TAG Mail 2017 (July - December)

Cumulative Listing of Reports, Publications, Medication Safety Information and Papers of Interest

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

**AIHW
- Australian Cancer Incidence and Mortality (ACIM) books
- Maternal deaths in Australia 2012-2014
- Health-adjusted life expectancy in Australia: expected years lived in full health 2011
- Private health insurance use in Australian hospitals, 2006-07 to 2015-16
- Indigenous health check (MBS 715) data tool

**Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC)
- Paediatric Falls Prevention Resources

**Department of Health
- International Harmonisation of Ingredient Names - Counselling tool for pharmacists and other health professionals.

**TGA
- Presentation: Codeine up-scheduling workshop, Melbourne, 28 November 2017
- Workshops: Codeine up-scheduling (Brisbane and Wagga Wagga). These sessions will provide attendees the opportunity to engage with senior TGA representatives as well as leading specialists in acute and chronic pain management and addiction. https://www.tga.gov.au/workshops-codeine-scheduling

- New AusPARs:
  -- Desmopressin (Nocdurna™) now indicated for the treatment of nocturia due to idiopathic nocturnal polyuria in adults who awaken two or more times each night to void and have not responded to lifestyle measures. https://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-desmopressin

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

**CADTH
- Prucalopride for Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness https://www.cadth.ca/prucalopride-gastrointestinal-motility-disorders-review-clinical-effectiveness

**EMA
- EPARs added:

**IHI
- Reducing Inappropriate Medication Use by Implementing Deprescribing Guidelines http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Publications/Evidence-Based-Medication-Deprescribing-Innovation-Case-Study.aspx

**NICE

**Specialist Pharmacy Service
- What factors need to be considered when dosing patients on renal replacement therapies? https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/what-factors-need-to-be-considered-when-dosing-patients-on-renal-replacement-therapies-2/

**WHO

MEDICATION SAFETY

**Healthy Canadians

OTHER NEWS

**CEC
- Position advertised:
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**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Individualized Glycemic Control for U.S. Adults with Type 2 Diabetes: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

**American Heart Journal**
- Drug-induced cardiac abnormalities in premature infants and neonates
  https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0002870317302144?_rdoc=1&_fmt=high&_origin=gateway&_docanchor=&md5=b8429449ccfc9c30159a5f9aeaa92ffbdgcid=raven_sd_via_email

**Arthritis and Rheumatology**
- Subjective Complaints as the Main Reason for Biosimilar Discontinuation after Open-Label Transition from Reference Infliximab to Biosimilar Infliximab

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Risk factors contributing to a low darunavir plasma concentration
- QTc prolongation during ciprofloxacin and fluconazole combination therapy: prevalence and associated risk factors

**Cochrane Library**
- Gabapentin for chronic neuropathic pain in adults
- Benzodiazepines for psychosis-induced aggression or agitation

**European Heart Journal**
- Cardioprotective anti-hyperglycaemic medications: a review of clinical trials

**European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**
- Developing person-centred consultation skills within a UK hospital pharmacy service: evaluation of a pilot practice-based support package for pharmacy staff
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/12/06/ejhp Pharm-2017-001416.full

**Expert Opinion on Drug Safety**
- A narrative review of the safety concerns of deprescribing in older adults and strategies to mitigate potential harms

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Perioperative management of new oral anticoagulants in patients undergoing elective surgery at a tertiary hospital
- SIRCLE: a randomised controlled cost comparison of self-administered short-course isoniazid and rifapentine for cost-effective latent tuberculosis eradication

**JAMA**
- Effect of Levothyroxine on Miscarriage among Women with Normal Thyroid Function and Thyroid Autoimmunity Undergoing In Vitro Fertilization and Embryo Transfer, A Randomized Clinical Trial
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2665776
**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Association of Household Opioid Availability and Prescription Opioid Initiation among Household Members
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2664515

**JAMA Oncology**
- Seizure Rates in Enzalutamide-Treated Men with Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer and Risk of Seizure, The UPWARD Study, Brief Report
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/fullarticle/2665171

**Journal of the American Geriatrics Society**
- Medications That Cause Dry Mouth as an Adverse Effect in Older People: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

**Lancet**
- Effect of once-daily, modified-release hydrocortisone versus standard glucocorticoid therapy on metabolism and innate immunity in patients with adrenal insufficiency (DREAM): a single-blind, randomised controlled trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/landia/article/PIIS2213-8587(17)30398-4/fulltext
- Post-exposure prophylaxis with doxycycline to prevent sexually transmitted infections in men who have sex with men: an open-label randomised substudy of the ANRS IPERGAY trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(17)30725-9/fulltext

**Pediatrics (American Academy of Pediatrics)**
- Prenatal Paternal Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors Use and Risk of ADHD in Offspring
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/12/07/peds.2017-1081

**Public Health Journal**
- Access to treatment with controlled medicines rationale and recommendations for neutral, precise, and respectful language
  http://www.publichealthjrnl.com/article/S0033-3506(17)30304-9/fulltext

**Public Health Research and Practice**
- Retrospective comparison of Australia’s Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme claims data with prescription data in HER2-positive early breast cancer patients, 2008–2012

UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)
**Working with PBS Data Workshops 13-15th February 2018**
Medicine and Data Surveillance CRE, University of South Australia
https://www.conferenceonline.com/conference_invitation.cfm?id=22099&key=092F4813-C0D0-474E-A3A9-996BCE838142

**7th Annual eMedication Management Conference**
http://a-div.informa.com.au/q/1mxAhq7iEREvcUJHGwE/wv

**2018 Patient Experience Symposium**
9-10th April 2018, Hilton Hotel 488 George Street, Sydney.

**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
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Wednesday 30 May, National Convention Centre, Canberra.
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**ISQua 35th International Conference 2018
‘Heads, Hearts and Hands: Weaving the Fabric of Quality and Safety’
23rd-26th September 2018, Kuala Lumpur
https://isqua.org/Events/malaysia-2018

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**NPS MedicineWise Therapeutic program – Osteoarthritis: Overview and program information

**TGA
- New search function to identify new and updated Product Information
- Workshops: Codeine up-scheduling (Brisbane and Wagga Wagga). These sessions will provide attendees the opportunity to engage with senior TGA representatives as well as leading specialists in acute and chronic pain management and addiction.
- Medicines and vaccines post-market vigilance - statistics for 2016 (Adverse event reporting statistics for 2016; processing and use of adverse event reports; database of Adverse Event Notifications; reporting adverse events; expert advisory committees; medicines safety update; product vigilance.)

- New AusPARs:
  -- Everolimus (Afinitor™) now indicated for the treatment of progressive, unresectable or metastatic, well-differentiated, non-functional neuroendocrine tumours (NET) of gastrointestinal or lung origin in adults.
  -- Alectinib hydrochloride (Alecensa™) indicated for the treatment of patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive, locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who have progressed on or are intolerant to crizotinib.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL
**FDA
- Sublocade™ approved as the first once-monthly injectable buprenorphine product for the treatment of moderate-to-severe opioid use disorder (OUD) in adult patients who have initiated treatment with a transmucosal (absorbed through mucus membrane) buprenorphine-containing product.
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm587312.htm
- Ogivri (trastuzumab-dkst) approved as a biosimilar to Herceptin (trastuzumab) for the treatment of patients with breast or metastatic stomach cancer (gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma) whose tumors overexpress the HER2 gene (HER2+).
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm587378.htm

**NICE
- Asthma: diagnosis, monitoring and chronic asthma management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng80

**Prescrire
- Making rational choices about drug treatment while breast-feeding

**Scottish Intercollegiate Guideline Network (SIGN) UK
- Pharmacological management of glycaemic control in people with type 2 diabetes
- Management of diabetes: A national clinical guideline
  http://www.sign.ac.uk/assets/sign116.pdf

**Specialist Pharmacy Service
- How can hot flushes in men being treated for prostate cancer be managed?
- What are the clinically significant drug interactions with cigarette smoking?
  https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/what-are-the-clinically-significant-drug-interactions-with-cigarette-smoking/

**WHO
- World Malaria Report 2017

**EMA
- Warning about use of prostate cancer medicine radium-223 dichloride (Xofigo™) in combination with abiraterone acetate (Zytiga™) and prednisone or prednisolone
**ISMP**  
- EHR-smart pump interoperability resulted in electronic documentation of different flow rates  

**OTHER NEWS**  
**PulseIT**  
- NSW Health uploading discharge meds data to My Health Record  

**CEC**  
- Positions advertised:  
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**PAPERS OF INTEREST**  
**Annals of Internal Medicine**  
- Hepatitis B Vaccination, Screening, and Linkage to Care: Best Practice Advice From the American College of Physicians and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  

**Australian Health Review**  
- Going digital: a narrative overview of the clinical and organisational impacts of eHealth technologies in hospital practice  

**Australian Prescriber**  
- Clozapine in primary care  
- Top 10 drugs 2016–17  
- Product familiarisation programs  
- Daratumumab for multiple myeloma  
- Lenvatinib for thyroid and renal cell cancer  
- Nepafenac for cataract surgery  

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**  
- A step-down protocol for omalizumab treatment in oral corticosteroid-dependent allergic asthma patients  
- Drug Burden Index to define the burden of medicines in older adults with intellectual disabilities: an observational cross-sectional study  
**British Medical Journal**
- Oral anticoagulants for prevention of stroke in atrial fibrillation: systematic review, network meta-analysis, and cost effectiveness analysis  
http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j5058

**Cochrane Library**
- Antibiotic prophylaxis for elective hysterectomy  
- Tramadol for neuropathic pain in adults  
- Interventions for the prevention of recurrent erysipelas and cellulitis  
- Antiepileptic drug monotherapy for epilepsy: a network meta-analysis of individual participant data  
- Antipsychotic combinations for schizophrenia  

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Trends in outpatient anti-arrhythmic prescriptions for atrial fibrillation and left atrial ablation in Australia: 1997–2016  

**JAMA**
- Encouraging New Uses for Old Drugs, Viewpoint  
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2665338

**JAMA Archives of Internal Medicine**
- Association of Warfarin Use with Lower Overall Cancer Incidence Among Patients Older Than 50 Years  
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2661703
- Long-term Sustainability of Diabetes Prevention Approaches. A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials  
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2661704

**JAMA Pediatrics**
- Association of Acute Kidney Injury with Concomitant Vancomycin and Piperacillin/Tazobactam Treatment Among Hospitalized Children  
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/article-abstract/2654886

**New England Journal of Medicine**
- Outcomes after Angiography with Sodium Bicarbonate and Acetylcysteine  

**Pediatrics**
- Persistent Opioid Use among Pediatric Patients After Surgery  
http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/11/30/peds.2017-2439
- Trends in Intravenous Antibiotic Duration for Urinary Tract Infections in Young Infants  
http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/140/6/e20171021

**The Lancet**
- Prehospital antibiotics in the ambulance for sepsis: a multicentre, open label, randomised trial  
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30469-1/abstract

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http://www.ihi.org/education/Conferences/Forum2017
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http://a-div.informa.com.au/q/1mxAhqtCiEREvcUJHGwE/wv

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http://royalaustralianandnewzealandcollegeofpsychiatrists.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/i/CC58C0D93EF343AB2540EF23F30FEED6F498E017D58B4D38FCAE5B58A033025D

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA**

**ACSQHC**
- National Model Clinical Governance Framework
- National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards Accreditation Workbook
- National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards Guide for Day Procedure Services
- National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards Guide for Hospitals

**AIHW**
- Emergency department care 2016–17: Australian hospital statistics
- Variation in hospital admission policies and practices: Australian hospital statistics
- Overweight and obesity in Australia: a birth cohort analysis
- A picture of overweight and obesity in Australia

**NSW Health**
**TGA**

--Ibuprofen IV infusion (Pedea™) for the treatment of haemodynamically significant patent ductus arteriosus in preterm newborn infants less than 34 weeks of gestational age


- Prescription medicines: new or extended uses, or new combinations of registered medicines
  -- intellectual disabilities (rch) (Acetmra™) now also indicated for the treatment of giant cell arteritis (GCA) in adult patients.

- Prescription medicines: registration of new chemical entities
  --Bezlotoxumab (rch) (Zinplava™) now also indicated for the prevention of recurrence of Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) in adult patients 18 years or older at high risk for recurrence of CDI who are receiving antibiotic therapy for CDI. Zinplava should only be used in conjunction with antibacterial drug treatment of CDI.

- Australian State & Territory variations from Part 4 of the Poisons Standard

- Case studies: Pain management and codeine use

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**

- Factors contributing to medication errors made when using computerized order entry in pediatrics: a systematic review

**FDA**

- Dolutegravir/rilpivirine (Juluca™) approved as the first complete treatment regimen containing only two drugs to treat certain adults with human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1)
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm586305.htm

**NHS**

- Prescribing Costs in Hospitals and the Community, England 2016/17
  https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB30152

**NICE**

- Eribulin for treating locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer after one prior chemotherapy regimen

- Vismodegib for treating basal cell carcinoma
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta489

- Nivolumab for treating squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck after platinum-based chemotherapy
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta490

- Ibrutinib for treating Waldenstrom’s macroglobulinaemia
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta491

**NIHR Signal**

- Computerised decision support can improve antibiotic prescribing in hospitals
  https://discover.dcnihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000846/computerised-decision-support-can-improve-antibiotic-prescribing-in-hospitals

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**

- How do you convert an oral pyridostigmine or neostigmine dose to a parental neostigmine dose?

**WHO**
- Substandard and falsified medical products: Fact Sheet
http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs275/en/

MEDICATION SAFETY
**FDA**
- Safety communication: Biotin (Vitamin B7) May Interfere with Lab Tests

**New Zealand Health Quality and Safety Commission**
- Adverse events report 2017

**TGA**
- Safety alert: Semenax capsules contain undeclared Yohimbine.
- Recall: Apo-Perindopril Arginine Update 2 – additional batches being recalled

OTHER NEWS
**Access to Medicine Foundation**

**Australian Prescriber Podcast**
- Episode 11 – Medication management on sick days.
Clinical pharmacologist Darren Roberts discusses how patients’ regular medicines can cause adverse effects during intercurrent illness. He gives advice about diuretics, antihypertensives, diabetes medicines, corticosteroids and digoxin.

