



NSW
Therapeutic
Advisory
Group Inc.

Advancing
quality use
of medicines
in NSW

TAG Mail 16 August 2017

The purpose of TAGMail is to assist TAG members identify and share relevant information for their professional practice. Members are encouraged to routinely forward TAGMail to others who they believe would benefit from this information such as colleagues in the same hospital department if they are not already receiving TAGMail. NSW TAG may be contacted via email nswtag@stvincents.com.au or by calling 02 8382 2852.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Email Discussions:

- Use of community-administered medicines in Medicine Access Programs. **Closes 16 August 2017**
- DTC approval of TYRX™. **Closes 16 August 2017**
- Use of zoledronic acid and denosumab for adjuvant treatment in postmenopausal women with early breast cancer with the aim of reducing breast cancer recurrence and fragility fracture. **Closes 23 August 2017**

**Upcoming Meetings

- TAG Management Meeting: **21 August 2017**
- TAG General Committee Meeting: **21 August 2017**
- TAGNet Meeting: **22 August 2017**

TAG WEBSITE

**Email Discussions

The following email discussions are available on the website:

- TYRX Absorbable Antibacterial Technologies
<http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/nswtag/pages/email-discussions.html>

CONSULTATIONS

**Request for information: Feedback for draft Revised Hospital in the Home Guideline

For more information contact, nswtag@stvincents.org.au

Closes 18 August 2017

**Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Consultation is now open for the NSQHS Standards user guide for health service organisations that provide care for children. The deadline for feedback is 31 August 2017.
[https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/assessment-to-the-nsqhs-standards/national-standards-program-updates-and-consultations/#Consultation-on-resources-to-support-the-NSQHS-Standards-\(second-edition\)](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/assessment-to-the-nsqhs-standards/national-standards-program-updates-and-consultations/#Consultation-on-resources-to-support-the-NSQHS-Standards-(second-edition))

**TGA

- Consultation: Nomenclature of Biological Medicines. **Closes 8 September 2017**
<http://www.tga.gov.au/consultation/consultation-nomenclature-biological-medicines>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

**TGA

- Advisory Committee on Complementary Medicines (ACCM) meeting statement, Meeting 17, May 2017

<http://www.tga.gov.au/committee-meeting-info/accm-meeting-statement-meeting-17-23-may-2017>

- AusPAR added: Voriconazole (Vorcon™) new generic medicine

<http://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-voriconazole-0>

- AusPAR added: Ezetimibe/atorvastatin (Atozet™/Zeteze™) extension of indications to include patients with coronary heart disease (CHD) and a history of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) taking their maximum tolerated dose of atorvastatin and in need of additional lowering of LDL-C in the expectation of a modest further reduction in the risk of cardiovascular events following at least one year of therapy.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-ezetimibe-atorvastatin-0>

- Update to the list of designated orphan drugs: Momelotinib dihydrochloride monohydrate for the treatment of primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythaemia vera myelofibrosis and post-essential thrombocythaemia myelofibrosis

<https://www.tga.gov.au/orphan-drugs#orphan-763463>

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

****AHRQ**

- Physician Burnout

<https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/ahrq-works/burnout/index.html>

- Omega-3 Fatty Acids and Cardiovascular Disease: Current State of the Evidence

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/topics/fatty-acids-cardiovascular-disease/clinician/>

- Management of Insomnia Disorder in Adults: Current State of the Evidence

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/topics/insomnia/clinician/>

****AHRQ Patient Safety Network**

- Prescription opioid analgesics commonly unused after surgery: a systematic review.

<https://www.psnet.ahrq.gov/resources/resource/31308/prescription-opioid-analgesics-commonly-unused-after-surgery-a-systematic-review>

****CADTH**

- Nabilone for Chronic Pain Management: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

<https://www.cadth.ca/nabilone-chronic-pain-management-review-clinical-effectiveness-and-guidelines-0>

****NICE**

- Baricitinib for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta466>

- Bisphosphonates for treating osteoporosis

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta464>

- Cabozantinib for previously treated advanced renal cell carcinoma

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta463>

- Fever in under 5s: assessment and initial management

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg160>

- Pemetrexed for the maintenance treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta190/chapter/Update-information>

****Specialist Pharmacy Service**

- Glucosamine – drug interactions

<https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/glucosamine-drug-interactions/>

- Hypersalivation – What drug treatment options are available?

