews of Selected Pharmacogenetic Tests for Non-Cancer and Cancer Conditions

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/determinationprocess/downloads/id61TA.pdf>

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Medication Reconciliation Victory after an Avoidable Error;
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**National Prescribing Centre New resource for non-medical prescribing

<http://www.npc.co.uk/prescribers/nmp.htm>

**NPCi blog

-Incretin-based therapies in type 2 diabetes

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=280>

-Evidence to support sertraline as first-line drug treatment option for major depression.

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-Technology - the next front in the battle against healthcare associated infections

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**NHS

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<http://www.hta.nhs.uk/project/1670.asp>

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****NICE**

-Rheumatoid arthritis: the management of rheumatoid arthritis in adults <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG79>

-Early and locally advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG80>

-Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG81>

****NeLM**

PPI use may reduce response to clopidogrel

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****Joint Commission-Online February 2009. Medication reconciliation, error prone abbreviations and medication storage.**

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****CADTH COMPUS newsletter: This issue includes Information on supporting insulin analogue prescribing**

<http://cadth.ca/index.php/en/compus/compus-communique/compus-communique-4-14>

****FDA Requires Boxed Warning and Risk Mitigation Strategy for Metoclopramide-Containing Drugs**

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-Summary View: Safety Labeling Changes Approved By FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) -- December 2008

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****MHRA Children's over-the-counter cough and cold medicines: New advice**
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/CON038908>

-Information sent to healthcare professionals in February 2009 about the safety of medicines: Toremifene-Risk of QT prolongation; Bevacizumab-Reports of severe eye inflammation and sterile endophthalmitis after off label use; Efalizumab- Recommendation to suspend marketing authorisation as risks outweigh benefits

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Safetyinformation/Safetywarningsalertsandrecalls/Safetywarningsandmessagesformedicines/Monthlylistsofinformationforhealthcareprofessionalsonthesafetyofmedicines/CON041210>

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Methylphenidate: updated guidance on safe and effective use in ADHD; Atomoxetine: risk of psychotic or manic symptoms; Antipsychotics: use in elderly patients with dementia Exenatide (Byetta): risk of severe pancreatitis and renal failure; Bisphosphonates: atypical stress fractures

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON041211>

-Class 2 drug alert (action within 48 hours): Novartis vaccines and diagnostics S.r.l - Menjugate kit - Meningococcal group C conjugate vaccine - EL (09)/A06

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/Drugalerts/CON038882>

-Press release: No evidence of risk to any UK children over meningitis vaccine

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/NewsCentre/Pressreleases/CON038896>

****NHS Reporting and Learning System (RLS) Data Summary:**

This quarterly publication sets out the number of patient safety incident reports received, and describes patterns and trends in these incidents.

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****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**

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****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

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****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)

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--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**

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****NICE UK Guidance:**

--Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment

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--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>

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****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

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<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/0000605-200904210-00106v1>

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****NSW Health:**

--Outpatient Pharmaceutical Charges and Safety Net Arrangements for 2009
http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2009/PD2009_007.html

--Intravenous Amiodarone Safety Notice
http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/sn_003_09.pdf

**CIAP Newsletter: February 2009

In this issue: CIAP and ARCHI Password Change, New Resources and Changes on CIAP, Safety Alert Broadcast System (SABS), Did You Know? Where to find images?, ARCHI News, CIAP Training News, Drug Database Updates
<http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/news/feb09-news.html#cpc>

**AIHW: Geographic variation in oral health and use of dental services in the Australian population 2004-06
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10713>

**National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC): A Healthier Future for all Australians - Interim Report December 2008. Please note CATAG made a submission to this report and is acknowledged in the document.
<http://www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/interim-report-december-2008>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ USA:

--WebM&M January 2009:

In this issue: Are Two Insulin Pumps Better Than One? Hospital Admission Due to High-Dose Methotrexate Drug Interaction <http://www.webmm.ahrq.gov/>

--Reviews of Selected Pharmacogenetic Tests for Non-Cancer and Cancer Conditions

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/determinationprocess/downloads/id61TA.pdf>

--Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Back Pain Utilization Report

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

**CDC USA: Plan to combat extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis:

Recommendations of the Federal Tuberculosis Task Force

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5803a1.htm?s_cid=rr5803a1_e

**FDA Medication Guides: Update February 2009

http://www.fda.gov/cder/Offices/ODS/medication_guides.htm

**IHI Continuous Improvement Newsletter: January 2009

http://www.ihl.org/ihl/files/ci/CI_2009_01_issue88.html

**WHO: Children's medicines research

WHO has received US\$ 9.7 million in grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to work with UNICEF to conduct crucial research in children's medicines, with the aim of increasing the number of child-size medicines designed and formulated specifically for children.

http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2009/childsize_medicines_20090121/en/index.html

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**FDA: New mycophenolate mofetil medication guide

http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/CellCept_DHCPL_MedGuide.pdf

**Regional Drug and Therapeutics Centre Newcastle UK: Drug-induced Clostridium difficile infection.

http://www.nyrdtc.nhs.uk/docs/smu/RDTC_SMU_04.pdf

**Health Canada: New safety information regarding progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy associated with natalizumab

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2009/tysabri_2_hpc-cps-eng.php

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**Medical Journal of Australia www.mja.com.au

--Prevalence of metabolic syndrome among Australians with severe mental illness: Med J Aust 2009; 190 (4): 176-179.

--Screening for the metabolic syndrome in patients receiving antipsychotic treatment: a proposed algorithm: Med J Aust 2009; 190 (4): 185-189.

--Clozapine-induced cardiotoxicity: a clinical update. MJA 2009; 190 (4): 190-192.

--eGFR – use beyond the evidence: MJA 2009; 190 (4): 197-199.

--Automated reporting of eGFR: a useful tool for identifying and managing kidney disease: MJA 2009; 190 (4): 200-203.

--Supplement: Pathways to schizophrenia. A new wave of prevention and early intervention strategies:

**Heparin: Improving Treatment and Reducing Risk of Harm: Clinical, Laboratory and Safety Challenges. Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare.

<http://www.psqh.com/janfeb09/heparin.html>

**Reducing Medication Errors and Improving Systems Reliability Using an Electronic Medication Reconciliation System. Jt Comm J Qual Patient Saf. 2009;35:106-114.

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/jcaho/jcjq/2009/00000035/00000002/art00006>

**Noncardiac Surgery and Antiplatelet Therapy Following Coronary Artery Stenting. Heart. published online 12 Feb 2009.
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**Adverse Drug Reactions in Hospital In-Patients: A Prospective Analysis of 3695 Patient-Episodes. PLoS ONE 4(2): e4439.
<http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0004439>

**Overrides of Medication Alerts in Ambulatory Care. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(3):305-311.
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/3/305>

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**AIHW: Chronic disease and participation in work
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10442>

**Australian Prescriber: February 2009
In this issue: Pharmaceutical marketing and the internet, Prescription pricing demystified, Treating dementia, Medicinal mishap - monitor morphine, Treatments for severe psoriasis, Drug treatment of pituitary tumours
<http://www.australianprescriber.com/magazine/32/1>

**ARCHI Net News: February 2009
http://www.archi.net.au/our_services/nn/2009/feb09

**DOHA: The Australian Government has announced arrangements for the new advisory structure to support Australia's National Medicines Policy.
[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/10C238C4F6194419CA25755500175165/\\$File/nr012.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/10C238C4F6194419CA25755500175165/$File/nr012.pdf)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange: using the Pathways model to increase access to health care and produce healthy outcomes.
<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>

**CDC: Prevention of Rotavirus Gastroenteritis among Infants and Children Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5802a1.htm>

**Regional Drug and Therapeutics Centre (Newcastle) UK: The use of lapatinib in the management of metastatic breast cancer
http://www.nyrdtc.nhs.uk/docs/eva/Lapatinib_RDTC.pdf