**CEC**
https://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/critical-response-lead-1127

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Management of Suspected Opioid Overdose with Naloxone in Out-of-Hospital Settings: A Systematic Review

**BMJ Health Services Research**
- What do Australian consumers, pharmacists and prescribers think about documenting indications on prescriptions and dispensed medicines labels?: A qualitative study
https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12913-017-2704-3

**BMJ**
Low dose aspirin as adjuvant treatment for venous leg ulceration: pragmatic, randomised, double blind, placebo controlled trial (Aspirin4VLU)
http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j5157

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Incidence of in-hospital and post-discharge diagnosed hospital-associated venous thromboembolism using linked administrative data

**JAMA**
- Chemical Composition and Labeling of Substances Marketed as Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators and Sold via the Internet
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2664459
- Effect of an Indwelling Pleural Catheter vs Talc Pleurodesis on Hospitalization Days in Patients with Malignant Pleural Effusion: The AMPLE Randomized Clinical Trial
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2664042
- Is It Time for a New Medical Specialty? The Medical Virtualist
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2664528

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- Utility of Imaging-Based Biomarkers for Glutamate-Targeted Drug Development in Psychotic Disorders: A Randomized Clinical Trial
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/2664011

**MJA**
- COPD-X Australian and New Zealand guidelines for the diagnosis and management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: 2017 update

**PLoS Med**
- Lansoprazole use and tuberculosis incidence in the United Kingdom Clinical Practice Research Datalink: A population based cohort
http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002457
- Postmenopausal hormone therapy and risk of stroke: A pooled analysis of data from population-based cohort studies
http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002445

**The Lancet**
- Long-term effects of glucocorticoids on function, quality of life, and survival in patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy: a prospective cohort study
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS01406736(17)32160-8/fulltext

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**Digital Health and Informatics Network (DHIN)**
‘The future we were promised’
5th December 2017 1.30-5.30pm, Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-future-we-were-promised-tickets-39821489146

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

**Cochrane Australia: Writing a systematic review Cochrane methods**
6-8 December 2017, Westmead, Sydney
http://australia.cochrane.org/workshops/introductory-workshop

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA**

**AIHW**  
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework 2017 report: Australian Capital Territory  
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework 2017 report: Northern Territory  

**NSW Health**  
- Over-the-counter medicines containing codeine to become prescription only  

**TGA**  
- New format for Product Information (PI)  
- TGA business plan 2017-18  
- AusPARs:  
  --Ixazomib citrate (Ninlaro™) in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy  
  --Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir fixed-dose combination (Harvoni™) for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) infection in adults.
Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir fixed-dose combination (Epclusa™) for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection (genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6) in adults.

Venetoclax (Venclexta™) for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) with 17p deletion, or patients with relapsed or refractory CLL for whom there are no other suitable treatment options.

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Medication-related clinical decision support alert overrides in inpatients.

**CADTH**
- Acetylsalicylic Acid versus Low-Molecular-Weight Heparin for Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis: Comparative Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

**FDA**
- Sunitinib malate (Sutent™) approved for the adjuvant treatment of adult patients who are at a high risk of renal cell carcinoma returning after nephrectomy.
  [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm585657.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm585657.htm)

**NICE**
- Bipolar disorder: assessment and management
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg185](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg185)

**New Zealand Health Quality and Safety Commission**
  - Presentations from workshops: Medication without harm – how will New Zealand rise to The Challenge?

**OECD**
- Health at a Glance 2017: OECD Indicators

**WHO**
- Antibiotic resistance – Updated Fact Sheet
  - Guidelines for the prevention and control of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, Acinetobacter baumannii and Pseudomonas aeruginosa in health care facilities

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**FDA**
- Febuxostat: FDA to Evaluate Increased Risk of Heart-related Death

**Health Canada**
- Green Tea Extract-Containing Natural Health Products - Rare Risk of Serious Liver Injury
**ISMP**
- ISMP survey shows provider text messaging often runs afoul of patient safety
- ISMP video newsletter series, produced in partnership with the Temple University School of Pharmacy, provide insight on key medication safety issues.  http://www.2020visualmedia.com/ismp

**TGA**
- Medicines Safety Update, Volume 8, Number 5, October-November 2017
  (Ibrutinib - ventricular tachyarrhythmia, hepatitis B reactivation and infection; improving Product Information; codeine-containing products - use in children and ultra-rapid metabolisers.)
- Recall update: Apo-Perindopril Arginine additional batches recalled

**OTHER NEWS**
**Australian Prescriber Podcast**
Episode 10 – Surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis, with Dr Trisha Peel

**CEC**
  https://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/critical-response-lead-1127

**Tupaia MediTrak App**
- Tupaia aggregates data from multiple sources to present a map of health systems across six participating countries. Tupaia has been supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)'s innovationXchange and WHO and led by pharmacy departments and medical stores across our participating countries.
  https://youtu.be/YkDTkGNZpR0

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**AJHP**
- ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Forecast 2018: Strategic Planning Advice for Pharmacy Departments in Hospitals and Health Systems
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/11/15/sp180001?papetoc=&ssoclick=true

**British Medical Journal**
- Development and validation of QDiabetes-2018 risk prediction algorithm to estimate future risk of type 2 diabetes: cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j5019

**BMJ Open**
- Biochemical monitoring after initiation of aldosterone antagonist therapy in users of renin–angiotensin system blockers: a UK primary care cohort study
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/11/e018153

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- A qualitative study of patient involvement in medicines management after hospital discharge: an under-recognised source of systems resilience
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/11/16/bmjqs-2017-006813

**European Heart Journal**
- Resumption of oral anticoagulation following traumatic injury and risk of stroke and bleeding in patients with atrial fibrillation: a nationwide cohort study

**Health Expectations**
- How does the side-effect information in patient information leaflets influence peoples’ side-effect expectations? A cross-sectional national survey of 18- to 65-year-olds in England

**JAMA Archives of Internal Medicine**
- Use of Health Care Databases to Support Supplemental Indications of Approved Medications
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2663852

**JAMA**
- Effect of Oral Insulin on Prevention of Diabetes in Relatives of Patients with Type 1 Diabetes - A Randomized Clinical Trial
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2664040

**JAMIA**
- Higher accuracy of complex medication reconciliation through improved design of electronic tools

**Lancet**
- Optimisation of empirical antimicrobial therapy in patients with haematological malignancies and febrile neutropenia (How Long study): an open-label, randomised, controlled phase 4 trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhae/article/PIIS2352-3026(17)30211-9/fulltext

**Medical Journal of Australia**
- COPD-X Australian and New Zealand guidelines for the diagnosis and management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: 2017 update

**Neurology**
- Low-dose aspirin and risk of intracranial bleeds: An observational study in UK general practice
  http://www.neurology.org/content/early/2017/11/01/WNL.0000000000004694

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**TAG Mail – 15 November 2017**

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA**

**AIHW**  
- National opioid pharmacotherapy statistics (NOPSAD) 2016 supplementary tables (updated)  
- Work-related hospitalised injuries, Australia 2006-07 to 2013-14  
- Hospital care for Australian sports injury 2012-13  

**ACSQHC**  
- Electronic Medication Management Systems – A guide to safe implementation (3rd edition)  

**Australian Government**  
- Antimicrobial Resistance  

**NSW Health**  
- Information Bulletin: Medicine ingredient name changes  

**TGA**  
- Prescription medicines: registration of new chemical entities in Australia  
  - Nusinersen (as heptadecasodium) (Spinraza™) indicated for the treatment of 5q Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).  
  - Influenza virus haemagglutinin vaccine (INFLUVAC TETRA™) indicated for the prevention of influenza caused by influenza virus, types A and B, in adults (18 years of age and older).  
- AusPARs added:
  --Paliperidone palmitate (Invega Trinza and Trevicta™) extension of indications, new dose form and strength. [Link](https://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-paliperidone-palmitate-0)
  --Nivolumab (Opdivo™) extension of indications [Link](https://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-nivolumab-0)
  --Empagliflozin (Jardiance™) extension of indications [Link](https://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-empagliflozin-0)
  --Silodosin (Urorec™) indicated for the relief of lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia in adult men [Link](https://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-silodosin)
  --FluMist Quadrivalent influenza virus vaccine nasal spray applicator indicated for the prevention of influenza in children and adolescents from 24 months to less than 18 years of age [Link](https://www.tga.gov.au/auspar/auspar-influenza-virus)

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Improving admission medication reconciliation with pharmacists or pharmacy technicians in the emergency department: a randomised controlled trial. [Link](https://psnet.ahrq.gov/resources/resource/31527/improving-admission-medication-reconciliation-with-pharmacists-or-pharmacy-technicians-in-the-emergency-department-a-randomised-controlled-trial#)

**FDA**
- FDA approves Abilify MyCite (aripiprazole) a pill with a sensor that digitally tracks if patients have ingested their medication [Link](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm584933.htm)

**Gov.UK**

**NICE**

**The King’s Fund**
- Embedding a culture of quality improvement [Link](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/embedding-culture-quality-improvement)

**World Health Organisation (WHO)**
- Treating diabetes takes more than insulin: Senegal mobile phone project promoting public health [Link](http://www.who.int/features/2017/senegal-mobile-diabetes/en/)

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**EMA**
- Daclizumab (Zinbryta™) to be used in restricted patient group, with strict liver monitoring [Link](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news_and_events/news/2017/11/news_detail_002845.jsp&mid=WCOb01ac058004d5c1)

**NHS**
- Patient safety alert: Confirming removal or flushing of lines and cannulae after procedures [Link](https://improvement.nhs.uk/news-alerts/confirming-removal-or-flushing-of-lines-and-cannulae-after-procedures/)

**TGA**
- Recall: Apo-Perindopril Arginine tablets – potential contamination with particles from desiccant cylinder
- Safety alert: LISHOU Fuling Jiaonang Capsules contain undeclared sibutramine
- Safety advisory: Super Sonic capsules contain strychnine and undeclared sildenafil
- Hard Rod Plus capsules contain undeclared aminotadalafil
- Medical Devices Safety Update Volume 5, Number 6, November 2017

OTHER NEWS
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- Resources for Antibiotic Awareness Week 2017

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**AJHP
- Measurement of selected preventable adverse drug events in electronic health records: Toward developing a complexity score
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/22/1865

**Annals of Internal Medicine
- Aspirin in Patients With Previous Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Undergoing Noncardiac Surgery
  http://annals.org/aim/article-abstract/2663288/aspirin-patients Previous Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Undergoing Noncardiac Surgery

**Australian Prescriber
- Surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
- Is acetaminophen associated with a risk of Stevens–Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis? Analysis of the French Pharmacovigilance Database

**Circulation
- Cardiovascular Outcomes and Risks After Initiation of a Sodium Glucose Co-Transporter 2 Inhibitor: Results From the EASEL Population-Based Cohort Study
http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/11/13/CIRCULATIONAHA.117.031227

**Cochrane**
- Interventions for the reduction of prescribed opioid use in chronic non-cancer pain
- Dexamethasone as an adjuvant to peripheral nerve block

**Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin**
- An update on the bleeding risks associated with DOACs
http://dtb.bmj.com/content/55/11/129

**European Heart Journal**
- Non-insulin antidiabetic pharmacotherapy in patients with established cardiovascular disease: a position paper of the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy

**Hypertension**
A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines
http://hyper.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/11/10/HYP.0000000000000065

**JAMA**
- Effect of a Single Dose of Oral Opioid and Nonopioid Analgesics on Acute Extremity Pain in the Emergency Department: A Randomized Clinical Trial
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2661581

**JAMA Archives of Internal Medicine**
- Association of Blood Pressure Lowering With Mortality and Cardiovascular Disease Across Blood Pressure Levels (A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis)
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2663255

**JAMA Pediatrics**
- Association Between Inhaled Corticosteroid Use and Bone Fracture in Children With Asthma
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/article-abstract/2661821

**JAMIA**
- Managing public health data: mobile applications and mass vaccination campaigns

**The Lancet**
- Effect of treatment delay on the effectiveness and safety of antifibrinolytics in acute severe haemorrhage: a meta-analysis of individual patient-level data from 40 138 bleeding patients
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)32455-8/fulltext

**New England Journal of Medicine**
- Outcomes after Angiography with Sodium Bicarbonate and Acetylcysteine
http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1710933#t=articleDiscussion

**Pediatrics (American Academy of Pediatrics)**
- Medical Cannabinoids in Children and Adolescents: A Systematic Review
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[http://mm2017shpa.com/]()

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'The future we were promised'
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Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney
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**TAG Mail – 8 November 2017**
**AIHW**
- Deaths among people with diabetes in Australia, 2009-2014

**NSW Health Intranet**
- Information Bulletin: Up-scheduling of over-the-counter codeine-containing medicines

**TGA**
- Added AusPARs:
  -- Follitropin delta (rhu) (Rekovelle™) for controlled ovarian stimulation for the development of multiple follicles in women undergoing assisted reproductive technologies (ART) such as an in vitro fertilisation (IVF) or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) cycle.
  -- Ustekinumab (Stelara™) now indicated for Crohn's Disease
  -- Infliximab (Renflexis™): New biosimilar medicine
  -- Ephedrine hydrochloride (Ephedrine hydrochloride AJS, Ephedrine hydrochloride RMB, Ephedrine hydrochloride SXP): New formulation
  -- Emtricitabine / rilpivirine / tenofovir alafenamide fumarate (Odefsey™): New fixed dose combination
  - Prescription medicines: registration of new chemical entities in Australia
    -- Pegaspargase (Oncaspar™) is indicated as a component of antineoplastic combination therapy in patients with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL).
    - Prescription medicines: new or extended uses, or new combinations of registered medicines
      -- Insulin glargine (rbe) and lixisenatide (Soliqua™) is now indicated in combination with metformin for the treatment of adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus to improve glycaemic control when this has not been provided by metformin alone or metformin combined with another oral glucose lowering medicinal product or with basal insulin.
      -- Leuprorelin (Eligard™) is now also indicated for the treatment of high-risk localised and locally advanced hormone-dependent prostate cancer in combination with radiotherapy.

**AHRQ**
- Treatment for Adults with Schizophrenia
  https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/topics/schizophrenia-adult/research-2017/

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Sustained user engagement in health information technology: the long road from implementation to system optimization of computerized physician order entry and clinical decision support systems for prescribing in hospitals in England.

**FDA**
- Vemurafenib (Zelboraf™) approved to treat certain adult patients with Erdheim-Chester Disease, a rare cancer of the blood.
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm583931.htm

**New Zealand Health Quality and Safety Commission (NZHQSC)**
- Polypharmacy Atlas Consumer Summary

**NICE**
- Aflibercept for treating choroidal neovascularisation
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta486
- Familial hypercholesterolaemia: identification and management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/eg71/chapter/Update-information
- Glaucoma: diagnosis and management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/rg81
- Nivolumab for previously treated non-squamous non-small-cell lung cancer
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta484
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  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta483

**NIHR**
- Adalimumab, etanercept and ustekinumab for treating plaque psoriasis in children and young people: systematic review and economic evaluation
  https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/hta21640/#/abstract

**WHO**
- WHO Pharmaceuticals Newsletter No. 5, 2017 (includes regulatory matters and safety of medicines)
  http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/PharmaNewsletter5_17/en/

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**ISMP**
- QuarterWatch™ (2017 Quarter 1 Data): Safety signals for two novel drugs, Nuplazid and Entresto

**TGA**
- Safety advisories:
  - Tamo 20 tablets contain tamoxifen at a strength lower than that described on the bottle.
  - Euro-Med Clomid tablets contain clomiphene at a strength lower than that described on the bottle.
  - Various unregistered products containing undeclared substances

**Prescrire International**
- Immunooallergic reactions with nifuroxazide; panic attacks with levothyroxine

**OTHER NEWS**

**ACSQHC**
- Changes to the AMS requirements in the National Safety and Quality Health Standards are outlined in the new Advisory A17/01: Antimicrobial stewardship.

