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TAG Mail 2020 (January - June)

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

TAG Mail – 23 April 2020

COVID-19 RESOURCES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Please see the [cumulative](#) listing for COVID-19 resources included in last week's TAG Mail

AUSTRALIAN

ACSQHC

- COVID-19 Medicines management: Position statements on medicine-related issues - [link](#)
- Potential medicines to treat COVID-19 - [link](#)

AHHA

- From the Frontline Virtual Conference: Virtual care and telehealth in action, a COVID-19 Special Event, 24 April 2020 9:00-16:00 - [link](#)

CEC

- COVID-19 medication related issues including Clinician Information about experimental medicines, and weekly medication shortage updates - [link](#)

CSANZ

- Position statement: Optimising Secondary Prevention and Cardiac Rehabilitation for Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease During the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)
- Position Statement: The Evaluation of Patients Presenting With Suspected Acute Coronary Syndromes during the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)

Department of Health

- Factsheets summarising the interim arrangement for e-prescribing to support telehealth are available for [prescribers](#), [pharmacists](#) and [consumers](#)

NCCET (National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce)

- Section 5: Antivirals and other disease modifying treatments - [link](#)
- Management of patients with suspected mild COVID-19 - [link](#)

NSW Health

- Image-based prescriptions - [link](#)
- COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit Updates – [link](#)

Pharmacy Board AHPRA

- No place for racism in healthcare - [link](#)
- COVID-19 update for preceptors - [link](#)
- COVID-19 update for interns - [link](#)

Purple Pen Podcast

- PPP096 - The ICU Pharmacist and COVID-19 - [link](#)

Pharmacy Programs Administrator

- COVID-19 Home Medicines Service March 2020 - [link](#)

SHPA

- COVID-19 member discussion forum items this week include:
 - Managing mental health during COVID-19 – AJP.com.au webinar - [link](#)
 - List of medications that can be safely given by gravity - [link](#)
 - UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues COVID-19 Statement
 - Iodine gargle for patients to use prior to surgery, formulation and expiry
 - Telehealth option for medication reviews from 21 April 2020
 - Regular medication list and Medication reconciliation
 - Clozapine clinics and COVID
 - Resources specific to clinical trials during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - ICU medications in COVID

TGA

- Post market review of COVID-19 point-of-care tests - [link](#)
- Information for clinicians on ventilators and alternative strategies when in short supply during COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Advice on surgical masks and gowns during COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Regulation of Personal Protective Equipment and COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Reuse of face masks and gowns during the COVID-19 pandemic - [link](#)

INTERNATIONAL

ICMRA

- Meeting highlights: COVID-19 Real-World Evidence and Observational studies - [link](#)

WHO

- World stats map - [link](#)
- COVID-19 Strategy Update - [link](#)
- Infodemic management: a key component of the COVID-19 global response - [link](#)

Canada

Health Canada-MedEffect

- Clinical management support: Known interference between Hemlibra® (emicizumab injection) and lab assays used to diagnose coagulopathy / DIC caused by COVID-19 infection - [link](#)

Europe

EMA

- Treatments and vaccines for COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Public-health advice during COVID-19 pandemic - [link](#)

UK

CEBM

- COVID 19 – Masks on or off? - [link](#)
- What conditions could we prioritise in the primary care setting to reduce non-COVID-related admissions to hospital? - [link](#)

Intensive Care Society

- Intensive Care Society: Wellbeing Resource Library - [link](#)

NHS England (incl [SPS](#))

- Preparation of injectable medicines at the ITU bedside: quick reference guides - [link](#)
- Administration of depot antipsychotic injections during COVID-19 in stable adult patients - [link](#)
- Options for the Provision of Ready to Administer IVs to Support Clinical Areas – COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Can breastfeeding mothers if infected with COVID-19 take paracetamol or paracetamol combination products? - [link](#)
- Specialty guide: Clinical guide for acute kidney injury in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 outside the intensive care unit during the coronavirus pandemic - [link](#)

- Acute use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in people with or at risk of COVID-19 - [link](#)

Royal College of Physicians

- Using NEWS2 score and deterioration in COVID-19 - [link](#)

USA

- Smart Strategies for Managing COVID-19 Smart Pump Shortages - [link](#)

ASHP

- Webinar: COVID-19 Pharmacy Response in Southeastern Michigan: Lessons Learned in Managing the Supply Chain and Pharmacy Operations, Friday, April 24, 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET - [link](#)

- ASHP discussion forum ([Sign up](#) for free): Some recent topics of discussion: Protocol for off-label hydroxychloroquine use outside of a clinical trial; Ambulatory telehealth services; Cisatracurium Infusion; Conserving MDIs; IV infusion pumps kept outside of patient rooms; Pyxis in COVID ICU; and more

ISMP - COVID-19 Medication Safety Resource Page - [link](#)

- MSOS discussion forum ([Sign up](#) for free): Some recent topics of discussion: Pediatric medication; IV bolus administration rate; Standard administration times; Hydroxychloroquine and amiodarone; COVID pts hypercoagulable – heparin dosing adjustments; and others

- Need to Adjust ADC Procedures, Standardize Critical Care Infusions During Pandemic - [link](#)

- Medication Safety Alert! [April 16, 2020](#) includes:

-- Considerations for Automated Dispensing Cabinet (ADC) Usage During COVID-19

-- Need for standardizing critical care drug infusions has never been greater

-- Poisoning risk increases as children are home around the clock

-- IV push of antibiotics to conserve pumps, administration sets

- Medication Safety Alert! [April 23, 2020](#) includes:

-- Error-Prone Dose Expression on Label of Unapproved Drug, Ascorbic Acid, from Mylan

-- Highlights of a Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity webinar on insights from two health systems impacted by COVID-19

-- COVID-19 Collaboration: Tripping on extension tubing, Identifying QT-prolonging drugs, Decontamination of N95 respirators, Warn patients not to take ivermectin for animals, FDA management of drug shortages

NIH

- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Treatment Guidelines - [link](#)

WHO

- Addressing Human Rights as Key to the COVID-19 Response - [link](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Am J Perinatology

- Corticosteroid Guidance for Pregnancy during COVID-19 Pandemic – [link](#)

Ann Intern Med

- Letter: SARS-CoV-2 Isolation from Ocular Secretions of a Patient With COVID-19 in Italy With Prolonged Viral RNA Detection - [link](#)

Australian Prescriber

- [Editorial](#): Ethical prescribing, hydroxychloroquine and COVID-19 (podcast [Episode 77](#))

BJCP

- Dosing will be a key success factor in repurposing antivirals for COVID-19 - [link](#)

BMJ

- Viral load dynamics and disease severity in patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 in Zhejiang province, China, January-March 2020: retrospective cohort study - [link](#)

- What organisations around the world are doing to help improve doctors' wellbeing - [link](#)

- Editorial: Clinical features of COVID-19 - [link](#)

Circulation

- The Science Underlying COVID-19: Implications for the Cardiovascular System - [link](#)
- Description and Proposed Management of the Acute COVID-19 Cardiovascular Syndrome - [link](#)
- Primary and Secondary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in the Era of the Coronavirus Pandemic - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Personal protective equipment for preventing highly infectious diseases due to exposure to contaminated body fluids in healthcare staff - [link](#)
- COVID resources with special collections for healthcare workers - [link](#)
- Barriers and facilitators to healthcare workers' adherence with infection prevention and control (IPC) guidelines for respiratory infectious diseases: a rapid qualitative evidence synthesis - [link](#)

JAMA

- Care for Critically Ill Patients With COVID-19 - [link](#)

JAMA Pediatrics

- Cultivating Deliberate Resilience during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic - [link](#)

JIAS

- Systematic review of the efficacy and safety of antiretroviral drugs against SARS, MERS or COVID-19: initial assessment - [link](#)

J Pall Med

- Emergency Palliative Care Planning and Support in a COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)

Lancet

- SARS-CoV-2 and viral sepsis: observations and hypotheses - [link](#)

Lancet Resp Med

- Hydroxychloroquine in the management of critically ill patients with COVID-19: the need for an evidence base - [link](#)
- Comment: ADHD management during the COVID-19 pandemic: guidance from the European ADHD Guidelines Group - [link](#)

Thrombosis and Haemostasis

- COVID-19-Related Severe Hypercoagulability in Patients Admitted to Intensive Care Unit for Acute Respiratory Failure - [link](#)
- Prevention and Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 Infection: A Consensus Statement before Guidelines - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

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

- NSQHS Standards User Guide for Medication Management in Cancer Care - [link](#)
- NSQHS Standards User Guide for Medication Management in Cancer Care for clinicians - [link](#)
- Fact sheet on Clinical Governance for pharmacists in cancer care - [link](#)
- Fact sheet on Clinical Governance for medical oncologists and haematologists in cancer care - [link](#)
- Fact sheet on Clinical Governance for nurses in cancer care - [link](#)
- Fact sheet on Clinical Governance for managers and clinician managers in cancer care - [link](#)
- What to expect when receiving medication for cancer care - [link](#)
- National Infection Control Guidance Non-tuberculous Mycobacterium associated with heater cooler devices updated - [link](#)

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Patterns of health service use by people with dementia in their last year of life: New South Wales and Victoria - [link](#)
- Alcohol, tobacco & other drugs in Australia - [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- Recognition and management of patients who are deteriorating - [link](#)
- Childhood Overweight and Obesity Detailed Data Report – [link](#)

PSA

- Revised Guidelines for Comprehensive Medication Management Reviews - [link](#)

TGA

- Improved Consumer Medicine Information template – [link](#)
- Changes to the Permissible Ingredients Determination – [link](#)
- Database of section 19A approvals to import & supply medicines to address medicine shortages – [link](#)
- Recent additions to ARTG:
 - [Mylotarg®](#) (gemtuzumab ozogamicin) for combination therapy with standard anthracycline and cytarabine (AraC) for the treatment of patients age 15 years and above with previously untreated, de novo CD33-positive acute myeloid leukaemia (AML), except acute promyelocytic leukaemia (APL).