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****FDA: Potential Signals of Serious Risks/New Safety Information Identified from the Adverse Event Reporting System (AERS).**

http://www.fda.gov/cder/aers/potential_signals/default.htm

****EMA: Recommendation for updating antiepileptic product information with warnings on suicidal risk**

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/press/pr/67072408en.pdf> (page 2)

****MHRA: Drug Safety Update: Volume 2 Issue 7, February 2009**

This issue gives drug safety advice on two matters: tibolone and breast cancer; NSAID use and increased thrombotic cardiovascular risk.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON038625>

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****Towards an International Classification for Patient Safety. Int J Qual Health Care. 2009;21:1-26.** <http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/21/1/18>

****Contrast Volume During Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention and Subsequent Contrast-Induced Nephropathy and Mortality. Ann Intern Med.2009; 150: 170-177.** <http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/3/170>

****A Reengineered Hospital Discharge Program to Decrease Rehospitalization. Ann Intern Med.2009; 150: 178-187**

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****NSW Health: Hand Hygiene - Safety Information**

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/SI_002_09.pdf

****GMCT Newsletter: Clinician Connect - February 2009**

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_02_01.pdf

****AIHW: Eye-related injuries in Australia**

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10702>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

****MHRA: Drug Safety Update January 2009**

This issue highlights drug safety advice regarding piperacillin/tazobactam, tacrolimus, and temsirolimus.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON035989>

****NPC: MeReC Rapid Review: All non-analgesic drug classes are similarly effective in the treatment of neuropathic pain**

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=266>

****CADTH: Anticonvulsants, Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors, and Tricyclic Antidepressants in Management of Neuropathic Pain: A Meta-Analysis and Economic Evaluation** <http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/hta/reports-publications/search/publication/870>

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****TGA: Australian Adverse Drug Reactions Bulletin: Volume 28, Number 1, February 2009**

In this issue: Adverse reactions with botulinum toxin A (Botox, Dysport), Proton pump inhibitors and possible fracture risk

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0902.pdf>

****FDA:**

--Ongoing safety review: Drotrecogin alfa

FDA is working with the manufacturer to further evaluate the incidence of serious bleeding events and mortality in patients who received drotrecogin alfa

http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early_comm/drotrecogin_alfa.html

--Safety labelling changes approved by FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) -- November 2008

http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2008/nov08_quickview.htm

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****The quality of medication information in Australia: the need for more clinical expertise and accountability.**

MJA 2009; 190 (3): 110-111.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_03_020209/sto11172_fm.pdf

****A survey of drug-dose calculation skills of Australian tertiary hospital doctors.** MJA 2009; 190: 117-120.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_03_020209/sim10260_fm.pdf

****Do Medication Samples Jeopardize Patient Safety?**

The Annals of Pharmacotherapy: Vol. 43, No. 1, pp. 51-56.
<http://www.theannals.com/cgi/content/abstract/43/1/51>

** Adopting Information Technology to Drive Improvements in Patient Safety: Lessons from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Health Information Technology Grantees. Health Services Research Published Online: 29 Dec 2008.
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121589542/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**CEC: Quality Systems Assessment Report 2008
http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/pdf/qs_a_report.pdf

**NSW Health:

--The Health of the people of New South Wales: Report of the Chief Health Officer <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/chorep/index.asp>

-- Whooping cough alert
http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2009/20090109_00.html

**AIHW:

--Medical indemnity national data collection public sector 2006-07
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10618>

-- Outline of the National Centre for Monitoring Chronic Kidney Disease
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10680>

-- 2008 National Opioid Pharmacotherapy Statistics Annual Data (NOPSAD) collection data guide
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10697>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**NICE UK Guidance: Medicines adherence: involving patients in decisions about prescribed medicines and supporting adherence
<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG76>

**NPC UK:

--Defining Guiding Principles for Processes supporting Local Decision Making about Medicines http://www.npc.co.uk/policy/resources/guiding_principles.pdf