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**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**American Journal of Health System Pharmacy**
- Survey of collaborative drug therapy management in U.S. hospitals
  [http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/21/1791/tab-figures-data](http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/21/1791/tab-figures-data)

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Self-administered Versus Directly Observed Once-Weekly Isoniazid and Rifapentine Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection: A Randomized Trial

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Pharmacokinetic interactions and dosing rationale for antiepileptic drugs in adults and children

**Cochrane Library**
- Adverse events associated with medium- and long-term use of opioids for chronic non-cancer pain: an overview of Cochrane Reviews
- Bisphosphonates and other bone agents for breast cancer
- Direct oral anticoagulants versus warfarin for preventing stroke and systemic embolic events among atrial fibrillation patients with chronic kidney disease
- Chloral hydrate as a sedating agent for neurodiagnostic procedures in children
- Prokinetics for functional dyspepsia
- Cannabis for the treatment of Crohn's disease
- Probiotics for management of functional abdominal pain disorders in children

**European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**
- Impact of clinical pharmacist intervention on antimicrobial use in a small 164-bed hospital
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/11/01/ejhp Pharm.2017-001307](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/11/01/ejhp Pharm.2017-001307)
- Validation of the assessment of risk tool: patient prioritisation technology for clinical pharmacist interventions
  [http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/24/6/320](http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/24/6/320)
- Impact of an integrated medicines management service on preventable medicines-related readmission to hospital: a descriptive study
- Web-based Social Media Intervention to Increase Vaccine Acceptance: A Randomized Controlled Trial
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/11/02/peds.2017-1117
- Trends in Intravenous Antibiotic Duration for Urinary Tract Infections in Young Infants
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/10/31/peds.2017-1021

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**ACSQHC**
- The Aged Care National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey: 2016 Report  
  https://www.ncas-australia.org/news-and-events

**AHHA**
- The impacts of eHealth upon hospital practice: synthesis of the current literature  

**AIHW**
- Cancer screening in Australia by small geographic areas 2015-2016  
- Australia’s mothers and babies 2015-in brief  
- Trends in hospitalisations due to falls by older people, Australia 2002-03 to 2012-13  
- Trends in injury deaths, Australia 1999-00 to 2011-12  

**TGA**
- Added AusPARs:
  -- Saxagliptin/Dapagliflozin (Qtern™) is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise, in combination with metformin, to improve glycaemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus when treatment with both saxagliptin and dapagliflozin is appropriate.  
  -- Eribulin mesilate (Halaven™) now indicated for the treatment of patients with unresectable liposarcoma who have received prior chemotherapy for advanced or metastatic disease.  
  -- Elotuzumab (Empliciti™) is indicated in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy.  
- Updates to the Prescribing Medicines in Pregnancy database: daratumumab (pregnancy category C); gabapentin (pregnancy category B3); guanfacine hydrochloride (pregnancy category B3); pralatrexate (pregnancy category D).  
- Australian regulatory guidelines for complementary medicines (ARGCM): Version 7.0, October 2017  
- Scheduling delegate's final decisions, October 2017 (Scheduling medicines and poisons)  

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

**CADTH**
- Desvenlafaxine versus Venlafaxine for the Treatment of Adult Patients with Major Depressive Disorder: A Review of the Comparative Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness
**FDA**
- Acalabrutinib (Calquence™) approved for the treatment of adults with mantle cell lymphoma who have received at least one prior therapy
  [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm583076.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm583076.htm)

**NICE**
- Cataracts in adults: management
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng77/chapter/Recommendations#preventing-and-managing-complications](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng77/chapter/Recommendations#preventing-and-managing-complications)
- Cystic fibrosis: diagnosis and management
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng78](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng78)
- Sinusitis (acute): antimicrobial prescribing
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng79](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng79)

**PLOS One**
- Influence of pharmaceutical marketing on Medicare prescriptions in the District of Columbia
  [http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0186060](http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0186060)

**WHO**
- Global tuberculosis report 2017

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**ISMP**
- National Alert Network: Severe hyperglycemia in patients incorrectly using insulin pens at home

**Health Canada**
- Health Product InfoWatch, October 2017 (Erythrocin I.V., mefloquine, proton pump inhibitors)

**MHRA**
- Clozapine: reminder of potentially fatal risk of intestinal obstruction, faecal impaction, and paralytic ileus
- Gabapentin: risk of severe respiratory depression
- Recombinant human erythropoietins: Risk of severe cutaneous adverse reactions
  [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/59f0822740f0b61abba11387/Epoetins_30_Sept.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/59f0822740f0b61abba11387/Epoetins_30_Sept.pdf)
- Isotretinoin (Roaccutane™): rare reports of erectile dysfunction and decreased libido

**OTHER NEWS**

**CEC**
- World Antibiotic Awareness Week, 13-19 November 2017
  The CEC has compiled a list of activity ideas, and will be hosting a series of daily webinars.
**NPS MedicineWise**
- World Antibiotic Awareness Week: campaign materials

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Age and Aging**
- Z-drugs and risk for falls and fractures in older adults—a systematic review and meta-analysis

**American Journal of Health System Pharmacy**
- Impact of a pharmacist-driven methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* surveillance protocol
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/21/1765
- Identifying and characterizing preventable adverse drug events for prioritizing pharmacist intervention in hospitals
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/21/1774
- Development and application of an objective staffing calculator for antimicrobial stewardship programs in the Veterans Health Administration
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/21/1785

**Australian Prescriber**
- Daratumumab for multiple myeloma

**British Medical Journal**
- Payments by US pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers to US medical journal editors: retrospective observational study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j4619

**Circulation**
  http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/10/30/CIR.0000000000000549
- International Expert Consensus on Switching Platelet P2Y12 Receptor-Inhibiting Therapies
  http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/10/27/CIRCULATIONAHA.117.031164

**Cochrane**
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- Mefloquine for preventing malaria during travel to endemic areas

**European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**
- Proposed model to determine satisfaction with computerised provider order entry systems in a long-stay hospital
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/10/30/ejhpharm-2017-001345
- Hospital admissions for bleeding events associated with treatment with apixaban, dabigatran and rivaroxaban
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/10/30/ejhpharm-2017-001390

**JAMA Cardiology**
- Effect of Chewing vs Swallowing Ticagrelor on Platelet Inhibition in Patients With ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction: A Randomized Clinical Trial – Brief Report
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamacardiology/article-abstract/2659487

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- Effectiveness of β-Lactam Monotherapy vs Macrolide Combination Therapy for Children Hospitalized with Pneumonia
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2659321

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- Association of Anti–Factor Xa–Guided Dosing of Enoxaparin with Venous Thromboembolism after Trauma
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/article-abstract/2659482

**JAMIA**
- Factors contributing to medication errors made when using computerized order entry in pediatrics: a systematic review
- Medication-related clinical decision support alert overrides in inpatients

**The Lancet Infectious Diseases**
- Prolonged versus short-term intravenous infusion of antipseudomonal β-lactams for patients with sepsis: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised trials
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(17)30615-1/fulltext

**The Lancet Oncology**
- Cancer incidence and mortality among young adults aged 20–39 years worldwide in 2012: a population-based study
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(17)30677-0/fulltext

**Medical Journal of Australia**
- Recognising severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions

**New England Journal of Medicine**
- Mepolizumab for Eosinophilic Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

**Pediatrics**
- Prenatal Exposure to Acetaminophen and Risk of ADHD
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/10/26/peds.2016-3840

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA**

**ACSQHC**
- **AIHW**
  - Trends in hospitalisations due to falls by older people, Australia 2002-03 to 2012-13
  - Australian health expenditure-demographics and diseases: hospital admitted patient expenditure 2004-05 to 2012-13
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework 2017
  - Brain and other central nervous system cancers
  - Palliative care services in Australia 2017

- **NPS MedicineWise**
  - Milnacipran hydrochloride for fibromyalgia

- **TGA**
  - AIVC recommendations for the composition of influenza vaccine for Australia in 2018
  - Prescription medicines - new or extended uses, or new combinations of registered medicines:
    - Leuprorelin (Eligard™) now indicated for the treatment of high-risk localised and locally advanced hormone-dependent prostate cancer in combination with radiotherapy.
  - Prescription medicines: registration of new chemical entities in Australia:
    - Ranolazine (Ranexa™) is indicated in adults as add-on therapy for the symptomatic treatment of stable angina pectoris in patients taking maximum tolerated doses of a beta-blocker or a calcium channel blocker and having inadequate symptom control.

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

- **CADTH**
  - Abuse and Misuse of Gabapentin: Clinical Evidence, Safety, and Guidelines

- **Diabetes UK**
  - Withdrawal of Bovine Insulin: Guidance for Healthcare Professionals
    (N.B. Bovine insulin will be discontinued in Australia from the end of 2017)
    [https://diabetes-resources-production.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/diabetes-storage/2017-08/Withdrawal%20of%20Bovine%20Insulin%20-%20August%202017.pdf](https://diabetes-resources-production.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/diabetes-storage/2017-08/Withdrawal%20of%20Bovine%20Insulin%20-%20August%202017.pdf)

- **EMA**
  - EPAR added: Telotristat (Xermelo™) for the treatment of adults with severe diarrhoea associated with carcinoid syndrome.
**NICE**  
- Hepatitis B (chronic): diagnosis and management  
https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg165

**The King’s Fund**  
- Making the case for quality improvement: lessons for NHS boards and leaders  
https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/making-case-quality-improvement

**WHO**  
- Delivering kits for diabetes and hypertension during humanitarian crises  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZvlKWAOo48

**MEDICATION SAFETY**  
**ISMP**  
- Unreadable barcodes and multiple barcodes on packages can lead to errors  

**NSW Health Intranet**  
- Safety Notice 012/17: Intravenous piperacillin-tazobactam – Disruption to supply  

**SOLU-MEDROL® ACT-O-VIAL®**  
- Contraindication for use of SOLU-MEDROL® ACT-O-VIAL® methylprednisolone (as sodium succinate) 40 mg powder for injection and diluent in one vial, AUST R 171991 in patients with a known or suspected hypersensitivity to cow’s milk or its components, or other dairy products

**TGA**  
- Safety advisory: Jimpness Beauty Fat Loss capsules contain undeclared phenolphthalein  

**OTHER NEWS**  
**CEC**  
- World Antibiotic Awareness Week, 13-19 November 2017  
--The CEC has compiled a list of activity ideas, and during the week leading up to Antibiotic Awareness Week (6-10 November 2017) will be hosting a series of daily webinars.  
- Gentamicin Medication Recall  
--The National Centre for Antimicrobial Stewardship has released a fact sheet for adults in hospital and acute care facilities.  
- Paediatric Patient Safety  
--The Paediatric Quality Program have released a fact sheet entitled ‘Safe Gentamicin Prescribing in Paediatrics’ and an animation video entitled ‘Gentamicin Prescribing’.  

**eHealth NSW**  

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**  
**Annals of Internal Medicine**
Synopsis of the 2017 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs/U.S. Department of Defense Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- QTc-prolongation during ciprofloxacin and fluconazole combination therapy: prevalence and associated risk factors
- Short- and long-term complications of *in utero* exposure to lamotrigine
- Drug–drug interaction potential in men treated with enzalutamide: Mind the gap

**British Medical Journal**
- Comparative safety of direct oral anticoagulants and warfarin in venous thromboembolism: multicentre, population based, observational study.
  http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j4323

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Balancing measures or a balanced accounting of improvement impact: a qualitative analysis of individual and focus group interviews with improvement experts in Scotland.
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/10/21/bmjqs-2017-006554

**Cochrane Library**
- Oral anti-diabetic agents for women with established diabetes/impaired glucose tolerance or previous gestational diabetes planning pregnancy, or pregnant women with pre-existing diabetes.
- Desmopressin for treating nocturia in men.

**European Heart Journal**

**JAMA Neurology**
- Zolpidem for the Treatment of Neurologic Disorders - A Systematic Review
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaneurology/article-abstract/2634116

**JAMA Pediatrics**
- Associations of Electronic Cigarette Nicotine Concentration With Subsequent Cigarette Smoking and Vaping Levels in Adolescents.
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2657310

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- The Effectiveness of Injectable Extended-Release Naltrexone vs Daily Buprenorphine-Naloxone for Opioid Dependence - A Randomized Clinical Non-inferiority Trial
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/2657484

**JAMA Surgery**
- Association of the Addition of Oral Antibiotics to Mechanical Bowel Preparation for Left Colon and Rectal Cancer Resections with Reduction of Surgical Site Infections.
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/article-abstract/2657538

**Pediatrics**
- Intravenous Zanamivir in Hospitalized Patients with Influenza
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/10/17/peds.2016-2727
**The Lancet**
- Vitamin D supplementation to prevent asthma exacerbations: a systematic review and meta-analysis of individual participant data
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30306-5/fulltext

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- Mental health services—in brief 2017

**NPS MedicineWise
- Knee and hip osteoarthritis

**TGA
- AusPAR added: Irinotecan (as sucrosofate) (Onivyde™) for the treatment of metastatic adenocarcinoma of the pancreas, in combination with 5-fluorouracil and folic acid (leucovorin) in adult patients who have been previously treated with gemcitabine-based therapy.
- AusPAR added: Brentuximab vedotin (Adcetris™) now indicated for the treatment of adult patients with CD30+ HL at higher risk of relapse or progression following ASCT
- AusPAR added: Albutrepenonacog alfa (rch) (Idelvion™) is proposed for indication in all patients with haemophilia B for routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes; control and prevention of bleeding episodes; and control and prevention of bleeding in the perioperative setting
- Product Information: Changes make critical clinical information easier to find. Commencing 2018. All PIs will be changed to the new format by the end of 2020
- Black Triangle Scheme: Provides a simple means for practitioners and patients to identify certain types of new prescription medicines, and to encourage the reporting of adverse events associated with their use. Commencing January 2018.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network
- Wide variation and over prescription of opioids after elective surgery.