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- Treatment of Depression in Children and Adolescents - [link](#)
- Opioid Treatments for Chronic Pain - [link](#)
- Non-opioid Pharmacologic Treatments for Chronic Pain - [link](#)
- Noninvasive Non-pharmacological Treatment for Chronic Pain - [link](#)
- Exploring the association between organizational culture and large-scale adverse events: evidence from the Veterans Health Administration - [link](#)
- Discrepancies in written versus calculated durations in opioid prescriptions: pre-post study - [link](#)
- Interventions designed to improve the safety and quality of therapeutic anticoagulation in an inpatient electronic medical record - [link](#)
- Clinical and economic impact of medication reconciliation in cancer patients: a systematic review – [link](#)

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)

- Creatinine and Urea Point of Care Testing for Patients with Suspected Renal Failure: Clinical Utility, Cost-Effectiveness and Guidelines - [link](#)

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Otezla® (apremilast) updated with licence extension of treatment of adult patients with oral ulcers associated with Behçet's disease (BD) - [link](#)
- RoActemra® (tocilizumab) now licensed for active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis and juvenile idiopathic polyarthritis in patients 12 years of age and older - [link](#)
- Gamunex® (human normal immunoglobulin) - now includes detail for treatment of severe acute exacerbations of myasthenia gravis as a new licensed indication - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- New Drug approvals
 - Tukysa® (tucatinib) for advanced unresectable or metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer - [link](#)
 - Pemazyre® (Pemigatinib) for unresectable locally advanced or metastatic cholangiocarcinoma in previously treated patients with a fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2) fusion - [link](#)
 - Jelmyto® (mitomycin gel) for low-grade upper tract urothelial cancer - [link](#)

Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand

- Quality improvement toolkit – [link](#)

The National Academies Press

- Exploring Novel Clinical Trial Designs for Gene-Based Therapies. Proceedings of a Workshop (2020) - [link](#)

World Health Organisation (WHO)

- Guideline on use of ferritin concentrations to assess iron status in individuals and populations - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- Lonsurf® (trifluridine and tipiracil) now includes information on dosing, monitoring and the safety profile in patients with severe renal impairment - [link](#)
- Kymriah® (tisagenlecleucel) - revised to advise that in management of cytokine release syndrome linked to Kymriah®, the treatment centre should have access to additional doses of tocilizumab within 8 hours - [link](#)
- Alecensa® (alectinib) cases of GI perforations reported in patients at increased risk (e.g. history of diverticulitis, metastases to the GI tract) - [link](#)
- Esmeron® (rocuronium bromide) Kounis syndrome now listed as an adverse effect with unknown frequency - [link](#)
- Avamys® (fluticasone furoate) now includes bronchospasm and dyspnoea as adverse effects - [link](#)
- Fragmin® (dalteparin) now states long term treatment with heparin has been associated with a risk of osteoporosis - [link](#)
- Fyremadel® (ganirelix) injection - now details that hypersensitivity reactions (very rare) including rash, facial swelling, dyspnoea, anaphylaxis, anaphylactic shock, angioedema and urticaria – [link](#)

EMA

- Picato's (ingenol mebutate) risks are greater than its benefits - withdrawn - [link](#)

Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA

- [Action Agendas-Acute Care](#) (January - March 2020)

Specialist Pharmacy Service

- In use product safety assessment report for infliximab biosimilars - [update](#)
This assessment summarises practical in-use safety considerations associated with the use of infliximab products. The updated document now includes Remsima subcutaneous and Zessly® in addition to Flixabi®, Inflectra® and Remsima® intravenous.

TGA

- Dark Horse capsules - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- Long-term stability of ready-to-use 1-mg/mL midazolam solution - [link](#)
- Assessment of burnout within a health-system pharmacy department - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Clinical Decision Making: Weighing Evidence to Inform Clinical Decisions - [link](#)

Arthritis and Rheumatology

- Biologics may prevent cardiovascular events in rheumatoid arthritis by inhibiting coronary plaque formation and stabilizing high-risk lesions - [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Unexpected overdose blood concentration of tacrolimus: Keep in mind the role of inflammation - [link](#)
- The problem of look-alike, sound-alike name errors: Drivers and solutions - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Bridging the quality gap in diagnosis and treatment of malaria - [link](#)

Clinics in Geriatric Medicine

- Management of Inpatient Hyperglycemia and Diabetes in Older Adults - [link](#)
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for acute low back pain - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Clonazepam add-on therapy for drug-resistant epilepsy - [link](#)

Diabetes Care

- Use of Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists and Risk of Serious Renal Events: Scandinavian Cohort Study - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- [Automation of in-hospital pharmacy dispensing: a systematic review - link](#)

Human Resources for Health

- Interventions to improve team effectiveness within health care: a systematic review of the past decade – [link](#)

International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy

- A scoping review of polypharmacy interventions in patients with stroke, heart disease and diabetes - [link](#)
- Antibiotic de-escalation on internal medicine services with rounding pharmacists compared to services without - [link](#)

JAMA

- Effect of Intravenous Zoledronic Acid on Tibiofemoral Cartilage Volume among Patients with Knee Osteoarthritis with Bone Marrow Lesions: A Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)
- Prevalence and Outcomes of Infection among Patients in Intensive Care Units in 2017 - [link](#)
- JAMA insights: Tinnitus - [link](#)
- Diagnosis and Treatment of *Clostridioides (Clostridium) difficile* Infection in Adults in 2020 - [link](#)

Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management

- Pretreatment with Nalbuphine Prevents Sufentanil-Induced Cough during the Anesthesia Induction: A Randomized Controlled Trial - [link](#)

Thorax

- British Thoracic Society guideline for the use of long-term macrolides in adults with respiratory disease – [link](#) – with SPS commentary - [link](#)

TAG Mail – 16 April 2020

COVID-19 RESOURCES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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AUSTRALIAN

ACI

- High-risk therapies: Aerosol generating respiratory therapies - Nebulisers - [link](#)

Australian Diabetes Society (ADS)

- ADS Communique for Diabetes Health Professionals regarding COVID-19 pandemic - [link](#)

AMA

- COVID-19 Fact files: COVID-19 Pharmacologic Treatment - [link](#)

CEC

- Fact sheet: Off-label use of hydroxychloroquine in COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Fact sheet: Off-label use of lopinavir-ritonavir (Kaletra) in COVID-19 - [link](#)

NPS MedicineWise

- Episode 75 – Australian Prescriber and COVID-19 podcast - [link](#)

NSW Health

- Hand sanitiser safety and children - [link](#)
- Vaccinate on time to prevent childhood illness - [link](#)
- Jobs [portal](#) to fast track health recruitment – expressions of interest - [link](#)

RACGP

- COVID-19 infection-control principles - [link](#)
- Diabetes management during the coronavirus pandemic: Be proactive and prepared - [link](#)

SHPA

- COVID-19 member forum – now open to all healthcare professionals (Non-SHPA member health professionals interested in joining the forum should email shpa@shpa.org.au). Some recent topics of discussion include:
 - Medication, Fluid and Electrolyte Usage in COVID-19 patients
 - Partnered charting as part of business continuity plan
 - Managing volume of Covid-19 emails
 - Cophenylcaine and other such multi use products
 - Extended expiry infusions in the Intensive Care Unit

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine

- COVID 2020 Communiqué, Volume 7, Issue 1 - [link](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Canada

CADTH

- SARS-CoV-2 Longevity on and Transmission via Materials: Evidence - [link](#)

Europe

EMA

- Global regulators stress need for robust evidence on COVID-19 treatments - [link](#)

UK

BSH

- Guidance on B12 supplements during COVID pandemic - [link](#)

Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine (CEBM)