--MeReC Monthly No.10 January 2009: Higher dose rosuvastatin in lower risk patients; Is lower cholesterol better? Cheaper generic statins are successful at achieving QOF targets

http://www.npc.co.uk/MeReC_Monthly/monthly_january_2009.html

-- MeReC Extra January 2009: Anticholinergics in COPD; Aspirin for primary prevention in diabetics

http://www.npc.co.uk/MeReC_Extra/2009/no37_2009.html

--MeReC Rapid Review: Fish oils reduce death from cardiac causes

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=262>

--MeReC Rapid Review: Antipsychotics increase mortality in patients with Alzheimer's disease <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=263>

--MeReC Rapid Review: Individualised antipsychotic drug treatment in patients with schizophrenia <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=264>

**AHRQ USA: Health Care Innovations Exchange

Delivering health care services to uninsured and low-income people.

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

**ISMP USA:

--Medication error report analysis. Hosp Pharm. 2008;43:960-964.

This issue includes: pump programming errors that led to overdoses of patient-controlled analgesia (PCA); miscommunication regarding dose and indication for alteplase; warning to not use empty pre-labeled syringes

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20081201_Dec2008_ismp.pdf

--Adverse drug reactions. Hosp Pharm. 2009;1:22-25

This issue includes: zolpidem-induced sleep-driving; TNF inhibitors and psoriasis; mirtazapine-induced akathisia; clomipramine-induced diabetes; diabetic ketoacidosis associated and aripiprazole

http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/assets/hpdatenamed/20090101_Jan2009_ismpadv.pdf

--Quarter Watch: 2008 Quarter 2

<http://www.ismp.org/QuarterWatch/200901.pdf>

**The Joint Commission USA: Sentinel Event Statistics December 31 2008

http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/241CD6F3-6EF0-4E9C-90AD-7FEAE5EDCEA5/0/SE_Stats12_08.pdf

**CADTH Canada:

--Optimal Therapy Recommendations for the Prescribing and Use of Insulin Analogues http://cadth.ca/media/pdf/compus_IA_OT_rec_report.pdf

-- Gap Analysis and Key Messages for the Prescribing and Use of Insulin Analogues http://cadth.ca/media/pdf/compus_IA_Gap_and_KM_report.pdf

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Issue 1 2009 of Cochrane Library: This edition contain 112 new reviews with many related to medications. A small selection of reviews includes:

--Antimicrobial prophylaxis for colorectal surgery

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD001181/frame.html>

--Interferon Beta for Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD006643/frame.html>

--Olanzapine in long-term treatment for bipolar disorder

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD004367/frame.html>

--Prolonged thromboprophylaxis with Low Molecular Weight heparin for abdominal or pelvic surgery

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD004318/frame.html>

--Thrombophilia testing for prevention of recurrent venous thromboembolism

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD007069/frame.html>

For the full listing of all 112 new reviews go to:

http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/cochrane_clsysrev_new_fs.html

MEDICATION SAFETY

****FDA:** Early Communication about an ongoing safety review of clopidogrel
FDA notified healthcare professionals that the makers of clopidogrel have agreed to work with FDA to conduct studies to obtain additional information that will allow a better understanding and characterization of the effects of genetic factors and other drugs (especially the proton pump inhibitors (PPIs)) on the effectiveness of clopidogrel

http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early_comm/clopidogrel_bisulfate.htm

****EMA:**

--Recommendations for safer use of Ritalin and other methylphenidate-containing medicines in the EU

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/human/referral/methylphenidate/2231509en.pdf>

--New contraindication for toremifene

<http://www.emea.europa.eu/humandocs/PDFs/EPAR/Fareston/2760309en.pdf>

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****ACSQHC:** Medication Safety Update for January 2009

[http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/D0DABD9912D44A14CA257516000FDABB/\\$File/MedSafeUpdate-Jan2009.pdf](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/D0DABD9912D44A14CA257516000FDABB/$File/MedSafeUpdate-Jan2009.pdf)

****AIHW:**

--Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework 2008 report: detailed analyses.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10664>

--Spinal cord injury, Australia, 2006-07

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10649>

**Responses to the Garling report:

--Reforming New South Wales public hospitals: an assessment of the Garling inquiry. MJA 2009; 190 (2): 78-79.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_02_190109/ski11396_fm.html

--Implementation of the Garling recommendations can offer real hope for rescuing the New South Wales public hospital system. MJA 2009; 190 (2): 80-82.