**EMA
- EPAR added: Dupilumab (Dupixent™) for the treatment of adults with moderate to severe atopic dermatitis

- EPAR added: Avelumab (Bavencio™) for the treatment of metastatic Merkel cell carcinoma

**NHS Improvement
- Engineering better care: a systems approach to health and care design and continuous improvement
  http://www.raeng.org.uk/publications/reports/engineering-better-care

**NICE
- Immunosuppressive therapy for kidney transplant in adults
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta481
- Immunosuppressive therapy for kidney transplant in children and young people
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta482
- Tofacitinib for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta480

**Specialist Pharmacy Service
- Osteoporosis: Assessing the risk of fragility fracture

**MEDICATION SAFETY
**Health Canada
- Information Update: Mannitol as a non-medicinal ingredient in medications for pregnant women

**Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand
- Use of medicines and medicine-related harm
  https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/assets/Medication-Safety/Other-PR/Medicine_A3_Layout_FA.pdf

**The Joint Commission
- Quick Safety Issue 37: Eliminating vincristine administration events
  https://www.jointcommission.org/issues/article.aspx?Article=olfx4NUkNsG3ToZebl2/amzc+C1mmd0ukOq3hKSTXYl=

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**OTHER NEWS
**eHealth NSW

**CEC

**Medical records and data-driven healthcare
- The ACSQHC and the IHPA have developed this short animation to support improved awareness of the uses of the data coded from the patient medical record and encourage improvements in clinical documentation.
**Agency for Clinical Innovation Pain Management network**
- New resources for Aboriginal people who have pain and health workers who work with Aboriginal people

**National Heart Foundation of Australia**
- New heart failure e-learning module available
- New heart maps data

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases**
- Successful reduction of overexposure in patients with rheumatoid arthritis with high serum adalimumab concentrations: an open-label, non-inferiority, randomised clinical trial
  http://ard.bmj.com/content/early/2017/09/22/annrheumdis-2017-211781.long

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Drug management in acute kidney disease – Report of the ADQI XVI meeting

**BMJ**
- Comparative safety of direct oral anticoagulants and warfarin in venous thromboembolism: multicentre, population based, observational study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j4323

**Cochrane**
- Procalcitonin to initiate or discontinue antibiotics in acute respiratory tract infections
- Adenosine versus intravenous calcium channel antagonists for supraventricular tachycardia

**Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin**
- Prescribing PPIs
  http://dtb.bmj.com/content/55/10/117

**European Heart Journal**
- 2017 Update of ESC/EAS Task Force on practical clinical guidance for proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 inhibition in patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease or in familial hypercholesterolaemia
- Differential blood pressure effects of ibuprofen, naproxen, and celecoxib in patients with arthritis: the PRECISION-ABPM (Prospective Randomized Evaluation of Celecoxib Integrated Safety Versus Ibuprofen or Naproxen Ambulatory Blood Pressure Measurement) Trial

**JAMA**
- Association of Insulin Pump Therapy vs Insulin Injection Therapy With Severe Hypoglycemia, Ketoacidosis, and Glycemic Control Among Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults With Type 1 Diabetes
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2656808

**JAMA Paediatrics**
- Association of Antidepressant Medications with Incident Type 2 Diabetes among Medicaid-Insured Youths
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/article-abstract/2656620

**JAMIA**
- Improving patient safety and efficiency of medication reconciliation through the development and adoption of a computer-assisted tool with automated electronic integration of population-based community drug data: the RightRx project

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
- Role of Bone-Modifying Agents in Metastatic Breast Cancer: An American Society of Clinical Oncology–Cancer Care Ontario Focused Guideline Update

**Heart**
- Renin–angiotensin system blockade therapy after transcatheter aortic valve implantation
  http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/10/14/heartjnl-2017-311738

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Infections, Resistance Patterns and Antibiotic Use in Patients at a Regional Cancer Centre

**Lancet**
- Effect of procalcitonin-guided antibiotic treatment on mortality in acute respiratory infections: a patient level meta-analysis
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS1473-3099(17)30592-3/fulltext
- A multifaceted intervention to improve treatment with oral anticoagulants in atrial fibrillation (IMPACT-AF): an international, cluster-randomised trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)32165-7/fulltext
- Guided de-escalation of antiplatelet treatment in patients with acute coronary syndrome undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (TROPICAL-ACS): a randomised, open-label, multicentre trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)32155-4/abstract

**New England Journal of Medicine**
- Romosozumab or Alendronate for Fracture Prevention in Women with Osteoporosis

**Pediatrics**
- Oral Analgesics Utilization for Children with Musculoskeletal Injury (OUCH Trial): An RCT
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/10/09/peds.2017-0186

**Public Health Research and Practice**
- Ascertainment of self-reported prescription medication use compared with pharmaceutical claims data

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- Australian Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AGAR) Sepsis Outcome Programs 2015 Report

**AIHW**
- Health expenditure Australia 2015-16

**NSW Health**
- Interim guideline for alternatives to Gentamicin during Gentamicin recall – consensus version.

**TGA**
- Recall: Gentamicin Injection BP 80 mg in 2 mL Steriluer - potential for allergic reactions due to higher than expected amounts of histamine
- Accessing medicines during a medicines shortage
- AusPAR added: Fomepizole (Antizo™) for the treatment of ethylene glycol or methanol poisoning
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- AusPAR added: Ambrisentan (Volibris™) in combination with tadalafil is indicated for the treatment of WHO Group 1 pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) in patients with WHO functional class II, III or IV symptoms.
- Submissions received and TGA response: Changes to accessing unapproved therapeutic goods through the Authorised Prescriber (AP) and Special Access Schemes (SAS)
- Codeine Hub: new information available for consumers

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

**NICE**
- Brentuximab vedotin for treating relapsed or refractory systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta478](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta478)
- Reslizumab for treating severe eosinophilic asthma
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta479](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta479)
- Decision support: Bisphosphonates for treating osteoporosis

**WHO**
- World Antibiotic Awareness Week Resources (13-19 November 2017)

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**ACSQHC**
- Australia joins international push to halve medication errors

**FDA**
- Intraocular Injections of a Compounded Triamcinolone, Moxifloxacin, and Vancomycin (TMV)
  Formulation: Case of Hemorrhagic Oclusive Retinal Vasculitis

**ISMP**
- Alarming survey results from CDC: Unsafe injection practices continue

**Pharmacy Practice News**
- Medication Errors: The Year in Review

**OTHER NEWS**
**Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine**

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**Age and Ageing**
- Potentially inappropriate medication among people with dementia in eight European countries

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Discontinuing Inappropriate Medication Use in Nursing Home Residents: A Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial
  http://annals.org/aim/article/2657164/discontinuing-inappropriate-medication-use-nursing-home-residents-cluster-randomized-controlled

**BMJ**
- Availability of evidence of benefits on overall survival and quality of life of cancer drugs approved by European Medicines Agency: retrospective cohort study of drug approvals 2009-13
  http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j4530

- Antenatal nutritional supplementation and autism spectrum disorders in the Stockholm youth cohort: population based cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/359/bmj.j4273

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Impact of an inpatient electronic prescribing system on prescribing error causation: a qualitative evaluation in an English hospital
Providing feedback following Leadership WalkRounds is associated with better patient safety culture, higher employee engagement and lower burnout.

- Safety and efficiency of a new generic package labelling: a before and after study in a simulated setting

**Circulation**
- Diagnosis and Management of Noncardiac Complications in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

**Cochrane**
- Prophylactic antibiotics for preventing pneumococcal infection in children with sickle cell disease
- Interventions for managing medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw

**European Heart Journal**
- 2017 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease

**European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**
- A telephone survey to determine the experiences of children and their parents/carers, following the initiation of a new medicine
- Consequence of delegating medication-related tasks from physician to clinical pharmacist in an acute admission unit: an analytical study
- Hospital patient discharge process: an evaluation
- Mandatory dexamethasone strictly monitored by pharmacists reduces the severity of pemetrexed-induced skin rash
- Physicochemical compatibility and emulsion stability of propofol with commonly used analgesics and sedatives in an intensive care unit

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Outcomes of pulmonary arterial hypertension therapy in Australia: is monotherapy adequate?
- Chemotherapy-related cardiotoxicity: are Australian practitioners missing the point?

**JAMA Facial Plastic Surgery**
- Association of Anesthesia Duration with Complications After Microvascular Reconstruction of the Head and Neck

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Evaluation of a Trainee-Led Project to Reduce Inappropriate Proton Pump Inhibitor Infusion in Patients with Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Skip the Drips

**JAMA Ophthalmology**
- Association between Opioid Prescribing Patterns and Abuse in Ophthalmology
- Efficacy and Safety of Ranibizumab with or without Verteporfin Photodynamic Therapy for Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy, A Randomized Clinical Trial
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**JAMA Pediatrics**
- Association between Early-Life Antibiotic Use and the Risk of Islet or Celiac Disease Autoimmunity
  https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/article-abstract/2656303

**Lancet**
- Iron absorption from oral iron supplements given on consecutive versus alternate days and as single morning doses versus twice-daily split dosing in iron-depleted women: two open-label, randomised controlled trials
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhae/article/PIIS2352-3026(17)30182-5/fulltext

**PLOS Medicine**
- Gabapentin, opioids, and the risk of opioid-related death: A population-based nested case–control study
  http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002396

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- BreastScreen Australia monitoring report 2014-2015  

**Bureau of Health Information**  
- Healthcare in Focus: 2016 - How does NSW compare?  

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- Lenvatinib for thyroid and renal cell cancer  
- Nepafenac for cataract surgery  

**TGA**  
- Medicinal cannabis products:  
  --Palliation - randomised controlled trials and other studies  
  --Pain - randomised controlled trials and other studies  
- Special Access Scheme – Updates to products available under the SAS Category C pathway  
  https://www.tga.gov.au/form/special-access-scheme
- Recall: Lucrin Depot Paediatric 30mg PDS (leuprorelin acetate) – potential for incomplete delivery of medication
- TGA SAS and AP email list: This email service notifies subscribers when new or updated information is available regarding the Special Access Scheme and Authorised Prescribers. This information could relate to changes to forms, processes, policies and guidelines.
- Poisons Standard, October 2017 (SUSMP No.18)
- Pregnancy test kits – TGA completes regulatory actions

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL
**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- A systematic review of the effectiveness of interruptive medication prescribing alerts in hospital CPOE systems to change prescriber behavior and improve patient safety.

**FDA**
- Abemaciclib (Verzenio™) approved to treat adult patients who have hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer that has progressed after taking endocrine therapy.
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm578071.htm

**EMA**
- EPAR added: Atezolizumab (Tecentriq™) for the treatment of urothelial carcinoma and non-small cell lung cancer

**Health Canada**
- Health Product InfoWatch, September 2017 (teriflunomide; desloratadine; prasugrel; hydroquinone; levetiracetam; rifampin)

**International Pharmaceutical Federation**
- FIP Statement of Policy Control of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

**NICE**
- Urinary tract infection in under 16s: diagnosis and management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg54

**NIHR Signal**
- Local nerve blocks can improve outcomes for people with hip fracture

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- What is the risk of interaction between opioids and monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)?
- Generic Tenofovir Disoproxil
MEDICATION SAFETY
**NHS
- Patient Safety Alert: Risk of severe harm and death from infusing total parenteral nutrition too rapidly in babies
https://improvement.nhs.uk/uploads/documents/Patient_Safety_Alert__TPN_in_babies_FINAL.pdf

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NSW eMR Connect Program: Rural Medicines Formulary Project
- Formulary Pharmacist – Team Leader
- Senior Business Analyst
- Project Officer (2 Positions)
https://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com/ehealth/via/AnnaA-AlUpF/jobs/project-officer-rural-ehealth-305

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**Australian Health Review
- Effectiveness and efficiency of training in digital healthcare packages: training doctors to use digital medical record keeping software

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
- Development of one paediatric and one neonatal formulary list in hospital settings

**BMJ Open
- The potential clinical benefits of medicines optimisation through comprehensive geriatric assessment, carried out by secondary care geriatricians, in a general practice care setting in North Staffordshire, UK: a feasibility study
http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/9/e015278

**BMJ Quality and Safety
- Impact of out-of-hours admission on patient mortality: longitudinal analysis in a tertiary acute hospital
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/09/28/bmjqs-2017-006784

**Circulation**
- Prevention of Stroke with the Addition of Ezetimibe to Statin Therapy in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome in IMPROVE-IT
http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/09/27/CIRCULATIONAHA.117.029095

**Cochrane**
- Bupropion for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in adults
- Antiplatelet and anticoagulant agents for secondary prevention of stroke and other thromboembolic events in people with antiphospholipid syndrome

**JAMA**
- Association between Use of Antithrombotic Medication and Hematuria-Related Complications
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2656169
- Association between Use of Non–Vitamin K Oral Anticoagulants With and Without Concurrent Medications and Risk of Major Bleeding in Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation
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**JAMA Archives of Internal Medicine**
- Collaborative Care for Opioid and Alcohol Use Disorders in Primary Care
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2652574
- Association Between More Intensive vs Less Intensive Blood Pressure Lowering and Risk of Mortality in Chronic Kidney Disease Stages 3 to 5
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2652833

**JAMA Neurology**
- Low-Dose vs Standard-Dose Alteplase for Patients with Acute Ischemic Stroke: Secondary Analysis of the ENCHANTED Randomized Clinical Trial
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jameneurol/article-abstract/2656324

**JAMA Pediatrics**
- Association of Acute Kidney Injury with Concomitant Vancomycin and Piperacillin/ Tazobactam Treatment among Hospitalized Children
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2654886

**JAMA Surgery**
- Defining Optimal Length of Opioid Pain Medication Prescription after Common Surgical Procedures
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2654949

**New England Journal of Medicine**
- Effects of Once-Weekly Exenatide on Cardiovascular Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes
- Effects of Anacetrapib in Patients with Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease
- Rituximab after Autologous Stem-Cell Transplantation in Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

**Pediatrics**
- Early Probiotic Supplementation for Eczema and Asthma Prevention: A Randomized Controlled Trial
http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/140/3/e20163000

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‘Optimising antibiotic dosing in difficult to treat patients using dosing software’  
Wednesday 15 November 2017, Sydney  

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- Trends in cardiovascular deaths

**Bureau of Health Informatics
- Healthcare in Focus 2016: How does NSW compare?

**Choosing Wisely Australia
- 25 recommendations added regarding potentially unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures

**Clinical Excellence Commission
- NOAC-Guidelines updated July 2017 now on website

**HeadsUp
- Developing a workplace mental health strategy: A how-to guide for health services

**NSW Health
- NSW Zoonoses Annual Report

**TGA
- Scheduling delegate’s interim decisions and invitation for further comment: ACCS/ACMS, March and July 2017. Closes 3 October 2017
- Orphan drug designation notices
  --Sapropterin dihydrochloride (Kuvan™) for the treatment of HPA in patients with PKU or BH4 deficiency
  --Emicizumab (Hemlibra™) for routine prophylaxis to prevent bleeding or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes in patients with haemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) with factor VIII inhibitors. Can be used in all age groups.
  --Alectinib (Alecensa™) for the treatment of patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive, locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
- Prescription medicines: Registration of new chemical entities in Australia
  --Meningococcal group B vaccine (Trumenba™) in individuals 10 years and older for active immunisation to prevent invasive meningococcal disease caused by Neisseria meningitidis serogroup B.
  --Fosfomycin trometamol (Monurol™) for the treatment of acute uncomplicated lower urinary tract infections (acute cystitis) in females above 12 years of age caused by Enterobacteriaceae (including Escherichia coli) or Enterococcus faecalis only.
- Prescription medicines: new or extended uses, or new combinations of registered medicines
-- Pembrolizumab (rCh) (Keytruda™) as monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (cHL): 1) following autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) or 2) following at least two prior therapies when ASCT or multi-agent chemotherapy is not a treatment option.