- Oxford COVID-19 Evidence Service - [link](#)
- [Lopinavir/ritonavir](#): A rapid review of effectiveness in COVID-19
- [Hydroxychloroquine](#) for COVID-19: What do the clinical trials tell us?
- [N-acetylcysteine](#): A rapid review of the evidence for effectiveness in treating COVID-19

GOV.UK

- Guidance for stepdown of infection control precautions within hospitals and discharging COVID-19 patients from hospital to home settings – [link](#)

NHS England (SPS)

- Preparation of injectable medicines at the ITU bedside: quick reference guides - [link](#)
- Mixing critical care injectable medicines together in a syringe during COVID-19 – [link](#)
- Clinical guide for the management of anticoagulant services during the coronavirus pandemic - [link](#)
- Clinical guide for the management of people with alcohol dependence during the coronavirus pandemic - [link](#)
- Clinical guide for the management of critical care for adults with COVID-19 during the coronavirus pandemic - [link](#)
- Ibuprofen and coronavirus (COVID-19) - [link](#)
- Can breastfeeding mothers take paracetamol or paracetamol combination products? - [link](#)

NHS Scotland

- Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for primary care: Management of patients in primary care Including general dental practice, general medical practice, optometry and pharmacy. [Version 11](#), Publication date: 11 April 2020

NICE

- COVID-19 rapid evidence summary: acute use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for people with or at risk of COVID-19 – [ES23](#)
- COVID-19 rapid guidelines: community-based care of patients with COPD [[NG168](#)]; dermatological conditions treated with drugs affecting the immune response [[NG169](#)]; cystic fibrosis [[NG170](#)]

Royal College of Physicians

- Ethical guidance published for frontline staff dealing with pandemic - [link](#)

Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection in Pregnancy. Information for healthcare professionals [Version 7](#): Published Thursday 9 April 2020

The King's Fund

- Responding to stress experienced by hospital staff working with Covid-19 - [link](#)

USA

American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Resource [Hub](#)

- Updated 4/15/2020: Assessment of Evidence for COVID-19-Related Treatments - [link](#)
- ASHP discussion forum ([Sign up](#) to for free). Some recent topics of discussion:
-- Prophylactic Use of HCQ in high risk population, Evidence?
-- Any experience with tocilizumab use pre-ICU/intubation?
--Therapeutic dose anticoagulation in COVID
-- Discharging patient with their inpatient albuterol inhaler?

Arizona Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics (AzCERT)

- Free QT risk assessment decision support for safe prescribing - [MedSafety Scan](#)

ISMP

- COVID-19 Medication Safety Resource Page - [link](#)
- Considerations for Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADC) usage during COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Medication Safety Officers Society (MSOS): Webcast on Infusion Therapy during COVID - [link](#)
- MSOS discussion forum ([Sign up](#) to for free). Some recent topics of discussion:
-- Avoiding specified products in ADCs
-- Time Critical Scheduled Medications
-- IDCs/Dual Sign Off during COVID pandemic

Joint Commission

- Prerecorded [webinar](#) on preventing COVID-19 transmission in hospitals

National Academy of Medicine

- Resources to support the health and wellbeing of clinicians (and health workers) during the COVID-19 outbreak - [link](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy

- Evidence of burnout in critical care pharmacists - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Review: Diagnostic Testing for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome–Related Coronavirus-2: A Narrative Review - [link](#)
- Opinion: Community Pharmacists in Taiwan at the Frontline against the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic: Gatekeepers for the Rationing of Personal Protective Equipment - [link](#)
- Annals On Call - COVID-19: Is Chloroquine the Answer? - [link](#)

BMJ

- Editorial: Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine in covid-19 - [link](#)
- Face masks for the public during the covid-19 crisis - analysis [link](#) - editorial [link](#)

Circulation

- Considerations for Drug Interactions on QTc in Exploratory COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) Treatment - [link](#)
- COVID-19, Arrhythmic Risk and Inflammation: Mind the Gap! - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Quarantine alone or in combination with other public health measures to control COVID-19: a rapid review - [link](#)

Eur Resp J

- Managing the supportive care needs of those affected by COVID-19 - [link](#)

International Immunopharmacology

- The possible of immunotherapy for COVID-19: A systematic review - [link](#)

Mayo Clinic Proceedings

- Article in press: Urgent Guidance for Navigating and Circumventing the QTc-Prolonging and Torsadogenic Potential of Possible Pharmacotherapies for Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) - [link](#)

JAMA

- Oncology Practice During the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)
- Review: Pharmacologic Treatments for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - [link](#)
- Ensuring Access to Medications in the US during the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)

JAMA Network

- The Mental Health Consequences of COVID-19 and Physical Distancing. The Need for Prevention and Early Intervention - [link](#)

JAMA Neurology

- Editorial: The Spectrum of Neurologic Disease in the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Pandemic Infection Neurologists Move to the Frontlines - [link](#)

JAMA Psychiatry

- Joint International Collaboration to Combat Mental Health Challenges during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic - [link](#)

JAMIA

- Rapid Design and Implementation of an Integrated Patient Self-Triage and Self-Scheduling Tool for COVID-19 - [link](#)

J Thrombosis Haemostasis

- ISTH interim guidance on recognition and management of coagulopathy in COVID-19 - [link](#)

Lancet

- Attention should be paid to venous thromboembolism prophylaxis in the management of COVID-19 - [link](#)

Med Sci Monit

- Psychological impact and coping strategies of frontline medical staff in Hunan between January and March 2020 during the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Hubei, China - [link](#)

Med J Aust

- Isolation and rapid sharing of the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) from the first patient diagnosed with COVID-19 in Australia - [link](#)
- Editorial: SARS-CoV-2, the medical profession, ventilator beds, and mortality predictions: personal reflections of an Australian clinician – [link](#)
- Corticosteroid treatment of patients with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) - [link](#)

NEJM

- Compassionate Use of Remdesivir for Patients with Severe Covid-19 - [link](#)
- Perspective: Drug Evaluation during the Covid-19 Pandemic - [link](#)
- Audio Interview: Emerging Tools in the Fight against Covid-19 - [link](#)
- Journal Watch: Presymptomatic Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 - [link](#)

Pharmacotherapy

- Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine in the Era of SARS – CoV2: Caution on Their Cardiac Toxicity - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Understanding how people with dementia use health services in their last year of life - [link](#)
- Patterns of health service used by people with dementia in their last year of life: new South Wales and Victoria - [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- Influenza Surveillance Reports 2020 – [March](#), [February](#), [January](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- ASA-AAOS Pain Alleviation Toolkit - [link](#)
- Information transfer at hospital discharge: a systematic review - [link](#)
- The effects of harm events on 30-day readmission in surgical patients - [link](#)
- Identifying safety hazards associated with intravenous vancomycin through the analysis of patient safety event reports - [link](#) (IV Vancomycin Safety Assessment [Tool](#))

European Association for Hospital Pharmacists

- 2019 Medicines Shortages Report - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- New Drug approvals
- selumetinib (Koselugo) to treat neurofibromatosis type 1, a genetic disorder of the nervous system causing tumors to grow on nerves - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- Tagrisso® ([osimertinib](#)): Erythema multiforme added as a new adverse drug reaction
- Madopar® ([levodopa/benserazide](#)): warning changed to capsules should be taken 30 min before or one hour after meals
- Ozempic® ([semaglutide](#)): lists acute pancreatitis as uncommon adverse event, and notes that diabetic ketoacidosis has been reported in insulin-dependent patients whom had rapid discontinuation or dose reduction of insulin when treatment with a GLP-1 receptor agonist is started
- Revatio® ([sildenafil](#)): outside its authorised indications, sildenafil should not be used in neonates with persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn as risks outweigh the benefits. Sildenafil is not licensed for use in patients <1 year.
- Kisqali® ([ribociclib](#)): toxic epidermal necrolysis has been reported with use. If signs and symptoms suggestive of severe cutaneous reactions (e.g. progressive widespread skin rash often with blisters or mucosal lesions) appear, it should be discontinued immediately.