<https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/hypersalivation-d-what-drug-treatment-options-are-available/>

MEDICATION SAFETY

****NSW Health**

- Safety Information: Gadolinium-based contrast agents for MRI scans

<http://internal.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/2017-si-002.pdf>

****TGA**

- Recall: Heparin and Lignocaine ampoules (Pfizer) – potential for incorrect products in packages

<http://www.tga.gov.au/alert/heparin-and-lignocaine-ampoules-pfizer>

****GOV.UK**

- Ibrutinib: reports of ventricular tachyarrhythmia; risk of hepatitis B reactivation and of opportunistic infections

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/ibrutinib-imbruvica-reports-of-ventricular-tachyarrhythmia-risk-of-hepatitis-b-reactivation-and-of-opportunistic-infections>

- Corticosteroids: rare risk of central serous chorioretinopathy with local as well as systemic administration

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/corticosteroids-rare-risk-of-central-serous-chorioretinopathy-with-local-as-well-as-systemic-administration>

****ISMP**

- Multifactorial causes of tacrolimus errors: Confusion with strength/formulation, look-alike names, preparation errors, and more

<http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/showarticle.aspx?id=1173>

OTHER NEWS

****New AIHW website launched: GEN-Aged care data**

Reports on capacity and activity in the aged care system focusing on the people, their care assessments and the services they use.

www.gen-agedcaredata.gov.au

****Update: Oxytocin 10units ampoules shattering**

Apotex have recently circulated an update to the issue regarding the shattering or uneven breakage of Oxytocin Apotex 10IU ampoules when attempting to open for use.

Below is a link to the testing of the batch in question & the technique to open the amps

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3mh95JCruSbTmPvcE1hTkpvDFE/view?usp=sharing>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****Annals of Internal Medicine**

- The Effects of Cannabis Among Adults With Chronic Pain and an Overview of General Harms: A Systematic Review

<http://annals.org/aim/article/2648595/effects-cannabis-among-adults-chronic-pain-overview-general-harms-systematic>

****Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**

- Subgroup analyses of the effectiveness of oral glucosamine for knee and hip osteoarthritis: a systematic review and individual patient data meta-analysis from the OA trail bank

<http://ard.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/28/annrheumdis-2017-211149>

****Australian Prescriber**

- Sofosbuvir with velpatasvir for hepatitis C

https://www.nps.org.au/australian-prescriber/articles/sofosbuvir-with-velpatasvir-for-hepatitis-c?utm_medium=email&utm_source=17-08-00&utm_campaign=ap-early-drug-release

- Brexpiprazole for schizophrenia

https://www.nps.org.au/australian-prescriber/articles/brexpiprazole-for-schizophrenia?utm_medium=email&utm_source=17-08-00&utm_campaign=ap-early-drug-release

****British Journal of Surgery**

- Meta-analysis of randomized and quasi-randomized clinical trials of topical antibiotics after primary closure for the prevention of surgical-site infection

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/bjs.10588/abstract>

****Cochrane Library**

- Atypical antipsychotics for disruptive behaviour disorders in children and youths
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD008559.pub3/full>
- Efficacy and safety of sugammadex versus neostigmine in reversing neuromuscular blockade in adults
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD012763/full>
- Palliative drug treatments for breathlessness in cystic fibrosis
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD011855.pub2/full>

****European Heart Journal**

- Associations of serum potassium levels with mortality in chronic heart failure patients
<https://academic.oup.com/eurheartj/article/doi/10.1093/eurheartj/ehx460/4082641/Association-s-of-serum-potassium-levels-with>
- Impact of design of coronary stents and length of dual antiplatelet therapies on ischaemic and bleeding events: a network meta-analysis of 64 randomized controlled trials and 102 735 patients
<https://academic.oup.com/eurheartj/article/4080728/Impact-of-design-of-coronary-stents-and-length-of>

****EJHP**

- Applicability of the STOPP/START criteria to older poly pathological patients in a long-term care hospital
<http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/09/ejhpharm-2017-001262>
- Pharmacist prescribing in critical care: an evaluation of the introduction of pharmacist prescribing in a single large UK teaching hospital
<http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/09/ejhpharm-2017-001267>
- EAHP statements survey 2016: sections 1, 3 and 4 of the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy
<http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/09/ejhpharm-2017-001334>

****JAMA**

- Characteristics of Preapproval and Postapproval Studies for Drugs Granted Accelerated Approval by the US Food and Drug Administration
<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2648631>

****JAMA Paediatrics**

- Comparative Safety of Antiretroviral Treatment Regimens in Pregnancy
<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2646856>
- Evaluation of Combination Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella Vaccine Introduction in Australia
<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2647982>

****JAMIA**

- Development of an automated assessment tool for MedWatch reports in the FDA adverse event reporting system
<https://academic.oup.com/jamia/article-abstract/24/5/913/3076824/Development-of-an-automated-assessment-tool-for?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