-- Indacaterol (as maleate) / glycopyrronium (as bromide) (Ultibro Breezhaler 110/50™) for reduction of exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in patients with a history of exacerbations.

- Presentation at PSA17: better medicine labels

**CADTH**
- Management and Treatment of Cervicitis: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines

**The King’s Fund**
- Developing accountable care systems: lessons from Canterbury, New Zealand
https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/developing-accountable-care-systems

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**FDA**
- Drug Safety Communication: Obeticholic acid (Ocaliva™) - Increased Risk of Serious Liver Injury

- Drug Safety Communication: Opioid Addiction Medications in Patients Taking Benzodiazepines or CNS Depressants - Careful Medication Management Can Reduce Risks

**GOV.UK**
- Drug Safety Update:
-- Loperamide – reports of serious cardiac adverse reactions with high dose of loperamide associated with abuse or misuse

-- Miconazole – over-the-counter oral gel contraindicated in patients taking warfarin

**ISMP**
- High-alert medication safety self assessment for inpatient and outpatient facilities
http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/showarticle.aspx?id=1178

**TGA**
- Recall: Lax-Sachets – error in dosage/administration instructions

**The Joint Commission**
- This just in: Sentinel event statistics through June 30, 2017
https://www.jointcommission.org/issues/article.aspx?Article=01kpB%2BSPH/GFFSGZNfBcyD8VHko8CeMP7hGoZXwypMM%3D

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- How to roll out electronic medications management to 178 hospitals

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**Age and Aging**
Medication usage and change in older people (65+) in England over 20 years: findings from CFAS I and CFAS II

**American Journal of Health System Pharmacy**
- ASHP national survey of pharmacy practice in hospital settings: Prescribing and transcribing—2016
http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/17/1336?sso-checked=true
- Development and application of an objective staffing calculator for antimicrobial stewardship programs in the Veterans Health Administration
**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Adverse Effects of a Single Dose of Gentamicin in Adults: A Systematic Review

**Circulation**
- Low-Dose Aspirin Discontinuation and Risk of Cardiovascular Events: A Swedish Nationwide, Population-Based Cohort Study
  [http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/136/13/1183](http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/136/13/1183)

**Cochrane Library**
- Phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitors for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Interventions for treating genital Chlamydia trachomatis infection in pregnancy
- Anti-IL5 therapies for asthma

**European Respiratory Journal**
- The risk of mycobacterial infections associated with inhaled corticosteroid use
  [http://erj.ersjournals.com/content/50/3/1700037](http://erj.ersjournals.com/content/50/3/1700037)

**Hypertension**
- Labetalol versus Nifedipine as Antihypertensive Treatment for Chronic Hypertension in Pregnancy: A Randomized Controlled Trial
  [http://hyper.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/09/11/HYPERTENSIONAHA.117.09972](http://hyper.ahajournals.org/content/early/2017/09/11/HYPERTENSIONAHA.117.09972)

**JAMA**
- Effect of Genotype-Guided Warfarin Dosing on Clinical Events and Anticoagulation Control among Patients Undergoing Hip or Knee Arthroplasty - The GIFT Randomized Clinical Trial
  [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2654820](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2654820)

**JAMA Oncology**
- Adjuvant Chemotherapy vs Postoperative Observation Following Preoperative Chemoradiotherapy and Resection in Gastroesophageal Cancer A Propensity Score–Matched Analysis
  [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/fullarticle/2654562](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/fullarticle/2654562)

**JAMA Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery**
- Unilateral Laryngoscopic Findings Associated With Response to Gabapentin in Patients with Chronic Cough
- A Comparison of Alkaline Water and Mediterranean Diet vs Proton Pump Inhibition for Treatment of Laryngopharyngeal Reflux

**JAMA Surgery**
- Association of Primary Tumor Site with Mortality in Patients Receiving Bevacizumab and Cetuximab for Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

**JAMIA**
- Unintended adverse consequences of a clinical decision support system: two cases

**New England Journal of Medicine**
- Antiinflammatory Therapy with Canakinumab for Atherosclerotic Disease
- Bivalirudin versus Heparin Monotherapy in Myocardial Infarction

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- User-Centered Collaborative Design and Development of an Inpatient Safety Dashboard

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**ACSQHC**  
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**EMA**  
- Factor VIII medicines: no clear and consistent evidence of difference in risk of inhibitor development between classes
- **New Zealand Health Quality and Safety Commission**
  - Health Quality & Safety Commission e-digest, Issue 72

- **NICE**
  - Type 2 diabetes: prevention in people at high risk
    [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/PH38/](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/PH38/)
  - Sepsis
    [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gs161](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gs161)

- **NIHR**
  - Clinical and cost-effectiveness of beta interferon and glatiramer acetate for treating multiple sclerosis: systematic review and economic evaluation
    [https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/hta21520/#/abstract](https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/hta21520/#/abstract)
  - A range of anti-epilepsy drugs are effective as first-line treatment
    [https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000772/a-range-of-anti-epilepsy-drugs-are-effective-as-first-line-treatment](https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000772/a-range-of-anti-epilepsy-drugs-are-effective-as-first-line-treatment)

- **WHO**
  - News release: The world is running out of antibiotics, WHO report confirms

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- **TGA**
  - Recall: Medtronic MiniMed Infusion Sets – potential for over delivery of insulin and risk of hypoglycaemia
  - Safety advisories: 7-Day Slim Extreme Capsules contain undeclared sibutramine
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**BMJ Open**
- Exploring the roots of unintended safety threats associated with the introduction of hospital ePrescribing systems and candidate avoidance and/or mitigation strategies: a qualitative study
http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/26/9/722

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- Intravesical electromotive drug administration for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer
- Prophylactic chemotherapy for hydatidiform mole to prevent gestational trophoblastic neoplasia
- Ursodeoxycholic acid for cystic fibrosis-related liver disease

**European Heart Journal**
- Bromocriptine for the treatment of peripartum cardiomyopathy: a multicentre randomized study

**EJHP**
- Improvement of drug prescribing in acute kidney injury with a nephrotoxic drug alert system
http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/09/13/ejhpharm-2017-001300

**Gastroenterology**
- Effects of Anticoagulants in Patients with Cirrhosis and Portal Vein Thrombosis: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
http://www.gastrojournal.org/article/S0016-5085(17)35552-X/fulltext

**Heart**
- Long-term mortality and prehospital tirofiban treatment in patients with ST elevation myocardial infarction
http://heart.bmj.com/content/103/19/1515

**JAMA**
- Menopausal Hormone Therapy and Long-term All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality: The Women’s Health Initiative Randomized Trials
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2653735
- Effect of Lorazepam with Haloperidol vs Haloperidol Alone on Agitated Delirium in Patients With Advanced Cancer Receiving Palliative Care - A Randomized Clinical Trial
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2654385
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- Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline: Endocrine Treatment of Gender-Dysphoric/Gender-Incongruent Persons
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**JAMA Dermatology**
- Safety of Systemic Agents for the Treatment of Pediatric Psoriasis
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http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaneurology/fullarticle/2654231

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**New Zealand Medical Journal**
- Medication-related patient harm in New Zealand Hospitals

**The Lancet**
- Immediate interruption of sedation compared with usual sedation care in critically ill postoperative patients (SOS-Ventilation): a randomised, parallel-group clinical trial
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30304-1/fulltext

**Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management**
- Relevance of the Weber effect in contemporary pharmacovigilance of oncology drugs
https://www.dovepress.com/articles.php?article_id=34657

**Therapeutics Initiative**
- Using Best Evidence for the Management of Hypertension

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22 September 2017 9:00am-4:30pm
AMREP Lecture Theatre, 75 Commercial Road, The Alfred, Melbourne.
https://shop.monash.edu/healthcare-in-a-person-centred-era-forum.html

**Short Course in Critical Infection**
Thursday 28th - Friday 29th September
Westmead Education and Conference Centre, Westmead Hospital
https://sydney.onestopsecure.com/onestopweb/VWW/tran?UDS_ACTION=DEFAULT&UDS_ACTION_DATA=938

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** stroke Foundation  

**TGA**  
Recall: Ausganica Soothing herbs Toothpaste – may contain comfrey  

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**
**AHRQ**
- Anxiety in Children

**CADTH**
- Three-month Injectable Paliperidone Palmitate for the Treatment of Adults with Schizophrenia: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Safety, and Guidelines
  https://www.cadth.ca/three-month-injectable-paliperidone-palmitate-treatment-adults-schizophrenia-review-clinical

**NICE**
- Dimethyl fumarate for treating moderate to severe plaque psoriasis
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta475
- Endometriosis: diagnosis and management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng73
- Paclitaxel as albumin-bound nanoparticles with gemcitabine for untreated metastatic pancreatic cancer
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta476
- Sorafenib for treating advanced hepatocellular carcinoma
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta474

**Royal College of Physicians**
- Supporting junior doctors in safe prescribing
  https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/supporting-junior-doctors-safe-prescribing

**Royal Pharmaceutical Society**
- The pharmacy contribution to antimicrobial stewardship

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**NSW Health**
- Safety Notice: High Concentration Insulin Products

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Exploring the potential for using drug indications to prevent look-alike and sound-alike drug errors

**FDA**
- Drug Safety Communication: Sodium polystyrene sulfonate - FDA Recommends Separating Dosing

**Healthy Canadians**
INVOKANA™ (canagliflozin) and INVOKAMET™ (canagliflozin and metformin) - Risk of Lower Limb Amputation

**ISMP**
- Maximize benefits of IV workflow management systems by addressing workarounds and errors

**TGA**
- Medicines Safety Update, Volume 8 Number 4, August-September 2017: Lithium level monitoring and toxicity; New precautions for hyoscine butylbromide ampoules; Off-label prescribing.
OTHER NEWS
**ACSQHC
- Fact sheets on the NSQHS Standards (second edition)

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**AJHP
- Expansion of inpatient clinical pharmacy services through reallocation of pharmacists
http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/09/07/ajhp160231
- Using predictive analytics and big data to optimize pharmaceutical outcomes
http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/18/1494?etoc

**Annals of Internal Medicine
- Treatment of Type 1 Diabetes: Synopsis of the 2017 American Diabetes Association Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
- Impact of non-adherence on the safety and efficacy of uric acid lowering therapies in the treatment of gout

**British Journal of Psychiatry
Improving life expectancy in people with serious mental illness: should we place more emphasis on primary prevention?
http://bjp.rcpsych.org/content/early/2017/09/04/bjp.bp.117.203240

**BMJ
- Antiretroviral therapy in pregnant women living with HIV: a clinical practice guideline
http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3961
- Dental procedures, antibiotic prophylaxis, and endocarditis among people with prosthetic heart valves: nationwide population based cohort and a case crossover study
http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3776

**Cochrane Library
- Delayed antibiotic prescriptions for respiratory infections
- Pharmacotherapy for smoking cessation: effects by subgroup defined by genetically informed biomarkers
- Probiotics for preventing urinary tract infection in people with neuropathic bladder
- Vitamin A supplements for reducing mother-to-child HIV transmission

**European Heart Journal
The management of antiplatelet therapy in acute coronary syndrome patients with thrombocytopenia: a clinical conundrum

**JAMA
- Menopausal Hormone Therapy and Long-term All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality - The Women’s Health Initiative Randomized Trials
**Targeting Immune Checkpoints in Cancer Therapy**

http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2653735

- Journal of Clinical Oncology

Patient: Clinician Communication: American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Consensus Guideline


**Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis**

- Bleeding-related hospital admissions and 30-day readmissions in patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation treated with dabigatran versus warfarin


**NEJM**

- Effectiveness of a Third Dose of MMR Vaccine for Mumps Outbreak Control


- Romosozumab or Alendronate for Fracture Prevention in Women with Osteoporosis


- Tiotropium in Early-Stage Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease


- Overall Survival with Combined Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Advanced Melanoma


**The Lancet**

- Effectiveness of fluticasone furoate plus vilanterol on asthma control in clinical practice: an open-label, parallel group, randomised controlled trial

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Westmead Education and Conference Centre, Westmead Hospital

https://sydney.onestopsecure.com/onestopweb/VWW/tran?UDS_ACTION=DEFAULT&UDS_ACTION_DATA=938

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- Round 2 NGO Evaluation Grant Scheme
REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

**FDA**
- Pembrolizumab (Keytruda™) in Patients with Multiple Myeloma - Two Clinical Trials on Hold
- Gemtuzumab ozogamicin (Mylotarg™) approved for the treatment of adults with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia whose tumors express the CD33 antigen
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm574507.htm

**EMA**
- EPAR added: Ribociclib (Kisqali™) for the treatment of advanced or metastatic breast cancer

**HQSC**
- Health Quality & Safety Commission e-digest – Issue 72, 16 August–5 September 2017
  https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/publications-and-resources/publication/3053/

**The Joint Commission**
- R3 Report Issue 11: Pain assessment and management standards for hospitals
  https://www.jointcommission.org/r3_issue_11/?i=3395468

**NICE**
- Cetuximab for treating recurrent or metastatic squamous cell cancer of the head and neck
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta473
- Eluxadoline for treating irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhoea
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta471
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  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta474

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- What issues should be considered regarding drug induced QT prolongation?
  https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/what-issues-should-be-considered-regarding-drug-induced-qt-prolongation/

MEDICATION SAFETY

**NSW Health**
- Safety Notice: High Concentration Insulin Products

**Society of Critical Care Medicine**
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Safe Medication Use in the ICU

OTHER NEWS

**Australian Prescriber Podcast**
- Community use of naloxone for opioid overdose
  http://mailchi.mp/nps.org.au/ht5z3nqnp6-1166517?e=61c0977700
PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Effects of Intensive Systolic Blood Pressure Control on Kidney and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Persons without Kidney Disease: A Secondary Analysis of a Randomized Trial