TGA

- Gentamicin Injection USP 10 mg/mL (20 mg/2 mL) (Teligent OU) Safety Advisory - alternative product for shortage may cause airway constriction if administered via inhalation - [link](#)
- Seven Day Slim Capsules - pose a serious risk to your health and should not be taken - [link](#)
- Vigour 800 tablets - Safety Advisory - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Editorial: Electronic Consultations: Complexities and Promise - [link](#)
- Letter: Rivaroxaban Plasma Levels and Levetiracetam: A Case Report - [link](#)

Australian Health Review

- Trends in opioid prescribing in Australia: a systematic review - [link](#)

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Impact of multidisciplinary team huddles on patient safety: a systematic review and proposed taxonomy - [link](#)
- Prevalence of harmful diagnostic errors in hospitalised adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Use of electronic medical records in development and validation of risk prediction models of hospital readmission: systematic review - [link](#)
- Prediction models for diagnosis and prognosis of covid-19 infection: systematic review and critical appraisal - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Omega-3 fatty acid supplementation for cystic fibrosis - [link](#)
- Clonidine for pain in non-ventilated infants - [link](#)
- Taxation of unprocessed sugar or sugar-added foods for reducing their consumption and preventing obesity or other adverse health outcomes - [link](#)
- How does higher-dose compare with lower-dose vitamin D supplementation for women during pregnancy? - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- Assessment of initial vancomycin trough levels and risk factors of vancomycin-induced nephrotoxicity in neonates - [link](#)
- Letter: Two methods for therapeutic drug monitoring of voriconazole: act according to circumstances - [link](#)

International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy

- The impact of a computerised decision support system on antibiotic usage in an English hospital - [link](#)
- Effects of generic exchange of solid oral dosage forms in neurological disorders: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Aromatase inhibitors associated osteonecrosis of jaw: signal refining to identify pseudo safety signals - [link](#)

JAMA

- Effect of Preemptive Therapy vs Antiviral Prophylaxis on Cytomegalovirus Disease in Seronegative Liver Transplant Recipients with Seropositive Donors: A Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

JAMA Neurology

- Effect of an Enhanced Paramedic Acute Stroke Treatment Assessment on Thrombolysis Delivery during Emergency Stroke Care a Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

JAMA Oncology

- Durvalumab With or Without Tremelimumab vs Standard Chemotherapy in First-line Treatment of Metastatic Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer The MYSTIC Phase 3 Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

JAMA Ophthalmology

- Trends in Antibiotic Resistance among Ocular Microorganisms in the United States From 2009 to 2018 - [link](#)

JAMA Pediatrics

- Potential Emerging Risks Among Children Following Parental Opioid-Related Overdose Death - [link](#)

JAMA Psychiatry

- Will Legalization and Commercialization of Cannabis Use Increase the Incidence and Prevalence of Psychosis? - [link](#)

JAMA Surgery

- Association Between Preoperative Metformin Exposure and Postoperative Outcomes in Adults with Type 2 Diabetes - [link](#)

JAMIA (Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association)

- A system uptake analysis and GUIDES checklist evaluation of the Electronic Asthma Management System: A point-of-care computerized clinical decision support system - [link](#)

Journal of the American Pharmacists Association

- Reducing high-risk medication use through pharmacist-led interventions in an outpatient setting - [link](#)

Journal of Palliative Medicine

- Pharmacokinetics of Subcutaneous Levetiracetam in Palliative Care Patients - [link](#)

Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR)

- Impact of proactive pharmacist-assisted warfarin management using an electronic medication management system in Australian hospitalised patients - [link](#)

Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal

- Screening Tools Used by Clinical Pharmacists to Identify Elderly Patients at Risk of Drug-Related Problems on Hospital Admission: A Systematic Review - [link](#)

- Cytochrome P450 (CYP450) Interactions Involving Atypical Antipsychotics are Common in Community-Dwelling Older Adults Treated for Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia - [link](#)

Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management

- Hypophosphatemia Associated with Intravenous Iron Therapies for Iron Deficiency Anemia: A Systematic Literature Review - [link](#)

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COVID-19 RESOURCES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

AUSTRALIAN

Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) COVID-19 [statements](#) 7/4/20:

- Advice on off-label medicines for treatment and prophylaxis of COVID-19
- Statement on healthcare worker use of PPE when caring for suspected, or confirmed COVID-19 patients
- Statement on home isolation
- Statement on organ donation and transplantation during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Statement on rapid point of care lateral flow devices to detect antibodies to SARS-COV-2

AHPRA - returns over 40,000 health practitioners to the temporary pandemic response sub-register to support our critical health workforce during the emergency – [link](#)

Australian Government - Modelling how COVID-19 could affect Australia - [link](#)

Australian and New Zealand Association of Paediatric Surgeons Inc.-COVID-19 Guidelines for Paediatric Surgery (6/4/20) - [link](#)

CEC

-- Information for Clinicians and Pharmacists: Hydroxychloroquine (Off-label use in COVID-19) - [link](#)

- Information for Clinicians and Pharmacists: Lopinavir/ritonavir (Off-label use in COVID-19) - [link](#)
- Basic PPE training including videos - [link](#)
- Contact and droplet precautions for COVID-19 - [link](#)

CSANZ - COVID-19 resources - [link](#)

National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce - resources including 'living' guidelines - [link](#)

NPS MedicineWise

- Being medicinewise during COVID-19; Using your regular medicines during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic - [link](#)

Department of Health

- Advice on off label medicines for treatment and prophylaxis of COVID-19 - [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- Safety information – 6 April 2020 – Fullstar Surgical Face Masks - [link](#)
- NSW Health Consent to Medical and Healthcare Treatment [Manual](#) (Consent Manual) and replaces the NSW Health Policy Directive Consent to medical Treatment, Patient Information PD2005_406

SHPA

- COVID-19 member forum – now open to all healthcare professionals (Non-SHPA member health professionals interested in joining the forum should email shpa@shpa.org.au)
- Some recent topics of discussion: Hydroxychloroquine dosing in ESRF, Clozapine clinics and COVID; Cochrane's COVID-19 study register; Hydroxychloroquine for PEP; Atracurium; COVID-Ready Communication Skills; COVID-19 and Palliative; End of Life and Bereavement Care in Secondary Care; Single checking and verbal orders for nurses; Setting up med trolleys for a COVID ward; Intubation packs; Re-use of pMDIs; Post-acute preparedness for COVID-19– thinking ahead; COVID-19 and the kidneys; Acute care staff ID labels; Postal service for regular outpatient medication supply; Salbutamol IV; Manufacturing alcohol hand rub; COVID - Use of Patients Own Medicines & Hospital Supplied items; COVID - Use of Patients Own Medicines & Hospital Supplied items; Guidelines for use of hydroxychloroquine.
- To view and register for educational webinars click [here](#)

TGA

- Manufacturing medical devices for COVID-19 including 3-D printing - [link](#)
- COVID-19 test kits included on the ARTG for legal supply in Australia – [link](#)
- Exemption to enable the domestic manufacture and supply of ventilators - [link](#)
- Warning to consumers and advertisers about COVID-19 test kits - [link](#)
- Notice of an amendment to the current Poisons Standard under paragraph 52D (2) (a) of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 - Hydroxychloroquine - [link](#) – and amendment - [link](#)

University of Sydney

- An Ethics Framework for Making Resource Allocation Decisions within Clinical Care: Responding to COVID-19 - [link](#)

Urological Society Australia and New Zealand

- USANZ Announces Guidelines on Surgical Teams and Case Selection during COVID-19 - [link](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Biospace - Second study will assess sarilumab for Covid-19 - [link](#)

Canada

- CPSA - Defining “Urgent” During COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Health Canada MedEffect - Homemade hand sanitizers may present health risks - [link](#)

Europe

- European Medicines Agency (EMA)

- EU authorities agree new measures to support availability of medicines used in the COVID-19 pandemic - [link](#)
- EMA provides recommendations on compassionate use of remdesivir for COVID-19 - [link](#)
- COVID-19: chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine only to be used in clinical trials or emergency use programmes - [link](#)
- ISQUA: Patient safety recommendations for COVID-19 epidemic outbreak; Lessons from the Italian Experience - [link](#)
- SCCM: Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC) Guidelines on the Management of Critically Ill Adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 - [link](#)

UK

- British Society for Haematology (BSH) - [guidance](#) on B12 supplements during COVID pandemic: For non-diet related deficiency, BSH suggest omitting injections until the COVID19 outbreak surge has passed, as liver stores last for a year. In diet related deficiency they advise suspending supplementation, or taking oral B12 50 mcg daily between meals if needed.
- CEBM - COVID-19: What proportion are asymptomatic? - [link](#)
- Cochrane's COVID-19 Study Register - a freely-available, continually-updated, annotated reference collection of human studies on COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Gen Pharm Council: Examples of notable practice in pharmacy during the COVID-19 pandemic - [link](#)
- Kings Fund – hub established with advice - [link](#)
- NHS - Clinical guide for the [management of surge](#) during the coronavirus pandemic: rapid learning; and several other guides
- Kings College - Data from COVID Symptom Tracker app suggest loss of taste and smell may be key symptoms - [link](#)
- NICE COVID-19 Rapid Guidelines:
 - Delivery of radiotherapy [NG162] - [link](#)
 - Managing symptoms (including at the end of life) in the community [NG163] - [link](#)
 - Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation [NG164] - [link](#)
 - Managing suspected or confirmed pneumonia in adults in the community [NG165] - [link](#)
 - Severe asthma [NG166] - [link](#)
 - Rheumatological autoimmune, inflammatory and metabolic bone disorders [NG167] - [link](#)
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection in Pregnancy: Information for healthcare professionals V6 - [link](#)
- PHE - COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing - [link](#)
- Specialist Pharmacy Service - Guidance on management of drugs requiring monitoring during Covid-19 - [link](#)
- UK Clinical Pharmacy Association (UKCPA) - Free access to handbook Introduction to Critical Care: A COVID19 Rapid Response Document. This document has been endorsed by the RPS - [link](#)
- UK -Consensus guidelines for managing the airway in children with COVID-19: Highlighting differences in practice from adult guidelines - [link](#)

