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### THE DMACS PROJECT AT THE NHF CONFERENCE

The DMACS project baseline results were presented at the National Heart Foundation Conference last month by the national project lead, Angela Wai. In addition her presentation in the main program, Angela was requested by the NHF organisers to speak at a preliminary talk which was attended by approximately 80 people over breakfast! This talk was followed by the main presentation late in the afternoon. The presentation overall prompted a positive response and many further questions from those who attended.

### A JOB WELL DONE

Thank you to all hospitals for submitting the Baseline Audit- Data Collection Log, Hospital Profile and Educational Intervention Activity Log in a timely manner. It should be noted that with your commitment, NSW TAG was able to deliver all documents to the NPS on time which met the expectations of the NPS and surprised all other state-based project co-ordinators (all of whom still had some hospitals left to submit documents). Thank you and well done!

### IMRR FOLLOW-UP DATA COLLECTION

A reminder that data collection for the follow-up audit has been underway for two months- which leaves just a little less than two months for recruitment of patients remaining!- The final day for recruitment is 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2009.

### RECEIPT OF CHEST PAIN ACTION PLANS

All chest pain action plans have now been distributed and should be arriving sometime during this week. Please

look out for the package containing the final resource provided during the project.

### LIFE AFTER DMACS... WHERE TO NEXT??

In recent weeks, NSW TAG has been in consultation with members on possible quality improvement projects in 2010. Recently NPS held a face to face meeting which included key members of DUE groups from around the country. At the conclusion of the meeting a shortlist of possible projects was decided;

1. Diabetes
  - i) Insulin Safety
  - ii) Prevention and management of complications
2. Polypharmacy in aged care (review of hypnotics at discharge)
3. Drug dosage adjustment in Renal Impairment
4. Proton Pump Inhibitors: promoting review to ensure better management of dosage, duration and potential complications.

NSW TAG would be interested if you had any thoughts or preferences in relation to these topics. Please send your feedback to

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### DMACS Website:

[www.nps.org.au/dmacs](http://www.nps.org.au/dmacs)

(user name and pass word required)

### To do list:

-Continue IMRR follow-up recruitment.

-31/07/09: Final day of patient recruitment

- Complete Follow-up Audit- Data Collection Log (pdf may be downloaded from DMACS website)