**BMJ**
- Non-specific effects of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination in high income setting: population based cohort study in the Netherlands
  http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3862

**Cochrane**
- Chemotherapy for advanced gastric cancer
- Isoniazid for preventing tuberculosis in HIV-infected children

**European Heart Journal**
- Improved outcomes in patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction during the last 20 years are related to implementation of evidence-based treatments: experiences from the SWEDHEART registry 1995–2014

**EJHP**
- Persistence and adherence to interferon and glatiramer acetate in patients with multiple sclerosis
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/31/ejhpharm-2017-001286

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Association of Adverse Events with Antibiotic Use in Hospitalized Patients
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2630756

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- Efficacy and Safety of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors, and Placebo for Common Psychiatric Disorders among Children and Adolescents: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/2652447

**NEJM**
- Liraglutide and Renal Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes
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**Pediatrics**
- Dietary Supplements, Isotretinoin, and Liver Toxicity in Adolescents: A Retrospective Case Series
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/31/peds.2015-2940
- Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Influenza in Children, 2017 – 2018
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- Seventh (7.2 Medicines view) Clinical Safety Review of the My Health Record System

**NSW Health**

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**TGA**

- Registration of new chemical entities for prescription medicines in Australia
  -- Guanfacine (Intuniv™) for the treatment of ADHD
  -- Migalastat (Galafold™) for the treatment of Fabry disease

- New or extended uses of registered prescription medicines
  -- Palonosetron (Aloxi™) now indicated for prevention of PONV for up to 24 hours following surgery
  -- Ranibizumab (Lucentis™) now indicated in adults for the treatment of visual impairment due to choroidal neovascularisation

- Update: Medicines and medical devices regulation review
  https://www.tga.gov.au/mmrd

- Medicine shortage update: Metformin extended release tablets. Registered products now available

- Access to medicinal cannabis products

- Review of clinical evidence for medicinal cannabis and cannabis products
  -- Epilepsy: Bibliography of randomized controlled and other studies
  -- Multiple sclerosis: Bibliography of randomized controlled and other studies
  -- Nausea and vomiting - Bibliography of randomized controlled and other studies
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**CIAP Medicines Information Workshop**

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**AJHP**
- Formalization of an antimicrobial stewardship program in a small community hospital [http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/17_Supplement_3/S52?etoc=&sschecked=true](http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/17_Supplement_3/S52?etoc=&sschecked=true)

**British Journal of Dermatology**

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Exploring the roots of unintended safety threats associated with the introduction of hospital ePrescribing systems and candidate avoidance and/or mitigation strategies: a qualitative study [http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/26/9/722](http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/26/9/722)

**Cochrane**
**European Heart Journal**

- 2017 ESC focused update on dual antiplatelet therapy in coronary artery disease developed in collaboration with EACTS: The Task Force for dual antiplatelet therapy in coronary artery disease of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and of the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)
  
  https://academic.oup.com/eurheartj/article/4095043/2017-ESC-focused-update-on-dual-antiplatelet

- 2017 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease: The Task Force for the Management of Valvular Heart Disease of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)
  
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- 2017 ESC Guidelines for the management of acute myocardial infarction in patients presenting with ST-segment elevation: The Task Force for the management of acute myocardial infarction in patients presenting with ST-segment elevation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
  
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- Differential blood pressure effects of ibuprofen, naproxen, and celecoxib in patients with arthritis: the PRECISION-ABPM (Prospective Randomized Evaluation of Celecoxib Integrated Safety Versus Ibuprofen or Naproxen Ambulatory Blood Pressure Measurement) Trial
  

**EJHP**

- Vancomycin dose optimisation comparing a pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic model versus the pharmacokinetic model
  
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/27/ejhpharm-2017-001222

- A complexity scale for clinical trials from the perspective of a pharmacy service
  
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/25/ejhpharm-2017-001282

**Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health**

- Prevalence and determinants of antibiotic exposure in infants: A population-derived Australian birth cohort study
  

**NEJM**

- Bivalirudin versus Heparin Monotherapy in Myocardial Infarction
  

**Paediatrics**

- Clinical Practice Guideline for Screening and Management of High Blood Pressure in Children and Adolescents
  
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/21/peds.2017-1904

- Elimination of Perinatal Hepatitis B: Providing the First Vaccine Dose within 24 Hours of Birth
  
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/24/peds.2017-1870

- Risk of Recurrence of Adverse Events Following Immunization: A Systematic Review
  
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/24/peds.2016-3707

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- Guided de-escalation of antiplatelet treatment in patients with acute coronary syndrome undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (TROPICAL-ACS): a randomised, open-label, multicentre trial
  
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- Update: Shortage of Neo-Mercazole (carbimazole) resolved. Registered product now available.
- Therapeutic Goods (Articles that are not Medical Devices) Order No. 2 of 2017
- AusPAR added: Inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine (split virion) (Afluria Quad™)
For the prevention of influenza caused by Influenza Virus Types A and B. The vaccine is indicated for use only in persons aged 18 years and over.
- AusPAR added: Ezetimibe and ezetimibe / simvastatin (Ezetrol™ / Vytorin™) extension of indications to include prevention of cardiovascular disease
- Update to the Contact the TGA information and TGA customer service standards

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**Cancer Vanguard
- Position Statement on Biosimilars & Biosimilar Rituximab

**FDA
- Inotuzumab ozogamicin (Besponsa™) approved for the treatment of adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).
https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm572131.htm

**EMA
- Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (Maviret™) approved to treat adults with chronic Hepatitis C
- EPARs added for rituxumab biosimilars: Ritemvia™
Rituzena™ (previously Tuxella™)

Blitzima™

**NICE**
- Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg81
- Antenatal and postnatal mental health: clinical management and service guidance
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg192

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- What naloxone doses should be used in adults to reverse urgently the effects of opioids or opiates?
- NICE Bites: Parkinson’s disease
  https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/nice-bites-parkinsons-disease/

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- Efficient and effective precepting of pharmacy students in acute and ambulatory care rotations: A Delphi expert panel study
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/08/17/ajhp170181

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Continuous Glucose Monitoring Versus Usual Care in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Receiving Multiple Daily Insulin Injections: A Randomized Trial

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Medication adherence in patients with apparent resistant hypertension: findings from the SYMPATHY trial.

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- A randomised controlled trial assessing the efficacy of an electronic discharge communication tool for preventing death or hospital readmission
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/18/bmjqs-2017-006635

**Cochrane**
- Baclofen for alcohol withdrawal
- Deferasirox for managing iron overload in people with thalassaemia
- Pharmacotherapy for hypertension in adults aged 18 to 59 years

**Diabetes Care**
- Acute Kidney Injury in Patients on SGLT2 Inhibitors: A Propensity-Matched Analysis
  http://care.diabetesjournals.org/content/early/2017/08/18/dc17-1011
**Drug Safety**
- Antipsychotic Prescribing to Patients Diagnosed with Dementia without a Diagnosis of Psychosis in the Context of National Guidance and Drug Safety Warnings: Longitudinal Study in UK General Practice
https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40264-017-0538-x

**International Journal of Medical Informatics**
- Pharmacist-led admission medication reconciliation before and after the implementation of an electronic medication management system

**Journal of the National Cancer Institute**
- Use of Alternative Medicine for Cancer and Its Impact on Survival

**JAMA**
- Effect of Oral Prednisolone on Symptom Duration and Severity in Non-asthmatic Adults with Acute Lower Respiratory Tract Infection- A Randomized Clinical Trial
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2649201

**JAMA Internal Medicine**
- Informed Consent to Study Purpose in Randomized Clinical Trials of Antibiotics, 1991 Through 2011
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2649264

**JAMA Oncology**
- Examining Bias in Studies of Statin Treatment and Survival in Patients with Cancer
http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/fullarticle/2649379

**NEJM**
- Aspirin versus Placebo in Pregnancies at High Risk for Preterm Preeclampsia
- Canagliflozin and Cardiovascular and Renal Events in Type 2 Diabetes
- Cognitive Function in a Randomized Trial of Evolocumab

**Pediatrics**
- Clinical Practice Guideline for Screening and Management of High Blood Pressure in Children and Adolescents
http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/21/peds.2017-1904
- Vaccines and Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship
http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/10/peds.2017-1695

**The Lancet**
- Comparative efficacy and safety of reperfusion therapy with fibrinolytic agents in patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction: a systematic review and network meta-analysis
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**NICE**
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  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-what-drug-treatment-options-are-available/

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**NSW Health**
- Safety Information: Gadolinium-based contrast agents for MRI scans

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

**GOV.UK**
- Ibrutinib: 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

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

**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

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

**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
- Brexpiprazole for schizophrenia

**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

**Cochrane Library**
- Atypical antipsychotics for disruptive behaviour disorders in children and youths
- Efficacy and safety of sugammadex versus neostigmine in reversing neuromuscular blockade in adults
- Palliative drug treatments for breathlessness in cystic fibrosis

**European Heart Journal**
- Associations of serum potassium levels with mortality in chronic heart failure patients
- 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

**EJHP**
- Applicability of the STOPP/START criteria to older polypathological patients in a long-term care hospital
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/09/ejhp Pharm-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/ejhp Pharm-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/ejhp Pharm-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

**Journal of Clinical Oncology**
- Systemic Therapy for Stage IV Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline Update

**NEJM**
- Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness in the United States during the 2015–2016 Season
- NAD Deficiency, Congenital Malformations, and Niacin Supplementation

**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

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**NPS MedicineWise
- Be Medicinewise Week: Medicine misuse can happen to anyone
- New TGA indication for empagliflozan

**TGA
- Medicine Shortage Update: Etopophos (etoposide phosphate) powder for injection vials and Vepesid etoposide capsules – registered products now available
- Updates to the Prescribing Medicines in Pregnancy database: atezolizumab (Category D) and ocrelizumab (Category D)

**Rare Cancers Australia
- Rare Solutions: A Time to Act

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**AHRQ
- Health Literacy Tools for Providers of Medication Therapy Management

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- Decreasing prescribing errors during pediatric emergencies: a randomized simulation trial.

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  https://www.cadth.ca/buprenorphine-formulations-treatment-opioid-use-disorders-review-comparative-clinical-effectiveness
- Gabapentin, Celecoxib, and Acetaminophen for the Prevention of Post-Operative Pain: Clinical Effectiveness

**FDA
Glecaprevir and pibrentasvir (Mavyret™) approved to treat adults with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotypes 1-6 without cirrhosis (liver disease) or with mild cirrhosis, [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm570038.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm570038.htm)

Enasidenib (Idhifa™) approved for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) who have a specific genetic mutation, [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm569421.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm569421.htm)

Ibrutinib (Imbruvica™) approval expanded for the treatment of adult patients with chronic graft versus host disease (cGVHD) after failure of one or more treatments, [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm569710.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm569710.htm)

Daunorubicin and cytarabine (Vyxeos™) approved for the treatment of adults with two types of acute myeloid leukemia (AML): newly diagnosed therapy-related AML (t-AML) or AML with myelodysplasia-related changes (AML-MRC), [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm569883.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm569883.htm)

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**Joint Commission**
- Discharge Instructions / Education Materials for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE): A Comprehensive Approach to Medication Management [http://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/6/FINAL_WEB_VTE_COMPRENDIUM_OF_RESOURCES_061420172.PDF](http://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/6/FINAL_WEB_VTE_COMPRENDIUM_OF_RESOURCES_061420172.PDF)

**NICE**
- Developmental follow-up of children and young people born preterm [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng72](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng72)
- Cabozantinib for previously treated advanced renal cell carcinoma [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta463](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta463)
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**NIHR Signal**
- Prescribing regular drugs to prevent febrile convulsions risks more harm than benefit [https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000735/prescribing-regular-drugs-to-prevent-febrile-convulsions-risks-more-harm-than-benefit](https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000735/prescribing-regular-drugs-to-prevent-febrile-convulsions-risks-more-harm-than-benefit)

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**OTHER NEWS**
**New BNF and BNFC app**
- The publishers of the British National Formulary (BNF) and British National Formulary for Children (BNFC) have launched a new, faster, easier to use and access BNF and BNFC app. The new BNF & BNFC app is free to download on Apple (iTunes) and Android (Play Store) platforms. 
  https://www.bnf.org/products/bnfbnfcapp/

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- Expansion of Treatment for Hepatitis C Virus Infection by Task Shifting to Community-Based Non-specialist Providers: A Non-randomized Clinical Trial
- Bone Health and Bone-Targeted Therapies for Non-metastatic Prostate Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

**AJHP**
- Implementation of a pharmacist-managed clinic for patients with chronic nonmalignant pain
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/16/1229

**Arthritis Care and Research**
- 2017 American College of Rheumatology/American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons Guideline for the Perioperative Management of Antirheumatic Medication in Patients With Rheumatic Diseases Undergoing Elective Total Hip or Total Knee Arthroplasty

**BMJ**
- Risk of neonatal drug withdrawal after intrauterine co-exposure to opioids and psychotropic medications: cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3326

**BMJ Open**
- Optimal dose of succinylcholine for laryngeal mask airway insertion: systematic review, meta-analysis and metaregression of randomised control trials
  http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/8/e014274

**Cochrane Library**
- Antibiotic prophylaxis for operative vaginal delivery
- Antidepressants for chronic non-cancer pain in children and adolescents
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- Low molecular weight heparin for prevention of venous thromboembolism in patients with lower-limb immobilization
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- Sildenafil for pulmonary hypertension in neonates

**European Heart Journal**
- European Society of Cardiology/European Atherosclerosis Society Task Force consensus statement on proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 inhibitors: practical guidance for use in patients at very high cardiovascular risk
**Heart**
- Drug treatment effects on outcomes in heart failure with preserved ejection fraction: a systematic review and meta-analysis
  [https://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/03/heartjnl-2017-311652](https://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/08/03/heartjnl-2017-311652)

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Statin-associated immune mediated necrotising myopathy: a New Zealand case series showing possible over-representation in Pacific Islanders
- Exploring disparities in receipt of adjuvant chemotherapy in culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups: an Australian centre's experience.