USA

- AHA - Guidance on Hypertension, Latest on Angiotensin - [link](#)
- American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Resource [Hub](#)
- Stewardship of Off-Label Treatments for COVID-19 - March 23, 2020 - [link](#)
- ASHP Assessment of Evidence for COVID-19-Related Treatments: Updated 4/3/2020 - [link](#)
- ASHP discussion forum ([Sign up](#) to for free)
- Some recent topics of discussion: Inhaled prostacyclin for ARDS; Conserving MDIs; Returned Unused Medications; Hydroxychloroquine q24 hours; Monitoring of Critical Care Medications in COVID patients; Pooling propofol; Medication switch to IV Push; Pulse on Managing COVID-19: Hydroxychloroquine Usage, Administration, and Patient Management; and more
- CDC
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Burn Rate Calculator - [link](#)
 - Interim Additional Guidance for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Settings: Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States - [link](#)
- Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA
 - Acute Care Special Edition, Medication Safety Alert! [April 3, 2020](#)
 - Clinical Experiences Keeping Infusion Pumps Outside the Room for COVID-19 Patients
 - ECRI: Considerations for using infusion pumps outside of patient rooms

- COVID-19 Collaboration: Pharmacist order verification tips; Sterile water bags for ventilators; Evaluate critical medication supplies; rom “common canister” to “canister reassignment”
- Acute Care Special Edition, Medication Safety Alert! [April 9, 2020](#)
- Planning for Anticipated Shortage of Smart Infusion Pumps and Dedicated Administration Sets
- Patient taking hydroxychloroquine right after discontinuing azithromycin develops QTc prolongation and cardiac arrest
- COVID-19 Collaboration: Suspending independent double checks; Capturing COVID-19 adverse events; Code team and carts
- Infusion Pump Extension Sets to Conserve PPE - [link](#)
- Medication Safety Officers Society (MSOS) discussion forum ([Sign up](#) to for free)
- Some recent topics of discussion: ADC(Pyxis) COVID-19 Recommendation requests; Meds returned to pharmacy from COVID patient rooms; Extended IV Infusion Times; Forecasting Drug Use for COVID (formula), prioritizing high-alert IV infusion medications in the event of smart pump and/or tubing shortages; and more...
- FDA approves clinical study of tradipitant in the treatment of severe COVID-19 pneumonia - [link](#)

New Zealand

- Hospice NZ - COVID-19 (resources) for health professionals – palliative management - [link](#)
- MedSafe NZ - COVID-19: Pharmacy Licensing: Closure & Relocation - [link](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Am J Res Crit Care Med

- Time Kinetics of Viral Clearance and Resolution of Symptoms in Novel Coronavirus Infection - [link](#)

Ann Intern Med

- Peer Support and Crisis Communication Strategies to Promote Institutional Resilience - [link](#)
- An Epidemic in the Midst of a Pandemic: Opioid Use Disorder and COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Use of Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine During the COVID-19 Pandemic: What Every Clinician Should Know - [link](#)

BMJ

- Covid-19: NICE advises against using NSAIDs for fever in patients with suspected cases - [link](#)
- Covid-19: US gives emergency approval to hydroxychloroquine despite lack of evidence - [link](#)
- Editorial: Drugs and the renin-angiotensin system in covid-19 - [link](#)

American College of Cardiology Magazine

- Ventricular Arrhythmia Risk Due to Hydroxychloroquine-Azithromycin Treatment for COVID-19 - [link](#)

Can J Emerg Med

- Authentic Emergency Department Leadership During a Pandemic - [link](#)

Chinese Medical Journal

- Recommendations for respiratory rehabilitation in adults with COVID-19 - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Cochrane's COVID-19 Study Register - [link](#)

European Heart Journal

- Initial COVID-19 affecting cardiac patients in China - [link](#)

Int J Clin Pharm

- Providing pharmacy services at cabin hospitals at the coronavirus epicenter in China - [link](#)

JAMA

- Understanding and Addressing Sources of Anxiety Among Health Care Professionals During the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)
- JAMA Cardiology: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Infection and Renin Angiotensin System Blockers - [link](#)

- JAMA Oncology: Active and Effective Measures for the Care of Patients With Cancer During the COVID-19 Spread in China - [link](#)
- JAMA Pediatrics: Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Children- What Pediatric Health Care Clinicians Need to Know - [link](#)
- JAMA Psychiatry: Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic in Populations with Serious Mental Illness - [link](#)

JAMIA

- Electronic Personal Protective Equipment: A Strategy to Protect Emergency Department Providers in the Age of COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Balancing Health Privacy, Health Information Exchange and Research in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)

The Lancet

- Fangcang shelter hospitals: a novel concept for responding to public health emergencies - [link](#)
- Lancet Infectious Diseases: Evolving epidemiology and transmission dynamics of coronavirus disease 2019 outside Hubei province, China: a descriptive and modelling study - [link](#)
- Lancet EClinical Medicine: Clinical characteristics and outcomes of patients undergoing surgeries during the incubation period of COVID-19 infection - [link](#)

MJA

- Cardiovascular Disease and COVID-19: an Australian/Zealand Consensus Statement - [link](#)
- MJA Podcasts 2020 Episode 11: Human rights and COVID-19 - [link](#)

Nature

- Virological assessment of hospitalized patients with COVID-2019 – [link](#)

Nature Medicine

- Respiratory virus shedding in exhaled breath and efficacy of face masks - [link](#)

NEJM

- Coagulopathy and Antiphospholipid Antibodies in Patients with Covid-19 - [link](#)

Pharm J

- Everything you should know about the coronavirus outbreak - [link](#)

Pharmacotherapy

- Review of Emerging Pharmacotherapy for the Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 - [link](#)

Thromb Haemost

- Letter: D-dimer is Associated with Severity of Coronavirus Disease 2019: A Pooled Analysis - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Australia's children - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- The views and experiences of patients and health-care professionals on the disclosure of adverse events: a systematic review and qualitative meta-ethnographic synthesis - [link](#)
- Opioid prescribing patterns among medical providers in the United States, 2003-17: retrospective, observational study - [link](#)
- Reducing high-risk medication use through pharmacist-led interventions in an outpatient setting - [link](#)
- Factors associated with potentially missed diagnosis of appendicitis in the emergency department - [link](#)

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

- Dosing of Enoxaparin for Acute Coronary Syndrome: Guidelines - [link](#)

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

- Report of the workshop on the use of registries in the monitoring of cancer therapies based on tumours' genetic and molecular features - 29 November 2019 - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- Durvalumab (Imfinzi) approved for new indication first-line treatment of extensive small cell lung cancer - [link](#)
- Ixekizumab (Taltz) use expanded for plaque psoriasis to children aged 6 years and older - [link](#)
- Ferric pyrophosphate IV (Triferic AVNU) approved for IV iron replacement for patients with hemodialysis-dependent chronic kidney disease - [link](#)

Joint Commission

- Patient Safety Initiative: Hospital Executive and Physician Leadership Strategies - [link](#)

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK

- Lenalidomide with rituximab for previously treated follicular lymphoma [TA627] - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- Prevymis® ([letermovir](#)) updated to note changes in letermovir plasma concentrations due to P-gp/BCRP inhibition by itraconazole were not clinically relevant
- Biktarvy® ([bictegrovir/emtricitabine/tenofovir](#)) updated with week 144 safety and efficacy data from the two naïve studies (GS-US-380-1489 and GS-US-380-1490)
- Cipralex® ([escitalopram](#)) updated to note that this medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per ml, essentially 'sodium-free'
- Feldene® ([piroxicam](#)) updated to include the warning that alcohol use is a risk factor for gastrointestinal complications in users of non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs
- Atrolak® ([quetiapine fumarate](#)) updated with warnings of increased risk of self-harm & suicide in patients 25- 64 yrs and increased risk of death in patients >65 years with Parkinson's disease/parkinsonism. Stroke added as an adverse effect (unknown frequency).
- Keytruda® ([pembrolizumab](#)) - now clarifies that no dose reductions are recommended, and it should be withheld or discontinued to manage adverse reactions.