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/190_02_190109/dwy11461_fm.html

**TGA:

--Consultation on adoption of European Union guidelines in Australia

For guideline details and information on submission dates see:

<http://www.tga.gov.au/meds/eucons/index.htm>

--Update on the TGA - EMEA - FDA pilot project to rationalise international GMP inspection activities <http://www.tga.gov.au/international/ecmra0901.htm>

-- Technical review of the Code of Practice for the Tamper-Evident Packaging (TEP) of Therapeutic Goods. The closing date for submissions is Friday 6 February 2009. <http://www.tga.gov.au/packaging/tepcopreview.htm>

-- Intention to amend Therapeutic Goods Order No. 69 - General requirements for labels for medicines. <http://www.tga.gov.au/legis/consult/tgo69c.htm>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**FDA: Drug safety newsletter Issue 1 2009

This issue includes: Postmarket reviews (varenicline and bupropion, abacivir, atomoxetine), FDA patient safety news, drug safety communications (Sep - Nov 2008) http://www.fda.gov/cder/dsn/2009_v2_no1/DSN_Vol2Num1.pdf

** Joint Commission International eZine: January 2009

<http://www.jointcommissioninternational.org/January-2009-Volume-3-Issue-4/>

**NHS UK:

--Clostridium difficile infection: how to deal with the problem

This guidance outlines newer evidence and approaches to delivering good infection control and environmental hygiene

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_093220

--Medicine Digest: January 2009

<http://www.mmnetwork.nhs.uk/downloads/news/Med%20digest%20596.pdf>

**NPC UK:

--MeReC Bulletin: Lipid-modifying treatment

http://www.npc.co.uk/MeReC_Bulletins/MeReC_Bulletin_Vol19_No3_main.pdf

--NPC MeReC Rapid Review: Selenium, vitamin E or vitamin C do not prevent prostate cancer <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=260>

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**The dementia antipsychotic withdrawal trial (DART-AD): long-term follow-up of a randomised placebo-controlled trial. The Lancet Neurology, Early Online Publication, 9 January 2009.

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laneur/article/PIIS1474-4422\(08\)70295-3/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laneur/article/PIIS1474-4422(08)70295-3/fulltext)

**Atypical Antipsychotic Drugs and the Risk of Sudden Cardiac Death. NEJM 2009; 360:225-235. <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/360/3/225>

**Medication Errors among Adults and Children with Cancer in the Outpatient Setting. JCO Early Release, published online ahead of print Dec 29 2008.

<http://jco.ascopubs.org/cgi/content/abstract/JCO.2008.18.6072v1>

**Potentially preventable strokes in high-risk patients with atrial fibrillation who are not adequately anticoagulated. Stroke. 2009 Jan;40(1):235-40.

<http://stroke.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/40/1/235>

**Development of computerized alerts with management strategies for 25 serious drug-drug interactions. American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, Vol. 66, Issue 1, 38-44. <http://www.ajhp.org/cgi/content/abstract/66/1/38>

**Therapeutic monitoring of vancomycin in adult patients: A consensus review of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists. Am J Health Syst Pharm 2009 66: 82-98. <http://www.ajhp.org/cgi/reprint/66/1/82>

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**FDA Public Health Advisory: Potential hazards of topical anaesthetics for relieving pain from medical tests and conditions.

http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/advisory/topical_anesthetics2009.htm

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**Health Care Commission London: State of Healthcare 2008

http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/_db/_documents/State_of_Healthcare_2008.pdf

**MeReC Rapid Review:

--Statins in primary prevention <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=257>

--Beta-blockers and heart failure? <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=255>

--Rivaroxaban vs enoxaparin in hip/knee replacement

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=254>

--Glitazones and bone fracture in women <http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=253>

--Glucose control does not benefit people with established type 2 diabetes if other cardiovascular risk factors are addressed

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=258>

**AHRQ:

--Health literacy measurement tools

<http://www.ahrq.gov/populations/sahlsatool.htm>

--Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Back Pain Utilization

This systematic review was undertaken to evaluate which complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) therapies are being used for persons with back pain in the United States.