**JAMA**
- Effect of Oral Methylprednisolone on Clinical Outcomes in Patients with IgA Nephropathy: The TESTING Randomized Clinical Trial
  [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2646717](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2646717)
- Effect of Azithromycin on Airflow Decline—Free Survival after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant - The ALLOZITHRO Randomized Clinical Trial
  [http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2647869](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2647869)
- Effect of Levosimendan on Low Cardiac Output Syndrome in Patients with Low Ejection Fraction Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting With Cardiopulmonary Bypass: The LICORN Randomized Clinical Trial
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**Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis**
- Clinical effectiveness of a Bayesian algorithm for the diagnosis and management of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia

**NEJM**
- Angiotensin II for the Treatment of Vasodilatory Shock
- Idarucizumab for Dabigatran Reversal — Full Cohort Analysis
- Midostaurin plus Chemotherapy for Acute Myeloid Leukemia with a FLT3 Mutation

**Pediatrics**
- Early Probiotic Supplementation for Eczema and Asthma Prevention: A Randomized Controlled Trial
  [http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/03/peds.2016-3000](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/08/03/peds.2016-3000)
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**The Lancet**
- Exenatide once weekly versus placebo in Parkinson's disease: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
- Cardiovascular mortality and morbidity in patients with type 2 diabetes following initiation of sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitors versus other glucose-lowering drugs (CVD-REAL Nordic): a multinational observational analysis

**The Lancet HIV**
Comparative efficacy and safety of second-line antiretroviral therapy for treatment of HIV/AIDS: a systematic review and network meta-analysis
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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA
**ACSQHC**
- An economic evaluation of investigator-led clinical trials conducted by networks
- Improving your organisation’s health literacy environment

**AIHW**
- Radiotherapy in Australia 2015-16
**CEC**
- Driver Diagram Webinars: An Introduction to Improvement Science (New resources added)

**NPS MedicineWise**
- The ASPRINH Project’s Prescribing Assessment Toolkit
  The ASPRINH Project has delivered an evidence-based guide for the assessment of student ability to prescribe medicines. The Prescribing Assessment Toolkit (the Toolkit) describes accepted principles of assessment applicable to clinical practice, the essential prescribing skills that require clear assessment as evidence of prescribing ability, and recommended assessment methods applicable to the demonstration of prescribing ability. The content of the Toolkit is applicable to multiple prescribing professions.
  https://www.nps.org.au/__scrivito/the-asprinh-project-s-prescribing-assessment-toolkit-04e28a5e06baf490

**NSW Health**
- Chief Health Officer’s Report 2017

**TGA**
- Labelling changes: Information for health professionals (What you need to know about the changes and downloadable posters)

**Government of Western Australia, Department of Health**
- Review of Safety and Quality in the WA health system: A strategy for continuous improvement

**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL**

**AHRQ Patient Safety Network**
- Non–health care facility medication errors resulting in serious medical outcomes.

**EMA**
- EPAR added: Cenegermin (Oxervate™) for the treatment of neurotrophic keratitis
- EU report: more evidence on link between antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance

**Healthy Canadians**
- Health Product InfoWatch, July 2017: Bisphosphonates, oral and injectable; Evotaz (atazanavir and cobicistat) and Reyataz (atazanavir).

**NHS England**
- Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: A Consultation on guidance for CCGs
  https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/07/medicine-consultation/

**NIHR**
- Tenofovir reduces mother-to-child hepatitis B transmission
  https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000729/tenofovir-reduces-mother-to-child-hepatitis-b-transmission
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
http://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/highlights/ocd/

**NICE**
- Adalimumab and dexamethasone for treating non-infectious uveitis
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA460
- Collagenase clostridium histolyticum for treating Dupuytren's contracture
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta459
- Nivolumab for treating relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta462
- Roflumilast for treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA461
- Low back pain and sciatica in over 16s
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs155
- Chronic kidney disease in adults
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs5
- Early breast cancer (preventing recurrence and improving survival): adjuvant bisphosphonates
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta462

**SIGN**
- Cardiac rehabilitation: A national clinical guideline
  http://www.sign.ac.uk/assets/sign150.pdf
- Risk estimation and the prevention of cardiovascular disease: A national clinical guideline
  http://www.sign.ac.uk/assets/sign149.pdf

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- How should antibiotics be dosed in obesity?
  https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/how-should-antibiotics-be-dosed-in-obesity/

**UK Health Foundation**
- New approaches to value in health and care

**Advancing Quality Alliance, UK Improvement Alliance, Health Improvement Scotland and the Improvement Academy**
- Measuring and monitoring of safety framework e-guide: better questions, safer care.

**WHO**
- Global Hepatitis Report, 2017
  http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/255016/1/9789241565455-eng.pdf?ua=1

**MEDICATION SAFETY**

**SABS**
- HYDROmorphine (high-risk medicine): Changes to Dilaudid injectable preparations

**ISMP**
  http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acute/2016/1172

**TGA**
- Safety advisory: Bittermelon Slimming Capsules contain undeclared sibutramine
- Safety advisory: Gadolinium-based contrast agents for MRI scan – Potential for retention in the brain but no known adverse effects
**AHPRA**
- The Pharmacy Board of Australia has published revised guidance, ‘Compounding of sterile injectable medicines’ to replace the currently postponed section ‘Expiry of compounded parenteral medicines’ of its ‘Guidelines on compounding of medicines’. The revised guidance will take effect on 1 February 2018:
- FAQ for pharmacists on the compounding of medicines have also been updated:

**ACSQHC**
The ACSQHC launched the First Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation in November 2015. The Commission is currently inviting researchers, clinicians and other stakeholders to share feedback about the impact of the Atlas by completing a short survey.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ausatlasofhealthcarevariation

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**
**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection: An Updated Network Meta-analysis
  http://annals.org/aim/article/2646630/treatment-latent-tuberculosis-infection-updated-network-meta-analysis
- Prescription Opioid Use, Misuse, and Use Disorders in U.S. Adults: 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

**Australian Prescriber**
- Chronic heart failure
- Lipid lowering in renal disease
- Encouraging adherence to long-term medication

**BMJ**
- Pharmaceutical companies’ policies on access to trial data, results, and methods: audit study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3334

**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Outpatient CPOE orders discontinued due to ‘erroneous entry’: prospective survey of prescribers’ explanations for errors
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/28/bmjqs-2017-006597

**Cochrane Library**
- Haloperidol for psychosis-induced aggression or agitation (rapid tranquillisation)
- Immunotherapy for diabetic amyotrophy
- Oral versus intravenous fluoropyrimidines for colorectal cancer
- Pharmacological interventions for preventing dry mouth and salivary gland dysfunction following radiotherapy
- Procarbazine, lomustine and vincristine for recurrent high-grade glioma

**European Heart Journal**
- Bromocriptine for the treatment of peripartum cardiomyopathy: a multicentre randomized study

**EJHP**
- Pharmacist-initiated deprescribing in hospitalised elderly: prevalence and acceptance by physicians
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/28/ejhpharm-2017-001251

**Health Services and Delivery Research**
- Decommissioning health care: identifying best practice through primary and secondary research a prospective mixed-methods study
  https://dx.doi.org/10.3310/hsdr05220

**Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology**
- A Role for Antimicrobial Stewardship in Clinical Sepsis Pathways: a Prospective Interventional Study

**Internal Medicine Journal**
- Documentation of Penicillin Adverse Drug Reactions in Electronic Health Records: Inconsistent Use of Allergy and Intolerance Labels

**JAMA**
- Effect of Oral Methylprednisolone on Clinical Outcomes in Patients with IgA Nephropathy: The TESTING Randomized Clinical Trial
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2646717

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- Association of Risk of Suicide Attempts with Methylphenidate Treatment
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/article-abstract/2645499

**JAMIA**
- Efficiency and safety of speech recognition for documentation in the electronic health record
  https://academic.oup.com/jamia/article/4049461

**MJA**
- The Australian Snakebite Project, 2005–2015 (ASP-20)

**Public Health Research and Practice**
- Clinical consultations and investigations before and after discontinuation of endocrine therapy in women with primary breast cancer

**The Lancet**
- Bevacizumab for advanced cervical cancer: final overall survival and adverse event analysis of a randomised, controlled, open-label, phase 3 trial (Gynecologic Oncology Group 240)
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)31607-0/fulltext

**The Lancet Psychiatry**
- Side-effects associated with ketamine use in depression: a systematic review
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(17)30272-9/fulltext

**UPCOMING EVENTS (new additions in bold)**
**Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS)**
Safety and Quality Conference: The Deteriorating Patient
7-8th August, Sofitel Sydney Wentworth
**The University of Sydney – Sydney Ideas**  
Data Science - the Future of Better Health?  
15th August, The Westmead Institute for Medical Research, Westmead  

**Westmead Association Hospital Week: Medication Safety Symposium**  
16th August 2017, Westmead education and Conference Centre, Westmead Hospital  
Contact: Georgette Hanna: georgette.hanna@sydney.edu.au

**ACI Mental Health Innovation Showcase**  
17 August 2017, Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay NSW  

**Clinical Excellence Commission**  
- Second NSW Antimicrobial Stewardship Forum  
18th August 9am-4.30pm, Sydney CBD  
- Mental Health and Falls Workshop  
24th August, 9am-4pm, Barker St Randwick, NSW  

**Healthcare Leaders Forum, Swissotel, Sydney, 22 & 23 August 2017**  

24-26 August 2017, Kuala Lumpur  
http://internationalforum.bmj.com/kuala-lumpur/

**6th World Congress of Clinical Safety 2017, 6-8th September 2017, Roma, Italy**  
http://www.iarmm.org/6WCCS/

**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’**  
23rd October (additional workshop on 13th November)  

**6th Annual NHMRC Symposium on Research Translation co-hosted with the Lowitja Institute**  
Tuesday, 14 November 2017 to Wednesday, 15 November 2017, Brisbane, Australia  

**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**
**Cochrane Australia: Australasian Cochrane Symposium 'Towards living evidence', 22-23rd November, 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**
December 10–13 2017, Orlando, Florida
Abstract submissions now open
http://www.ihi.org/education/Conferences/Forum2017/Pages/default.aspx?utm_campaign=29%20Forum&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=54650842&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--kGXfSqGQAPP1skSY2BQMgH630XW-44Kxb6BnCB338pSd02sd2BoGxZ6mu8aVVsy1rmRYuS6usns_rapX9Z8dqMCY7TQ&_hsmi=54650842

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA**

**ACSQHC**

**AIHW**
- Australia’s hospitals at a glance 2015-16
- Tracking progress against the Implementation Plan goals for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023

**TGA**
- Updates to the list of designated orphan drugs:
  - Lenvatinib capsules for the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma.
  - Nitisinone (Disanit™) for the treatment of adult and paediatric patients with confirmed diagnosis of hereditary tyrosinemia type 1 (HT-1) in combination with dietary restriction of tyrosine and phenylalanine.
  http://www.tga.gov.au/updates-list-designated-orphan-drugs
- Codeine information hub: new updates added under ‘Codeine use can be harmful’

### REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

**AHRQ**
- Management of Renal Masses and Localized Renal Cell Carcinoma: Current State of the Evidence
**CADTH**
- Posaconazole for the Prophylaxis and Treatment of Invasive Aspergillosis: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines
- Lipid Formulations for Patients Requiring Parenteral Nutrition: A Review of Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness and Guidelines

**EMA**
- Recommendations to restrict the use of linear gadolinium agents in body scans

**NICE Guidance**
- Parkinson’s disease in adults
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng71](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng71)
- Trastuzumab emtansine for treating HER2-positive advanced breast cancer after trastuzumab and a taxane
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta458](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta458)
- Early breast cancer (preventing recurrence and improving survival): adjuvant bisphosphonates
  [https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/es15/chapter/Key-points](https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/es15/chapter/Key-points)

**Specialist Pharmacy Service**
- Can patients on levothyroxine take sea kelp?
  [https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/can-patients-on-levothyroxine-take-sea-kelp/](https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/can-patients-on-levothyroxine-take-sea-kelp/)
- Which medicines could cause problems for patients during a heatwave?
  [https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/which-medicines-could-cause-problems-for-patients-during-a-heatwave/](https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/which-medicines-could-cause-problems-for-patients-during-a-heatwave/)

**WHO**
- In the lead-up to Paris AIDS conference, WHO prequalifies first generic hepatitis C medicine and first HIV self-test
- 85 million people treated for trachoma through expanded access to medicine

**MEDICATION SAFETY**
**GOV.UK**
- Bendamustine (Levact™): increased mortality observed in recent clinical studies in off-label use; monitor for opportunistic infections, hepatitis B reactivation
- Daclizumab (Zinbryta™) and risk of severe liver injury: initiation in multiple sclerosis now restricted, promptly review patients already on treatment
- Nivolumab (Opdvo™), pembrolizumab (Keytruda™): reports of organ transplant rejection

**Health Quality and Safety Commission NZ**
- Safety Alert: Prescribing error – dabigatran and enoxaparin
**TGA Safety information alerts**
- Various products promoting sexual enhancement containing undeclared sildenafil and other prescription-only substances

**OTHER NEWS**

**CEC**
The NSW Electronic Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment Tool has been released for state-wide use, and is now available for implementation in local electronic medical records (eMRs). For queries contact Selvana Awad, Medication Safety and Quality Officer on 9269 5576 or email
  Selvana.Awad@health.nsw.gov.au

**NPS MedicineWise**
- The new education program from NPS MedicineWise, Statins: optimising therapy, addressing intolerance, reinforces the role of absolute cardiovascular risk assessment, the optimal use of statin therapy and provides tools and resources to address suspected statin-associated muscle symptoms.
  www.nps.org.au/statins

**PAPERS OF INTEREST**

**Age and Ageing**
- Associations of acetylcholinesterase inhibitor treatment with reduced mortality in Alzheimer's disease: a retrospective survival analysis

**AJHP**
- ASHP national survey of pharmacy practice in hospital settings: Prescribing and transcribing—2016
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/07/21/ajhp170228?papetoc=&ssoc=checked=true
- Monitoring clinical decision support in the electronic health record
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/15/1130?etoc=&ssoc=checked=true
- Selexipag for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/15/1135
- Fracture risk associated with common medications used in treating type 2 diabetes mellitus
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/15/1143
- Relationship between rate of fentanyl infusion and time to achieve sedation in nonobese and obese critically ill children
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/15/1174
- National trends in prescription drug expenditures and projections for 2017
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/74/15/1158

**Annals of Internal Medicine**
- Cardiovascular Disease among Transgender Adults Receiving Hormone Therapy: A Narrative Review

**BMJ**
- Antidepressants during pregnancy and autism in offspring: population based cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j2811

**Canadian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**
- Outcome after Discontinuation of Proton Pump Inhibitors at a Residential Care Site: Quality Improvement Project
  http://www.cjhp-online.ca/index.php/cjhp/article/view/1661

** Cochrane Library
- Calcineurin inhibitor withdrawal or tapering for kidney transplant recipients
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for cancer-related pain in children and adolescents
- Oral dextrose gel to prevent hypoglycaemia in at-risk neonates
- Polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies for treating acute rejection episodes in kidney transplant recipients
- Progesterone receptor modulators for endometriosis
- Vitamin K antagonists versus low-molecular-weight heparin for the long term treatment of symptomatic venous thromboembolism