EMA

- PRAC recommendations for special warnings and precautions for use – [link](#)
- durvalumab, cemiplimab, atezolizumab - immune-mediated or radiation pneumonitis
- nivolumab - haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis as monotherapy or with ipilimumab
- paroxetine - microscopic colitis (causing diarrhoea)
- thiazide, thiazide-like diuretics and combinations - idiosyncratic choroidal effusion

Health Canada – MedEffect Notice

- Propyl-Thyracil (propylthiouracil): Assessing the Potential Risk of Birth Defects - [link](#)
- Direct-Acting Antivirals – Assessing the Potential Risk of New or Returning Liver Cancer named Hepatocellular Carcinoma - [link](#)

TGA

- Gentamicin 40 mg/mL Injection (Hospira UK Limited) Safety advisory - alternative product filling shortage may cause airway irritation if administered via inhalation - [link](#)
- Mojo Black capsules – Safety Advisory - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Challenges of opioid deprescribing and factors to be considered in the development of opioid deprescribing guidelines: a qualitative analysis - [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Pharmacokinetics and safety of olaparib in patients with advanced solid tumours and mild or moderate hepatic impairment – [link](#)
- A systematic review of population pharmacokinetic analyses of digoxin in the paediatric population - [link](#)

British Journal of General Practice

- Should we be prescribing testosterone to perimenopausal and menopausal women? A guide to prescribing testosterone for women in primary care - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Opioid agonist treatment and risk of mortality during opioid overdose public health emergency: population based retrospective cohort study - [link](#)
- Autoimmune complications of immunotherapy: pathophysiology and management - [link](#)

Clinics in Geriatric Medicine

- Non-insulin Diabetes Therapies in Older Adults - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Lamotrigine in the maintenance treatment of bipolar disorder - [link](#)
- What are the effects of saline irrigation for people with allergic rhinitis? - [link](#)
- Treatments for the prevention of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) - [link](#)

Diabetes Care

- Risk of Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events, Severe Hypoglycemia, and All-Cause Mortality for Widely Used Antihyperglycemic Dual and Triple Therapies for Type 2 Diabetes Management: A Cohort Study of All Danish Users - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- Factors associated with a reduction in the quality of life of patients with chronic hepatitis C treated by ledipasvir/sofosbuvir therapy - [link](#)

Internal Medicine Journal

- Prevalence of polycythaemia with different formulations of testosterone therapy in transmasculine individuals - [link](#)

International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy

- Letter re “The effect of online versus hospital warfarin management on patient outcomes: a systematic review and meta-analysis” - [link](#)

JAHA

- Lifestyle Changes in Relation to Initiation of Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Medication: A Cohort Study - [link](#)

JAMA

- Effect of Intravenous Tenecteplase Dose on Cerebral Reperfusion before Thrombectomy in Patients with Large Vessel Occlusion Ischemic Stroke: The EXTEND-IA TNK Part 2 Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)
- Comparison of Cardiovascular and Safety Outcomes of Chlorthalidone vs Hydrochlorothiazide to Treat Hypertension - [link](#)

JAMA Dermatology

- Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Tolerability of Mycophenolate Mofetil and Mycophenolic Acid for the Treatment of Morphea - [link](#)

JAMA Network Open

- Anticoagulation for Stroke Prevention in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation and End-Stage Renal Disease—First, Do No Harm - [link](#)

Journal of General Internal Medicine

- Rate of preventable mortality in hospitalized patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)

Journal of Clinical Oncology

- Systemic Therapy for Melanoma: ASCO Guideline - [link](#)

Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR)

- Surface disinfection practice in a hospital pharmacy aseptic compounding unit - [link](#)

Medical Journal of Australia

- Changes in sales of analgesics to pharmacies after codeine was rescheduled as a prescription only medicine - [link](#)

NEJM

- Initial Invasive or Conservative Strategy for Stable Coronary Disease - [link](#)
- Physical Therapy versus Glucocorticoid Injection for Osteoarthritis of the Knee - [link](#)

Pharmacotherapy

- Exploring the relationship between FEV1 loss and recovery and aminoglycoside pharmacokinetics in adult patients with cystic fibrosis: implications for clinical dosing strategies - [link](#)
- Colchicine for secondary cardiovascular prevention: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Beyond heart failure and ischemic heart disease: a scoping review of novel uses of ivabradine in adults - [link](#)
- Evaluation of the addition of intravenous metronidazole to oral vancomycin therapy in critically ill patients with non-fulminant, severe *Clostridioides difficile* infection - [link](#)
- Vancomycin-Induced Kidney Injury: Animal Models of Toxicodynamics, Mechanisms of Injury, Human Translation, and Potential Strategies for Prevention - [link](#)

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COVID-19 RESOURCES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Australian

- AHPRA Pharmacy Board:
 - Responding to COVID-19: Changes to presenting-in-person requirements – [link](#)
 - Online uploads for documents - [link](#)
- NPS - Being medicinewise during COVID-19 - [link](#)
- NSW Health - COVID-19 clinical trial guidance - [link](#)
- SHPA COVID-19 discussion forum – now open to all healthcare professionals (Non-SHPA member health professionals interested in joining the forum should email shpa@shpa.org.au)
- Some recent topics of discussion:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander COVID [resources](#), COVID-19 Emergency Supply of Medicines Quick Guides ([NSW](#), [TAS](#), [VIC](#), [SA](#), [WA](#)), COVID-19 and Pregnancy/Lactation, Use of Patients Own Medicines & Hospital Supplied items, Oncology and Haematology + COVID-19 [resources](#) and Smoking cessation [resource](#).
- TGA
 - No evidence to support intravenous high-dose vitamin C in the management of COVID-19 - [link](#)
 - COVID-19 testing in Australia - information for health professionals - [link](#)
 - Warning to consumers about self-test kits - [link](#)
 - COVID-19 test kits included on the ARTG for legal supply in Australia - [link](#)

International

- International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua)
 - Webinar Recording: The COVID-19 Response in Italy: Learning from the front line - [link](#)

Canada

- University of Toronto and the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network (TAHSN): Quick ICU Training Resource, part of the Critical Care Education Pandemic Preparedness (CCEPP) project - [link](#)
- ### **Europe**

- European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- EMA advises continued use of medicines for hypertension, heart or kidney disease during COVID-19 pandemic - [link](#)
- EMA advises no scientific evidence has established a link between ibuprofen and worsening of Covid-19 - [link](#)
- Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine only to be used in clinical trials or emergency use programmes - [link](#)
- COVID-19: Beware of falsified medicines from unregistered websites - [link](#)
- European Society of Clinical Microbiology and infectious Diseases
- Pharmacokinetics-pharmacodynamics of antiviral agents used to treat SARS-CoV-2 and their potential interaction with drugs and other supportive measures: A comprehensive review by the PK/PD of Anti-Infectives Study Group of the European Society of Antimicrobial Agents - [link](#)
- Italian Pharmacological Society
- Official statement on the use of ACE inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers in COVID-19 infection - [link](#)
- Italian Pharmacological Society: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and the increased risk of complications during infections. A literature review - [link](#) New Zealand
- MedsafeNZ - COVID-19: Medicine repurposing to treat COVID-19 infections - [link](#)

UK

- British Thoracic Society - COVID-19: information for the respiratory community - [link](#)
- Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine - Guidelines for preventing respiratory illness in older adults aged 60 years and above living in long-term care - [link](#)
- MHRA guidance on coronavirus. Frequently updated. - [link](#)
- MIMS Learning: coronavirus resources - [link](#)
- NHS England - Novel Coronavirus standard operating procedure. Community Pharmacy - [link](#)
- GOV.UK - COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing - [link](#)

USA

- FDA
- Emergency Use Authorization issued for hydroxychloroquine sulfate and chloroquine phosphate products for certain hospitalized patients with COVID-19 - [link](#)
- FDA OKs Convalescent Plasma for Treating Critically Ill COVID-19 Patients - [link](#)
- Massachusetts General Hospital: Department of Medicine COVID-19 Treatment Guidance - [link](#)
- New COVID19 HOPE clinical trial recommendations introduced with the aim of reducing need for mechanical ventilation for COVID19 patients - [link](#)

WHO

- World Health Organization warns against untested drugs for COVID-19 and announces SOLIDARITY trial evaluating five treatment options: standard of care, remdesivir, combination lopinavir with ritonavir, combination of lopinavir/ritonavir/interferon beta, and chloroquine - [link](#)

Journal articles

- Ann Intern Med - A Rush to Judgment? Rapid Reporting and Dissemination of Results and Its Consequences Regarding the Use of Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 - [link](#)

BMJ

- Clinical characteristics of 113 deceased patients with coronavirus disease 2019: retrospective study - [link](#)
- Covid-19: Researchers launch app to track spread of symptoms in the UK - [link](#)
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and covid-19 - [link](#)
- Covid-19: a remote assessment in primary care - [link](#)
- Managing mental health challenges faced by healthcare workers during covid-19 pandemic - [link](#)

Emerg Med Austral

- Burnout is the canary in the coalmine; the solution is not stronger canaries - [link](#)

Eur J Hosp Pharm

- Editorial: The healthcare and pharmaceutical vulnerability emerging from the new Coronavirus outbreak - [link](#)

Int J Clin Pharm

- Providing pharmacy services during the coronavirus pandemic - [link](#)

