



NSW
Therapeutic
Advisory
Group Inc.

Advancing
quality use
of medicines
in NSW

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The purpose of TAG Mail is to assist TAG members identify and share relevant information for their professional practice. **Members are encouraged to routinely forward TAG Mail to others who they believe would benefit from this information such as colleagues in the same hospital department if they are not already receiving TAG Mail.** TAG Mail as a standing agenda item in clinical pharmacists' and other clinicians' meetings may help facilitate discussion of contemporary and emerging medicines and practice. NSW TAG may be contacted via email nswtag@stvincents.com.au or by calling 02 8382 2852.

NSW TAG ACTIVITIES

****Recruitment – NSW TAG Quality Use of Medicines Project Officer position
Applications close 5pm AEDT 15th March 2019, click [here](#) for more information****

**New email discussions

- Use of fomepizole for toxic alcohol poisoning – closes 23 March 2019

**Recent email discussions uploaded to website

-Management of tick bites in ED

- Formulary listing and use of silver sulfadiazine cream

**Life Saving Drug Registers (LSDRs)

- The Antivenom and Antidote LSDRs (bulk updated Dec 2018, with updates from some hospitals in 2019) have had some formatting enhancements and are now available on our [website](#).

Features of the new LSDRs include: option to view stockholdings by individual drug, optimised viewing on mobile/tablet and more user friendly functions.

Please note: It is recommended that members refer to the website for the latest version of the registers as the information may be updated from time to time before the next annual bulk update. Lastly, a reminder for any outstanding sites (annotated as 'data TBC' in the current register) to please provide an update to NSW TAG as soon as possible.

OTHER NEWS (new additions in bold)

**ACI

- **Multidisciplinary Team Care - Seeking Exemplar Sites – survey closes Monday 25 March 2019 - [link](#)**

**Australian Cardiovascular and Rehabilitation Association NSW/ACT - What's new and emerging in the treatment & management of AF? Dr Stuart Thomas
Wed 20 March 2019, 6 - 8pm, Westmead Education & Conference Centre, book & pay [here](#)

**Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC)

- **NSQHS Standards Assessor Orientation Course is freely available for anyone who would like to learn about the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (second edition).** - [link](#)

**End-of-Life Essentials

- **Free peer-reviewed online education modules on health care at the end of life in acute hospitals for nurses, doctors and allied health professionals-** [link](#)

**MJA Podcasts

- [Episode 10: Smoking and pancreatic cancer, with Dr Maarit Laaksonen](#)
- [Episode 11: Identifying cultural heritage, with Dr David Morgan and Ms Tania Harris](#)

**NPS MedicineWise

- **WEBINAR Anxiety disorders: use of evidence-based treatments**
Thurs 11th April 2019 7-8pm AEST - [link](#)

**NSW Health

- **The Cancer Institute NSW is inviting clinicians from across NSW Health services to participate in a Clinical Reference Group(CRG) for the Smoking Cessation Framework: eMR Enhancement Project (Stage 1 – Scoping). The role of the CRG is to recommend updates to the eMR system to support smoking cessation interventions. Email: louise.ross@health.nsw.gov.au by 29 March 2019 if interested.**

**SLHD Centre for Education and Workforce Development - Pain Management 2 day Workshop 2019, 17-18 June 2019, Concord Hospital, register [here](#)

**The Australian Institute of Health Innovation (AIHI) Macquarie University – Seminar Series

- 18th March 2019, 12-1pm, [The Use of Digital Resources by the Ageing Generation](#)
- 11th April 2019, 12-1pm, [Going back to Parsons: The GI-factor in Patient Safety](#)
- 2nd May 2019, 12-1pm, [Conflict of interest in the Canadian healthcare system](#)

**The University of Sydney

- **Putting Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Skills into Practice (webinar training program (7 sessions))** - [link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

(New additions listed in TAGMail - click [here](#) for the running list of other events)

**ACI Intellectual Disability Health Network Annual Forum

5th April 2019, 08:45 – 15:00, Kirribilli Club, Milson's Point (Sydney) - [register](#)

**ACI & Intellectual Disability Health Network - Transition from Paediatric to Adult Health Services (focused on young people with intellectual disability and mental health issues)

11th April 2019, 0845 – 1500, Kirribilli Club, Milson's Point (Sydney) - [register](#)

**Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) 2019 Annual Conference

1 – 4 December 2019, Monash University, Melbourne - [link](#)

CONSULTATIONS (new additions in bold)

**Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC)

- National Clinical Trials Governance Framework Consultation - closes 22 March 2019 - [link](#)

- [Consultation](#) on the draft Cataract Clinical Care Standard – closes 5 April 2019 - [link](#)

**CEC

- DRAFT: [Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism Policy Directive](#) - closes 28 March 2019

**Pharmacy Board of Australia

- [Discussion paper](#) - Public and stakeholder feedback on pharmacist prescribing – closes 15th April 2019

**TGA

- [Consultation](#): Reforms to the generic medicine market authorisation process – closes 21 March 2019

- [Consultation](#): Whether the TGA should publish that a prescription medicine is under evaluation – closes 29 March 2019

- [Consultation](#): Proposed criteria for Appendix M of the Poisons Standard to support rescheduling of substances from Schedule 4 (Prescription only) to Schedule 3 (Pharmacist only) - Closes 1 April 2019

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

****Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC)**

- Certification framework for digital mental health services - [link](#)

****Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)**

- Child protection Australia 2017–18 - [link](#)
- The views of children and young people in out-of-home care: overview of indicator results from second national survey, 2018 - [link](#)
- Insights into vulnerabilities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 and over—in brief - [link](#)

****Cognitive Decline Partnership Centre**

- Clinical practice guidelines and principles of care for people with dementia - [link](#)
- Diagnosis, treatment and care for people with dementia: [A consumer companion guide](#)

****NSW Health Intranet**

- Influenza Vaccination Provider Toolkit - [link](#)
- NSW Health Data Governance Framework - [link](#)

****PBS**

- Direct-acting Antivirals for Hepatitis C Outcome Statement - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

****Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA**

- Improving Access to and Usability of Systematic Review Data for Health Systems Guidelines Development - [link](#)
- Using electronic health records to identify adverse drug events in ambulatory care: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Prescribing in 2019: what are the safety concerns? - [link](#)
- Unintended patient safety risks due to wireless smart infusion pump library update delays - [link](#)

****Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health**

- Inhaled Corticosteroids for Cystic Fibrosis: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness - [link](#)

****Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA**

- New drug approvals
- Dupixent® ([dupilumab](#)) for moderate-to-severe Atopic Dermatitis in Adolescents
- [Atezolizumab](#) (Tecentriq, Genentech/Roche) plus the chemotherapy nab-paclitaxel (Abraxane, Celgene) for the first-line treatment of unresectable locally advanced or metastatic, PD-L1-positive triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC).
- [Netarsudil and latanoprost](#) ophthalmic solution (Rocklatan™) to decrease elevated intraocular pressure (IOP) in patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension

****NHS England**

- [Guidance document](#): Rescheduling of Gabapentin and Pregabalin as Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs
- NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Guidance for the initial management of self presenters from incidents involving hazardous materials - [link](#)

****National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK**

- Tisagenlecleucel for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma after 2 or more systemic therapies (guidance) [TA567](#)

****National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)**

- NIHR Signals

--Antimicrobial stewardship programmes reduce antibiotic use in long-term care homes - [link](#)

**Scottish Intercollegiate Guideline Network (SIGN) UK

- Risk reduction and management of delirium - [link](#)

**The King's Fund (UK)

- Public satisfaction with the NHS and social care in 2018: Results from the British Social Attitudes survey - [link](#)

- Payments and contracting for integrated care: The false promise of the self-improving health system - [link](#)

- Primary care networks explained - [link](#)

** World Health Organisation (WHO)

- WHO launches new global influenza strategy - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

**electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs

-- Entyvio™ ([vedolizumab](#)): should be discontinued by week 10 in patients with ulcerative colitis and week 14 in patients with Crohn's disease if no evidence of therapeutic \. Herpes zoster added as an uncommon adverse effect.

-- Remicade ([infliximab](#)): now includes acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) as a rare adverse effect.

**Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA

Medication Safety Alert! [March 14, 2019](#)

- ISMP Calls on FDA – No More Syringes for Vinca Alkaloids!