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

** Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter: January 2009

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/carn-bcei_v19n1-eng.pdf

**Papers of Interest:

--Adverse-event-reporting practices by US hospitals: results of a national survey. Qual Saf Health Care. 2008;17:416-423.

<http://qshc.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/17/6/416>

--Oral bisphosphonate use and the prevalence of osteonecrosis of the jaw. J Am Dent Assoc, Vol 140, No 1, 61-66.

<http://jada.ada.org/cgi/content/short/140/1/61>

--Diabetic ketoacidosis caused by exposure of insulin pump to heat and sunlight J 2009;338:a2218.

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/338/jan05_1/a2218

-- Comorbidity and repeat admission to hospital for adverse drug reactions in older adults: retrospective cohort study. BMJ 2009;338:a2752

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/jan07_3/a2752

MEDICATION SAFETY

**FDA:

--Update on Ezetimibe/Simvastatin safety review

http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early_comm/ezetimibe_simvastatin200901.htm

--Medical, Statistical, and Clinical Pharmacology Reviews of Pediatric Studies - updated http://www.fda.gov/cder/pediatric/BpcaPrea_full_review.htm

--Update of Safety Review: Montelukast

http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/early_comm/montelukast_200901.htm

**MHRA:

--Safety Information December 2008:

Includes advice on piperacillin/tazobactam and tacrolimus

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/PrintPreview/DefaultSP/CON035975>

--Drug Safety Update: Volume 2 Issue 6, January 2009

Includes: drug safety advice for piperacillin/tazobactam generics (their compatibility with other medicines differs from that of the brand leader), and temsirolimus (risk of hypersensitivity reactions with this treatment for renal-cell carcinoma); and a 'Hot topic' on European regulation of medicines for children

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CON035989>

**Health Canada: Safety information related to botulinum toxin

Health Canada warns of the potential risk of serious adverse effects of muscle weakness remote to the site of injection, also referred to as possible distant spread of toxin. http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/medeff/botox_hpc-cps-eng.pdf

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**SA Health: Etoposide and Etoposide products safety notice: Nov 2008

<http://www.safetyandquality.sa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=82>

**NPC MeReC rapid reviews:

-- Dual antihypertensive therapy in patients at high risk of CV disease

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=250>

-- Z-drugs increase the risk of road traffic accidents

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=249>

-- Inhaled corticosteroids don't affect mortality in COPD, but increase the risk of pneumonia

<http://www.npci.org.uk/blog/?p=252>

**AHRQ Innovations Exchange: improving the health literacy of patients

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

**FDA Patient Safety News: A video show for health professionals - Jan 2009

www.fda.gov/psn

**The Joint Commission Online Newsletter:

http://www.jointcommission.org/Library/jconline/jconline_dec_2008.htm

**Papers of interest:

--The effect on medication errors of pharmacists charting medication in an emergency department. Pharm World Sci. 2008 Nov 29; [Epub ahead of print].

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/63276638214481j4/>

--Intensive Glycemic Control and the Prevention of Cardiovascular Events. A Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association and a Scientific Statement of the American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association

<http://content.onlinejacc.org/cgi/reprint/j.jacc.2008.10.008v1.pdf>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****TGA: Consumer level recall of Nyal herbal cold and flu products**

Two herbal cold and flu medicines have been voluntarily recalled from the Australian market following reports of a number of allergic and anaphylactic reactions <http://www.tga.gov.au/alerts/medicines/nyal.htm>

<http://www.tga.gov.au/recalls/2008/nyal.htm>

****FDA: Suicidal Behavior and Ideation and Antiepileptic Drugs**

The FDA requires manufacturers of antiepileptic drugs include a Warning in their labeling and develop a Medication Guide to be provided to patients prescribed these drugs to inform them of the risks of suicidal thoughts or actions.

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/antiepileptics/default.htm>