JAMA

- Editorial: Convalescent Plasma to Treat COVID-19. Possibilities and Challenges - [link](#)
- Toward Universal Deployable Guidelines for the Care of Patients with COVID-19 - [link](#)
- Letter: Possible Vertical Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from an Infected Mother to Her Newborn - [link](#)
- Letter: Antibodies in Infants Born to Mothers with COVID-19 Pneumonia - [link](#)
- Optimizing the Trade-off between Learning and Doing in a Pandemic - [link](#)
- JAMA Cardiology – Editorial: Association of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) With Myocardial Injury and Mortality - [link](#)
- JAMA Ophthalmology - Humans, Viruses, and the Eye—an Early Report From the COVID-19 Front Line - [link](#)
- JAMA Pediatrics – Letter: Neonatal Early-Onset Infection with SARS-CoV-2 in 33 Neonates Born to Mothers with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China - [link](#)

JAMIA

- Balancing Health Privacy, Health Information Exchange and Research in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)

Lancet

- Lancet Infectious Diseases - Estimates of the severity of coronavirus disease 2019: a model-based analysis - [link](#)
- Lancet Public Health - The effect of control strategies to reduce social mixing on outcomes of the COVID-19 epidemic in Wuhan, China: a modelling study - [link](#)
- Lancet Respiratory Medicine - COVID-19 infection in children - [link](#)

MJA

- Modelling the impact of COVID-19 upon intensive care services in New South Wales - [link](#)
- Surge capacity of Australian intensive care units associated with COVID-19 admissions - [link](#)
- When a system breaks: a queuing theory model for the number of intensive care beds needed during the COVID-19 pandemic – [link](#)
- SARS-CoV-2, the medical profession, ventilator beds and mortality predictions: personal reflections from an Australian clinician - [link](#)

NEJM

- Renin–Angiotensin–Aldosterone System Inhibitors in Patients with Covid-19 - [link](#)
- Developing Covid-19 Vaccines at Pandemic Speed - [link](#)
- Early Transmission Dynamics in Wuhan, China, of Novel Coronavirus–Infected Pneumonia - [link](#)
- Epidemiology of Covid-19 in a Long-Term Care Facility in King County, Washington - [link](#)
- Covid-19 in Critically Ill Patients in the Seattle Region — Case Series - [link](#)
- COVID-19 in Chinese Children - [link](#)
- Risk Factors for ARDS and Progression to Death among COVID-19 Patients - [link](#)
- Seeking Evidence-Based Covid-19 Preparedness: A FEMA Framework for Clinic Management - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- National Opioid Pharmacotherapy Statistics Annual Data collection 2019 - [link](#)

Department of Health

- Research funding for COVID-19 treatments - [link](#)
- Research funding for faster, simpler COVID-19 tests - [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- Consent to Medical and Healthcare Treatment Manual - [link](#)

PBS

- Authorised Nurse Practitioners now eligible to prescribe certain Highly Specialised Drugs - [link](#)
- PBS Website Update – 1 April 2020 - [link](#)
- Expansion of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme continued Dispensing Arrangements COVID-19 - [link](#)
- 1 April 2020 Price Disclosure Confirmed Prices - [link](#)

TGA

- Database of TGA listed medicine compliance review results - [link](#)
- Bioavailability, bioequivalence and biowaiver data summary forms - [link](#)
- Gentamicin 40mg/mL injection (Hospira UK Limited) – Safety advisory - [link](#)
- Influenza vaccines released for 2020 season - [link](#)
- AusPARs:
 - Nivolumab – rejected - [link](#)
 - Registration [of new or extended uses](#) of medicines
 - Tocilizumab (Actemra®) for active systemic idiopathic arthritis in patients 1 year of age and older. Actemra IV and SC can be given alone or in combination with methotrexate.
 - Fosnetupitant chloride hydrochloride (Akynzeo IV®) – for:
 - prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy; and,
 - prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy
 - Insulin aspart (rys) (Fiasp®, Fiasp Flextouch®), Fiasp Penfill®) for the treatment of diabetes mellitus in adults, adolescents and children aged 1 year and above
 - Insulin degludec (rus), insulin aspart (rys) (Ryzodeg 70/30 Flextouch®, Ryzodeg 70/30 Penfill®) - for use in diabetes mellitus in patients aged 6 years and older
 - Ixekizumab (Taltz®) - for the treatment of active ankylosing spondylitis in adult patients
 - Registration of [new chemical entities](#) in Australia:
 - Alepelisib (Piqray®) – in combination with fulvestrant, for the treatment of postmenopausal women, and men, with hormone receptor positive, HER2-negative, advanced or metastatic breast cancer with a PIK3CA mutation as detected by a validated test following progression on or after an endocrine-based regimen
 - Tafamidis (Vyndamax®) for the treatment of adult patients with wild-type or hereditary transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM)
 - Tafamidis meglumine (Vyndaqel®) – for the treatment of adult patients with wild-type or hereditary transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- Associations between stopping prescriptions for opioids, length of opioid treatment, and overdose or suicide deaths in US veterans: observational evaluation - [link](#)
- Rate of preventable mortality in hospitalized patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)

British National Formulary (BNF)

- March newsletter: with new monographs on dienogest, strontium ranelate, upadacitinib- [link](#)

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

- Budesonide (Jorvesa) - recommended license extension for maintenance use in eosinophilic oesophagitis - [link](#)
- Orphan medicinal product designation - [link](#)
- Rozanolixizumab for myasthenia gravis
- Tislelizumab for hepatocellular carcinoma
- No change to product information for breast cancer medicine Tyverb (lapatinib) following re-assessment of data - [link](#)
- Pretomanid recommended for approval for treatment of tuberculosis in combination with bedaquiline and linezolid - [link](#)
- Isatuximab recommended for approval for treatment of multiple myeloma - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- grants IPI-549 in combination with nivolumab Fast Track Designation for the treatment of advanced urothelial cancer - [link](#)
- accepts New Drug Application (NDA) for new formulation of baloxavir for the treatment of influenza in children - [link](#)
- New Drug approvals
- Zeposia (ozanimod) to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis - [link](#)
- Eurcisa (crisaborole) use expanded for topical PDE-4 inhibitor to infants aged 3 months and older - [link](#)

Health Canada

- Methadone Treatment of Opioid Dependence and Potential Differences in Product Effect - [link](#)

Joint Commission

- Implementation of a Prophylactic Anticoagulation Guideline for Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury - [link](#)
- Improving Timely Recognition and Treatment of Sepsis in the Pediatric ICU - [link](#)
- Misreading Injectable Medications—Causes and Solutions: An Integrative Literature Review - [link](#)

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK

- Venous thromboembolic diseases: diagnosis, management and thrombophilia testing [[NG158](#)]

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- Feldene ([piroxicam](#)) includes the warning that alcohol use is a risk factor for gastrointestinal complications in users of non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs
- Atrolak ([quetiapine fumarate](#)) XL updated to include warnings of increased risk of self-harm & suicide in patients 25- 64 yrs and increased risk of death in patients >65 years with Parkinson's disease/parkinsonism. Stroke added as an adverse effect (unknown frequency).
- Betaloc ([metoprolol](#)) now provides detailed advice on use in patient presenting with MI and initial treatment of severe malignant hypertension
- Eplclusa ([sofosbuvir](#)) updated to strengthen warnings on bradyarrhythmia with amiodarone
- Pro-Epanutin ([fosphenytoin](#)) includes side-effects of acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) and angioedema
- Tecentriq ([atezolizumab](#)) updated to include data on use in children and adolescents, and to state that no recommendations on a posology can be made
- Gazyvaro ([obinutuzumab](#)) updated information on adverse effect frequency and efficacy results at final study analysis
- Roaccutane ([isotretinoin](#)) adds adverse effect 'vulvovaginal dryness'
- Nasonex ([mometasone](#)) revised to warn nasal spray contains benzalkonium chloride which may cause nasal irritation or swelling inside the nose, especially if used for a long time
- Onglyza ([saxagliptin](#)) warns if patient develops blisters/erosions and bullous pemphigoid is suspected discontinue and refer to a dermatologist
- Emerade ([adrenaline](#)) states should be administered at first sign of anaphylaxis and warns in patients with a thick subcutaneous fat layer
- Qtern ([saxagliptin-dapagliflozin](#)) advises discontinuation of treatment if GFR falls persistently below 45mL/min and warns if a patient develops blisters and bullous pemphigoid is suspected discontinue
- New products
- Lenzetto ([estradiol hemihydrate](#)) licensed brand hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for estrogen deficiency symptoms in postmenopausal women (in women at least 6 months since last menses or surgical menopause, with or without a uterus)
- Extension of indications
- Tybost ([cobicistat](#)) now includes adolescents aged 12 years and older, weighing ...
- MabThera ([rituximab](#)) now includes rituximab with chemotherapy for treatment of children aged 6 months to 18 yrs with previously untreated advanced CD20 positive diffuse large B-cell...
- Rezolsta ([darunavir-cobicistat](#)) now licensed for use in adolescents aged 12 years and older, weighing = 40kg and what to do if a patient vomits after ...