- Top 10 Tips for keeping pets safe around human medications

- Neuromuscular blocker storage

- Diluent given without vancomycin

- Package insert mistaken as label

** New safety information from Astra Zeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim and Merck Sharpe & Dohme distributed to Healthcare Professionals 25 February 2019: Risk of necrotising fasciitis of the perineum (Fournier's gangrene) with SGLT2 inhibitors.

(This letter was forwarded to TAG members - formal communication from TGA not currently available)

**Specialist Pharmacy Services

- New Product Evaluations [February 2019](#): abemaciclib; acalabrutinib, adstiladri, axicabtagene ciloleucel, bevacizumab, BIIB092, buprenorphine depot (Buvidal), cabozantinib, dabrafenib, daratumumab, dexmedetomidine, dovirine, encorafenib, esketamine, eslicarbamazepine, lenalidomide, LY-900014 (ultra-rapid lispro), nivolumab, pembrolizumab, pioglitazone, relatimab, rivaroxaban, romiplostim, ropeginterferon alfa-2B, sacubitril valsartan, tisagenlecleucel, tofacitinib, venetoclax.

- Medicines Use and Safety Update [March 2019](#)

**TGA

- [Safety advisory – Morphine Sulfate Injection BP 30 mg in 1 mL ampoule: Section 19A product not for epidural or intrathecal use](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Journal of Addiction Medicine

- Patient-centered Outcomes in Participants of a Buprenorphine Monthly Depot (BUP-XR) Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter, Phase 3 Study - [link](#)

**Arthritis and Rheumatology

- Chronic Opioid Use in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Prevalence and Predictors - [link](#)

- **American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)
 - Novel tool supports appropriate outpatient antimicrobial use - [link](#)
 - Midostaurin for the management of FLT3-mutated acute myeloid leukemia and advanced systemic mastocytosis - [link](#)
 - Low-dose corticosteroids in septic shock: Has the pendulum shifted? - [link](#)
 - Impact of a pharmacist-driven education initiative on treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria - [link](#)
 - The effect of an interprofessional pain service on nonmalignant pain control - [link](#)
- **Annals of Internal Medicine
 - Dual Receipt of Prescription Opioids from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Medicare Part D and Prescription Opioid Overdose Death Among Veterans: A Nested Case–Control Study - [link](#)
- **British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
 - Relationship between allograft cyclosporin concentrations and P-glycoprotein expression in the 1st month following renal transplantation - [link](#)
- **British Journal of General Practice
 - Patients' understanding of cellulitis and their information needs: a mixed-methods study in primary and secondary care - [link](#)
- **British Medical Journal (BMJ)
 - Use of postmenopausal hormone therapy and risk of Alzheimer's disease in Finland: nationwide case-control study - [link](#)
 - Joint association of urinary sodium and potassium excretion with cardiovascular events and mortality: prospective cohort study - [link](#)
- **BMJ Heart
 - Proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin 9 inhibitors in reducing cardiovascular outcomes: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- **BMJ Quality and Safety
 - Relationship between nursing home quality indicators and potentially preventable hospitalisation - [link](#)
 - Development and performance evaluation of the Medicines Optimisation Assessment Tool (MOAT): a prognostic model to target hospital pharmacists' input to prevent medication-related problems - [link](#)
- **Circulation
 - Stroke Outcomes in the COMPASS Trial - [link](#)
 - Anti-Inflammatory Therapy with Canakinumab for the Prevention of Hospitalization for Heart Failure - [link](#)
- **Cochrane
 - Probiotics to prevent infantile colic - [link](#)
 - Early and late adverse renal effects after potentially nephrotoxic treatment for childhood cancer - [link](#)
 - Once daily long-acting beta2-agonists and long-acting muscarinic antagonists in a combined inhaler versus placebo for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - [link](#)
- ** Diabetes Care
 - Underuse of Medications and Lifestyle Counseling to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease in Patients with Diabetes - [link](#)
 - Efficacy and Safety of Empagliflozin in Renal Transplant Recipients with Post transplant Diabetes Mellitus - [link](#)
- **Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism

- Effect of SGLT2 inhibitors on cardiovascular, renal and safety outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and chronic kidney disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)

****European Heart Journal**

- Pretreatment with P2Y12 receptor antagonists in ST-elevation myocardial infarction: a report from the Swedish Coronary Angiography and Angioplasty Registry - [link](#)
- Febuxostat for Cerebral and CaRdiorenovascular Events PrEvEntion StuDY - [link](#)