****Journal of Clinical Oncology**

- Systemic Therapy for Stage IV Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline Update
<http://ascopubs.org/doi/abs/10.1200/JCO.2017.74.6065>

****NEJM**

- Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness in the United States during the 2015–2016 Season
<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1700153>
- NAD Deficiency, Congenital Malformations, and Niacin Supplementation
<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1616361>

****Paediatrics**

- Meningococcal B Vaccine Failure With a Penicillin-Resistant Strain in a Young Adult on Long-Term Eculizumab
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/09/peds.2016-2452>

**PLOS One

- Growth hormone prescribing and initial BMI SDS: Increased biochemical adverse effects and costs in obese children without additional gain in height
<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0181567>

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)

**Clinical Excellence Commission

- Second NSW Antimicrobial Stewardship Forum
18 August 2017 9am-4.30pm, Sydney CBD

<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-webinars/upcoming-events/second-nsw-antimicrobial-stewardship-forum>

- Mental Health and Falls Workshop

24 August 2017, 9am- 4pm, Barker St Randwick, NSW

<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-webinars/upcoming-events/mental-health-and-falls-prevention-workshop>

Making It Happen' Medication Reconciliation & VTE Prevention Forum

14 September 2017, 8:30am- 4:00pm, Kirribilli Club, NSW

Register by Thursday 24 August 2017

<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-webinars/upcoming-events/nsw-medication-safety-med-rec-and-vte-prevention-forum>

**Healthcare Leaders Forum

22 & 23 August 2017, Swissotel, Sydney,

<http://healthcareleaders.com.au/>

**International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare

Aim. Act. Achieve.

24-26 August 2017, Kuala Lumpur

<http://internationalforum.bmj.com/kuala-lumpur/>

**6th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2017,

6-8 September 2017, Roma, Italy

<http://www.iarmm.org/6WCCS/>

**The Alfred Health General Medicine Unit and The Centre of Research Excellence in Patient Safety Forum

'Healthcare in a person-centered era: communicating to improve outcomes'

22 September 2017 9:00am-4:30pm (registration opens at 8.30am)

AMREP Lecture Theatre, 75 Commercial Road, The Alfred, Melbourne.

<https://shop.monash.edu/healthcare-in-a-person-centred-era-forum.html>

**ISQua's 34th International Conference: Learning at the System Level to Improve Healthcare Quality and Safety

1- 4 October 2017, London

<http://www.isqua.org/Events/london-2017>

**CEC's 'Advanced Measurement and Variation Workshop'

23 October 2017 (additional workshop on 13th November)

<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-webinars/upcoming-events/amv-workshop-oct2017>

**6th Annual NHMRC Symposium on Research Translation co-hosted with the Lowitja Institute

14 -15 November 2017, Brisbane, Australia

<https://icmsaust.eventsair.com/PresentationPortal/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FPresentationPortal%2Fnhmrc-symposium-2017%2Fcall-for-abstracts>

****SHPA Medicines Management 2017 Conference**
16-19 November 2017, Sydney
<http://mm2017shpa.com/>

****International Conference on Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids: Policy, Science, and Medical Practice**
22-24 November 2017, Prague CZ.
<http://medical-cannabis-conference.com/2017#.WRuzuEu7pFo>

****Cochrane Australia: Australasian Cochrane Symposium**
'Towards living evidence',
22-23 November 2017, Melbourne
<http://australia.cochrane.org/news/australasian-cochrane-symposium>

****APSA-ASCEPT Joint Scientific Meeting: Optimising medicines for optimal patient outcomes**
5-8 December, 2017, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Abstract submissions now open
<http://www.asceptasm.com/2017-annual-scientific-meeting/program-workshops/>

****IHI National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care**
10-13 December 2017, Orlando, Florida
Abstract submissions now open
<http://www.ihl.org/education/Conferences/Forum2017>

****RANZCP 2018 Congress**
'Becoming well together: partnerships in mental health, Ngā hononga ō te hauora hinengaro'
13–17 May 2018, Auckland, New Zealand
Abstract submissions now open
<http://royalaustralianandnewzealandcollegeofpsychiatrists.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/i/CC58C0D93EF343AB2540EF23F30FEDED/F498E017D58B4D38FCACEB58A033025D>

****NPS MedicineWise National Medicines Symposium (NMS)**
'Population to personal healthcare: the future is now'.
30 May to 1 June 2018, Canberra.
https://www.nps.org.au/_scrivito/national-medicines-symposium-2b347640623d4b39

****Choosing Wisely National Meeting 2018 (precedes NMS 2018)**
Wednesday 30 May, National Convention Centre, Canberra.
For more information contact choosingwisely@nps.org.au.

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