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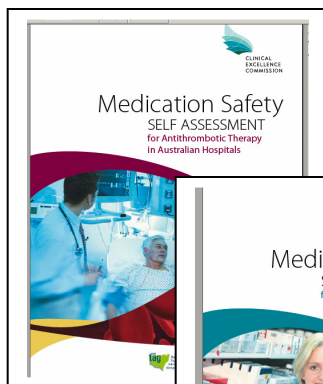
Implementation of the Medication Safety Self Assessment Tools for Australian Hospitals

The Medication Safety Self Assessment tools are now being implemented in the NSW hospital system. The implementation process is proceeding well and quite a few hospitals have entered their results for the MSSA into the web-based reporting application available on the CEC website at:

www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/index.html

The tools have been endorsed by a number of national organisations including:

- Australian Healthcare Association
- Australian Association for Quality in Health Care
- Australian Private Hospitals Association
- Children's Hospitals Australasia
- Consumers' Health Forum of Australia
- National Prescribing Service
- Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators
- Royal College of Nursing
- Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia



For more information about the MSSA tools and access to the on-line reporting application please contact the CEC at mssa@cec.health.nsw.gov.au

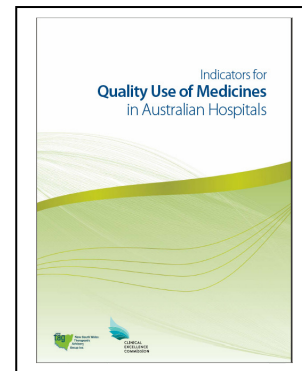
Indicators for Quality Use of Medicines in Australian Hospitals

The manual of indicators has been completed and includes thirty indicators in six domains of medicines management.

The indicators will be available as electronic files from both the NSW TAG and CEC websites in September 2007.

The indicators are designed to assist clinicians and hospital managers to monitor and improve processes over time. The key to success will be for clinicians to embrace and use these indicators to improve medicines management in their every day practice. For more information about the indicators, please contact NSW TAG at:

nswtag@stvincents.com.au



PIMS Project Team says Farewell

After 20 months of very hard but very productive work, the PIMS project is now drawing to a close. But the journey will be a continuous one for hospitals and NSW TAG and CEC will continue to assist as hospital teams develop and implement their action plans for improvement in medicines management using these tools.

The members of the project team would like to extend their thanks to the project steering committee, the field test hospitals and the collaborative team at the Clinical Excellence Commission for all their feedback, support and advice.

We would also like to thank the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (USA and Canada) for their assistance in the development of the Australian MSSA tools.

THANK YOU!

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