****European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**

- The impact of implementing a pharmacy technician role as part of a nursing team in an acute admissions unit - [link](#)

****International Journal of Clinical Practice**

- Risk of cutaneous adverse reactions associated with allopurinol or febuxostat in real-world patients: A nationwide study - [link](#)

****International Journal for Quality in Health Care**

- A cluster randomised controlled feasibility study of nurse-initiated behavioural strategies to manage interruptions during medication administration - [link](#)

****JAMA**

- Association of Tramadol with All-Cause Mortality among Patients with Osteoarthritis - [link](#)

****JAMA Dermatology**

- Non-melanoma Skin Cancer Frequency and Risk Factors in Australian Heart and Lung Transplant Recipients - [link](#)

****JAMA Facial Plastic Surgery**

- Assessment of Persistent and Prolonged Postoperative Opioid Use among Patients Undergoing Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery - [link](#)

****JAMA Internal Medicine**

- Patient Outcomes after Hospital Discharge to Home with Home Health Care vs to a Skilled Nursing Facility - [link](#)

****JAMA Network Open**

- Combined Association of Body Mass Index and Alcohol Consumption With Biomarkers for Liver Injury and Incidence of Liver Disease - A Mendelian Randomization Study - [link](#)
- Assessment of Risk of Harm Associated with Intensive Blood Pressure Management among Patients with Hypertension Who Smoke - A Secondary Analysis of the Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial - [link](#)

****JAMIA (Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association)**

- Can lay-people identify a drug-induced QT interval prolongation? A psychophysical and eye-tracking experiment examining the ability of non-experts to interpret an ECG - [link](#)
- Disconnected: a survey of users and nonusers of telehealth and their use of primary care - [link](#)
- Novel displays of patient information in critical care settings: a systematic review - [link](#)

****Journal of the American College of Cardiology**

- Effects of Sacubitril/Valsartan on Biomarkers of Extracellular Matrix Regulation in Patients With HFREF - [link](#)
- Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Duration Based on Ischemic and Bleeding Risks after Coronary Stenting - [link](#)

****Journal of the Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association**

- Going digital: a checklist in preparing for hospital-wide electronic medical record implementation and digital transformation - [link](#)
- Model for integrated care for chronic disease in the Australian context: Western Sydney Integrated Care Program - [link](#)

- Failure to access prescribed pharmaceuticals by older patients with chronic conditions - [link](#)
- Readmissions following hospitalisations for cardiovascular disease: a scoping review of the Australian literature - [link](#)

****Journal of Patient Safety**

- “I Am Administering Medication—Please Do Not Interrupt Me”: Red Tabards Preventing Interruptions as Perceived by Surgical Patients - [link](#)

****Journal of Patient Safety and Risk Management**

- Engineering a foundation for partnership to improve medication safety during care transitions - [link](#)
- ‘You feel like you haven’t got any control’: A qualitative study of side effects from medicines - [link](#)
- High-risk medications identified from the Danish Patient Safety Database and the challenge of dissemination - [link](#)

****Lancet**

- Management of epilepsy in women - [link](#)
- Heart failure drug treatment - [link](#)
- Efficacy and safety of intravenous ceftriaxone at home versus intravenous flucloxacillin in hospital for children with cellulitis (CHOICE): a single-centre, open-label, randomised, controlled, non-inferiority trial - [link](#)
- A mobile device application to reduce medication errors and time to drug delivery during simulated paediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation: a multicentre, randomised, controlled, crossover trial - [link](#)

****Medical Journal of Australia**

- Deprescribing cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine in dementia: guideline summary - [link](#)
- Identifying the cultural heritage of patients during clinical handover and in hospital medical records - [link](#)
- Seroprevalence of Q fever among metropolitan and non-metropolitan blood donors in New South Wales and Queensland, 2014–2015 - [link](#)
- The burden of pancreatic cancer in Australia attributable to smoking - [link](#)

****New England Journal of Medicine**

- A Trial of a Shorter Regimen for Rifampin-Resistant Tuberculosis - [link](#)
- Randomized Trial of Four Treatment Approaches for Actinic Keratosis - [link](#)

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