**EJHP
- Incompatible intravenous drug combinations and respective physician and nurse knowledge: a study in routine paediatric intensive care
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/23/ejhpharm-2017-001248

**European Heart Journal
- Predictors of pre-procedural concentrations of direct oral anticoagulants: a prospective multicentre study
  https://academic.oup.com/eurheartj/article/4030707/Predictors-of-pre-procedural-concentrations-of

**JAMA
- Effect of High-Dose vs Standard-Dose Wintertime Vitamin D Supplementation on Viral Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Young Healthy Children
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2643763

**JAMA Dermatology
- Topical Corticosteroid Phobia in Atopic Dermatitis: A Systematic Review
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamadermatology/article-abstract/2643740

**Pediatrics
- Parental Management of Discharge Instructions: A Systematic Review
  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/07/19/peds.2016-4165

**The Lancet HIV
- Efficacy, safety, and effect on sexual behaviour of on-demand pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV in men who have sex with men: an observational cohort study
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanhiv/article/PIIS2352-3018(17)30089-9/fulltext

**The Lancet Psychiatry
- Antipsychotic drugs for the acute treatment of patients with a first episode of schizophrenia: a systematic review with pairwise and network meta-analyses
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(17)30270-5/fulltext

**The Lancet Respiratory Medicine
- Comparative effectiveness of high-dose versus standard-dose influenza vaccination on numbers of US nursing home residents admitted to hospital: a cluster-randomised trial
  http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30235-7/fulltext
- Evaluation of early administration of simvastatin in the prevention and treatment of delirium in critically ill patients undergoing mechanical ventilation (MoDUS): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(17)30234-5/fulltext

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22-24 November, 2017, Prague CZ.
http://medical-cannabis-conference.com/2017#WRuzuEu7pFo

**Cochrane Australia**
Australasian Cochrane Symposium ‘Towards living evidence’,
22-23rd November, Melbourne
http://australia.cochrane.org/news/australian-cochrane-symposium

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Abstract submissions now open
http://www.asceptasm.com/2017-annual-scientific-meeting/program-workshops/

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**AIHW**
- Potentially preventable hospitalisations in 2015-16

**TGA**
- Codeine information hub (consumer factsheet, pharmacist factsheet and frequently asked questions regarding changes to patient access for medicines containing codeine)
- Submissions received and TGA response: Reforms to the regulatory framework for complementary medicines
- AusPAR added: Ephedrine hydrochloride (Ephedrine Hydrochloride MYX™) 25mg/1mL indicated in the treatment of hypotension secondary to spinal anaesthesia
- AusPAR added: Golimumab (rmc) (Simponi™) extension of indications to include non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis
- AusPAR added: Etanercept (rch) (Brenzys™) indicated for rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, plaque psoriasis and ankylosing spondylitis in adults (indications abbreviated)
- AusPAR added: Certolizumab pegol (Cimzia™) extension of indications to include adult patients not previously treated with methotrexate or other DMARDs
- Metal-on-metal hip replacement implants
**AHRC Patient Safety Network**

- Incidence and predictors of opioid prescription at discharge after traumatic injury.

- Physician satisfaction with transition from CPOE to paper-based prescription.

**FDA**

- Neratinib (Nerlynx™) approved for the extended adjuvant treatment of early-stage, HER2-positive breast cancer.
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm567309.htm

- Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir combination tablet (Vosevi™) approved to treat adults with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotypes 1-6 without cirrhosis or with mild cirrhosis.
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm567467.htm

**EMA**

- EPAR added: Inotuzumab ozogamicin (Besponsa™) for the treatment of B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL).

- EPAR added: Dimethyl fumarate (Skilarence™) for the treatment of plaque psoriasis

**Gov.UK**

- Drug misuse and dependence: UK guidelines on clinical management

**The Joint Commission**

- Discharge Instructions for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE): A Comprehensive Approach to Medication Management
  https://www.jointcommission.org/discharge_instructions_for_venous_thromboembolism_vte/

**The National Academies of Sciences-Engineering-Medicine**

- Pain Management and the Opioid Epidemic: Balancing Societal and Individual Benefits and Risks of Prescription Opioid Use

**NICE**

- Constipation in children and young people: Diagnosis and management
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg99

- Ustekinumab for moderately to severely active Crohn's disease after previous treatment
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta456

- Adalimumab, etanercept and ustekinumab for treating plaque psoriasis in children and young people
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta455

- Daratumumab with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for treating relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (terminated appraisal)
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta454

- Bortezomib for treating multiple myeloma after second subsequent relapse (terminated appraisal)
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta453

- Ibritinib for untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia without a 17p deletion or TP53 mutation (terminated appraisal)
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta452

**NIHR Signal**
- Insulin pumps not much better than multiple injections for intensive control of type 1 diabetes
  https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000703/insulin-pumps-not-much-better-than-multiple-injections-for-intensive-control-of-type-1-diabetes

**Specialist Pharmacy Service
- Comparative table of low molecular heparins

**WHO
- 1 in 10 infants worldwide did not receive any vaccinations in 2016 (News Release)

MEDICATION SAFETY
**ISMP
- QuarterWatch™ (2016 Annual Report) Part I: Consumers at risk from drug withdrawal symptoms

OTHER NEWS
**CEC
- NOAC Information for Patients, Families and Carer documents had been translated into 6 languages (Arabic, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Korean, Greek and Vietnamese). The documents can be accessed via the following link:

**Sydney Morning Herald
- Calls for medicine policy rethink as hospitals ration 'critical' painkiller fentanyl

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**Age and Ageing
- Associations of acetylcholinesterase inhibitor treatment with reduced mortality in Alzheimer's disease: a retrospective survival analysis
- Haloperidol versus placebo for delirium prevention in acutely hospitalised older at risk patients: a multi-centre double-blind randomised controlled clinical trial

**AJHP
- Effectiveness of interventions to improve medication use during rapid-sequence intubation in a pediatric emergency department
  http://www.ajhp.org/content/early/2017/07/10/ajhp160396

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
- Quantitative efficacy of topical administration of tranexamic acid on postoperative bleeding in total knee arthroplasty
- High-risk prescribing in an Irish primary care population: Trends and variation

**BMJ
- Risk of post-pregnancy hypertension in women with a history of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy: nationwide cohort study
  http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3078
**BMJ Quality and Safety**
- Reasons for computerised provider order entry (CPOE)-based inpatient medication ordering errors: an observational study of voided orders  
  http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/11/bmjqs-2017-006606

**Cochrane Library**
- Oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for cancer pain in adults  
- Oral paracetamol (acetaminophen) for cancer pain  

**European Heart Journal**
- Updated European Heart Rhythm Association practical guide on the use of non-vitamin-K antagonist anticoagulants in patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation: Executive summary  

**EJHP**
- Accuracy of best possible medication history documentation by pharmacists at an Australian tertiary referral metropolitan hospital  
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/11/ejhpharm-2016-001177
- A telephone survey to determine the experiences of children and their parents/carers, following the initiation of a new medicine  
  http://ejhp.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/16/ejhpharm-2016-000925

**JAMA**
- Association between Alendronate Use and Hip Fracture Risk in Older Patients Using Oral Prednisolone  
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2643309

**JAMA Cardiology**
- Efficacy and Safety of Spironolactone in Acute Heart Failure: The ATHENA-HF Randomized Clinical Trial  
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamacardiology/fullarticle/2643429

**JAMA Oncology**
- FOLFOXIRI Plus Bevacizumab as Conversion Therapy for Patients With Initially Unresectable Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: A Systematic Review and Pooled Analysis  
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/article-abstract/2628765

**JAMA Psychiatry**
- Efficacy of Tramadol Extended-Release for Opioid Withdrawal - A Randomized Clinical Trial  
  http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/2642924

**MJA**
- Antibiotics for acute respiratory infections in general practice: comparison of prescribing rates with guideline recommendations  

**NEJM**
- Idarucizumab for Dabigatran Reversal — Full Cohort Analysis  

**The Lancet**
- Procalcitonin-guided decision making for duration of antibiotic therapy in neonates with suspected early-onset sepsis: a multicentre, randomised controlled trial (NeoPins)  
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- Alemtuzumab: a review of efficacy and risks in the treatment of relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis
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http://australia.cochrane.org/news/australian-cochrane-symposium

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Abstract submissions now open
http://www.asceptasm.com/2017-annual-scientific-meeting/program-workshops/

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**REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA**

**AIHW**
- Hospital resources 2015-16: Australian hospital statistics
- The burden of musculoskeletal conditions in Australia
- The burden of chronic respiratory conditions in Australia
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**ACSQHC**
- Antimicrobial use in Australian hospitals: 2015 annual report of the National Antimicrobial Utilisation Surveillance Program

**TGA**
- Medicinal cannabis: importation and the traveller’s exemption
- Special Access Scheme rules
- Advertising reforms: Questions and answers
- Medical Devices Safety Update Volume 5, Number 4, July 2017 (IV infusion bags for single use only; other recent safety alerts)
- TGA to improve the handling of advertising complaints

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**CADTH
- The Use of Antivirals for Influenza Prophylaxis: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness
  https://www.cadth.ca/use-antivirals-influenza-prophylaxis-review-clinical-effectiveness-0

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- EU guidelines for the prudent use of antimicrobials in human health

**EMA
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**FDA
- L-glutamine oral powder (Endari™) approved for patient’s age five years and older with sickle cell disease to reduce severe complications.
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm566084.htm

**PLOS Medicine
- Antimicrobial resistance in Neisseria gonorrhoeae: Global surveillance and a call for international collaborative action
  http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002344

**WHO Drug Information, Volume 31, Number 2, 2017

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**TGA
- Recall: NovoPen Echo insulin cartridge holder – risk of cracking or breaking that could affect dosing

**HQSC NZ
- Injectable phenytoin incidents – risk of death and severe harm
- Transdermal patches and burns

OTHER NEWS

**Medicines Management 2017
- Abstract submission deadline is today, Wednesday 12th July at 18:00 AEST
  http://mm2017shpa.com/call-for-abstracts/

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Annals of Internal Medicine
**Coffee Drinking and Mortality in 10 European Countries: A Multinational Cohort Study**

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- Psychotropic polypharmacy in Australia, 2006 to 2015: a descriptive cohort study

**BMJ**
- Benzodiazepines and risk of all cause mortality in adults: cohort study
[http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j2941](http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j2941)

**BMJ Open**
- Knowledge, attitude and practice of healthcare professionals towards infliximab and insulin glargine biosimilars: result of a UK web-based survey
[http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/6/e016730](http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/6/e016730)

**Cochrane Library**
- Early discharge hospital at home
- Topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for analgesia in traumatic corneal abrasions
- Morphine-like drugs for cancer pain
- Rituximab for treating inhibitors in people with inherited severe hemophilia
- Statins for children with inherited high blood cholesterol

**Heart**
- Genetics and clinical response to warfarin and edoxaban in patients with venous thromboembolism
[http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/07/heartjnl-2016-310901](http://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2017/07/07/heartjnl-2016-310901)

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- Risk of Intraocular Bleeding With Novel Oral Anticoagulants Compared With Warfarin, A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
[http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaophthalmology/fullarticle/2633695](http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaophthalmology/fullarticle/2633695)

**Journal of Pain and Symptom Management**
- Off-Label Medication Use in the Inpatient Palliative Care Unit

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- Effect of azithromycin on asthma exacerbations and quality of life in adults with persistent uncontrolled asthma (AMAZES): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

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**AIHW**  
- BreastScreen Australia and National Cervical Screening Program participation data 2015-2016  
- Incidence of suicide among serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force personnel 2001-2015: in brief summary report  

**NSW Health**  
- NSW Paediatric Service Capability Framework Companion Toolkit  

**TGA**  
- Special Access Scheme: Introduction of Category C notification pathway  
- Updates to Authorised Prescriber Scheme information  
- Guidance tool for access to unapproved therapeutic goods  
- TGA Stakeholder Survey 2016-17  

**WA Corruption and Crime Commission**  
- Report on the Supply and Management of Schedule 8 Controlled Drugs at Certain Public Hospitals in Western Australia  

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- Nivolumab (Opdivo™) as...
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- Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis in Major Orthopedic Surgery: Systematic Review Update
  https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=2480

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- FDA expands the use of a cooling cap, DigniCap Cooling System, for cancer patients with solid tumors to potentially minimize chemotherapy-induced hair loss
  https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm565599.htm

**NICE**
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  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta446
- Pembrolizumab for untreated PD-L1-positive metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta447
- Etelcalcetide for treating secondary hyperparathyroidism
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta448
- Everolimus and sunitinib for treating unresectable or metastatic neuroendocrine tumours in people with progressive disease
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta449
- Blinatumomab for previously treated Philadelphia-chromosome-negative acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta450
- Ponatinib for treating chronic myeloid leukaemia and acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
  https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta451

**NIHR Signals**
- Vitamin D supplements may reduce the chance of developing a chest infection
  https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000681/vitamin-d-supplements-may-reduce-the-chance-of-developing-a-chest-infection
- Moisturisers improve eczema symptoms and lessen the need for corticosteroids
  https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article/4000682/moisturisers-improve-eczema-symptoms-and-lessen-the-need-for-corticosteroids

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- Tackling variations in clinical care: Assessing the Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT) programme

MEDICATION SAFETY

**Health Canada**
- Health Product InfoWatch, June 2017
**ISMP**
- The texting debate: Beneficial means of communication or safety and security risk?

**TGA**
- Medicines Safety Update, Volume 8 Number 3, June 2017: Intravenous solution bags are designed for single use only; Improved labelling for allergens; MedSearch app offers quick and easy access to PIs and CMIs.

OTHER NEWS
**eMR Connect Program Newsletter, June 2017**

PAPERS OF INTEREST
**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**
- The Impact of Serum Potassium-Influencing Antihypertensive Drugs on the Risk of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: A Case Control Study
- Unwarranted claims of drug efficacy in pharmaceutical sales visits: Are drugs approved on the basis of surrogate outcomes promoted appropriately?

**Circulation**
- Risk for Major Bleeding in Patients Receiving Ticagrelor Compared with Aspirin After TIA or Acute Ischemic Stroke in the SOCRATES Study
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- Ten-minute administration of bevacizumab
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- Heart Rate and Rhythm and the Benefit of Beta-Blockers in Patients With Heart Failure

**NEJM**
- A Placebo-Controlled Trial of Antibiotics for Smaller Skin Abscesses
- Aspirin versus Placebo in Pregnancies at High Risk for Preterm Preeclampsia
- Thyroid Hormone Therapy for Older Adults with Subclinical Hypothyroidism
- Trial of Electrical Direct-Current Therapy versus Escitalopram for Depression

**The Lancet Haematology**
- Effects of erythropoietin on cycling performance of well trained cyclists: a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled trial

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