EMA

- Restrictions in use of cyproterone due to meningioma risk - [link](#)
- Recommendations to restrict use of fosfomycin antibiotics - [link](#)
- No change is needed in use of direct oral anticoagulants following EMA-funded study - [link](#)

Health Canada – MedEffect Notice

- Summary Safety Review - Direct-acting antivirals - Assessing the potential risk of abnormal blood sugar levels (dysglycemia) - [link](#)
- Kyprolis (carfilzomib) - risks of hepatitis B virus (HBV) reactivation and progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML) have been included in PI Warnings and Precautions, Adverse Reactions - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- A practical approach to assess the hazardous exposure potential of investigational drugs - [link](#)

American Journal of Medical Quality

- A Qualitative Analysis of Resident Adverse Event Reporting: What’s Holding Us Back - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Editorial: A Clinical Trial of Isradipine: What Went Wrong? - [link](#) – trial – [link](#) – and summary for patients - [link](#)

Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Journal

- A Protocol for the Safe Use of Hazardous Drugs in the OR - [link](#)

British Journal of General Practice

- Should we be prescribing testosterone to perimenopausal and menopausal women? A guide to prescribing testosterone for women in primary care - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- How do I tell a colleague they have made a mistake? - [link](#)
- Opioid agonist treatment and risk of mortality during opioid overdose public health emergency: population based retrospective cohort study - [link](#)

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Challenges of opioid deprescribing and factors to be considered in the development of opioid deprescribing guidelines: a qualitative analysis - [link](#)

Circulation

- The Role of Combination Antiplatelet and Anticoagulation Therapy in Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease: Insights from the COMPASS Trial - [link](#)
- The Risk / Benefit Tradeoff of Antithrombotic Therapy in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation Early and Late after an Acute Coronary Syndrome or Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: Insights from AUGUSTUS - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Antibiotic prophylaxis for operative vaginal delivery - [link](#)

European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Tirofiban for acute ischemic stroke: systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Aripiprazole for prevention of delirium in the neurosurgical intensive care unit: a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study - [link](#)
- Variability of voriconazole concentrations in patients with hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and hematological malignancies: influence of loading dose, procalcitonin, and pregnane X receptor polymorphisms - [link](#)

- Differences in medical treatment and clinical characteristics between men and women with heart failure – a single-centre multivariable analysis - [link](#)
- Consumption of medicines used for gastric acid-related disorders in Australia and South Korea: a cross-country comparison - [link](#)
- Association between clinically relevant toxicities of pazopanib and sunitinib and the use of weak CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibitors - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- 2019 vs. 2016 ESC/EAS statin guidelines for primary prevention of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease - [link](#)

Health Expectations

- What do consumers with chronic conditions expect from their interactions with general practitioners? A qualitative study of Australian consumer and provider perspectives - [link](#)

International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy

- Tigecycline-induced coagulopathy: a literature review - [link](#)

International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

- Opioid guidelines for common dental surgical procedures: a multidisciplinary panel consensus - [link](#)

International Journal for Quality in Health Care

- A systematic review of factors that enable psychological safety in healthcare teams - [link](#)

JAMA

- Effect of Dapagliflozin on Worsening Heart Failure and Cardiovascular Death in Patients with Heart Failure With and Without Diabetes - [link](#) – with editorial - [link](#)
- Matters of the Mind—Sleep Medications and Dementia Risk, Depression and Weight Gain, Opioids and Mental Disorders - [link](#)
- Effect of Apabetalone Added to Standard Therapy on Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events in Patients With Recent Acute Coronary Syndrome and Type 2 Diabetes. A Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

JAMA Cardiology

- Sex Differences in Ischemic Heart Disease—the Paradox Persists - [link](#)

JAMA Internal Medicine

- Evaluation of a Paradigm Shift from Intravenous Antibiotics to Oral Step-Down Therapy for the Treatment of Infective Endocarditis - [link](#)

Lancet

- Haematology: Intravenous iron: a framework for changing the management of iron deficiency - [link](#)

Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal

- Enhancing Pharmaceutical Packaging through a Technology Ecosystem to Facilitate the Reuse of Medicines and Reduce Medicinal Waste - [link](#)
- A Comprehensive Evaluation of Studies on the Adverse Effects of Medications in Australian Aged care Facilities: A Scoping Review - [link](#)
- A Continuing Professional Development Program for Pharmacists Implementing Pharmacogenomics into Practice - [link](#)
- Pharmacists' Role in Managing Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia - [link](#)

Neurology

- Efficacy and safety of eptinezumab in patients with chronic migraine PROMISE-2 - [link](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

- Multidrug-Resistant Bacterial Infections in U.S. Hospitalized Patients, 2012–2017 - [link](#)
- Anticoagulation with or without Clopidogrel after Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Implantation - [link](#)
- Rivaroxaban or Enoxaparin in Nonmajor Orthopedic Surgery - [link](#)

Pharmacotherapy

- Executive Summary: Therapeutic Monitoring of Vancomycin for Serious Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Infections: A Revised Consensus Guideline and Review of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists - [link](#)

Public Library of Science (PLOS)

- Prescribing systemic steroids for acute respiratory tract infections in United States outpatient settings: A nationwide population-based cohort study - [link](#)

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COVID-19 RESOURCES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Please see the [cumulative](#) listing for COVID-19 resources included in last week's TAG Mail

Australian

- **Australian Rheumatology Association** - Important [information](#) for people with Rheumatoid and other Inflammatory Arthritis, SLE and other autoimmune diseases in the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Department of Health** - COVID-19: Guidance on clinical trials for institutions, HRECs, researchers and sponsors - [link](#)

- Heart Foundation

-- Heart medications and COVID-19: what health professionals need to know - [link](#)
-- COVID-19: Three million Australians advised not to stop high blood pressure medications - [link](#)
- **NSW Health** - Interim Guidance on use of antiviral therapy in COVID-19 - [link](#)
- **PSA** - Prescribing Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19, [open letter](#) to prescribers 21/02/2020
- **SHPA** COVID-19 discussion forum – now open to all healthcare professionals (Non-SHPA member health professionals interested in joining the forum should email shpa@shpa.org.au)
-- Some recent topics of discussion:

Are patients on ACE inhibitors (ACE-I) or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB) at increased risk from COVID-19? How should clinical trial medicines returned by patients be quarantined in light of potential COVID-19 risk?; Are pharmacists manufacturing alcohol-based hand sanitiser? ([WHO](#) recommended formulations); International experts issue first guidance on caring for critically-ill COVID-19 patients; COVID-ready communication skills: A [playbook](#) of VitalTalk Tips.

-- Member webinar presentations: 'Management of COVID-19 patients in ICU' by Belinda Bradman and 'Treatment options for COVID-19' by Prof Jason Roberts

- TGA

-- No evidence to support intravenous high-dose vitamin C in the management of COVID-19 - [link](#)
-- No evidence to support claims ibuprofen worsens COVID-19 symptoms - [link](#)
-- Limits on dispensing and sales of prescription and over-the-counter medicines - [link](#)
-- COVID-19 limits on dispensing and sales at pharmacies - [link](#)
-- Amendment to scheduling of hydroxychloroquine and salbutamol – [link](#)
-- New restrictions on prescribing hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 – [link](#)
-- TGA issues warning about illegal advertising relating to COVID-19 – [link](#)
-- COVID-19 advice on surgical masks and gowns – [link](#)
-- Surrogate viruses for use in disinfectant efficacy tests to justify claims against COVID-19 - [link](#)
-- COVID-19 diagnostic tests included on the ARTG for legal supply in Australia - [link](#)

International

- **ASHP opens online resources to Australians**
- **CDC** - information found at <https://www.coronavirus.gov/> (Information for Clinicians on Therapeutic Options for COVID-19 Patients)
- **ECRI** - COVID-19 Resource Center - [link](#)
- **EMA** - EMA gives advice on the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories for COVID-19 - [link](#)

- **European Society of Intensive Care Medicine** - Surviving Sepsis Campaign: Guidelines on the Management of Critically Ill Adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- **FDA**

-- FDA advises patients on use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for COVID-19 - [link](#)

-- FDA provides guidance on production of alcohol-based hand sanitizer to help boost supply and protect public health - [link](#)

- **GOV.UK**

-- Ibuprofen use and Coronavirus (COVID-19) - [link](#)

-- Crucial medicines protected for coronavirus (COVID-19) patients - [link](#)

-- Managing clinical trials during Coronavirus (COVID-19) - [link](#)

- **ISQua** - COVID-19 Resource Page - [link](#)

- **Joint Commission** – Tools and Resources - [link](#)

- **NHS England**

-- Specialty guides for patient management including surgical patients, trauma, critical care, acute diabetes, burns, cancer, ED, paediatrics, ventilation, rheumatology, COVID infection - [link](#)

-- Novel Coronavirus (COVID19) standard operating procedure - Community Pharmacy - [link](#)

-- Management of adults classed vulnerable to COVID19 infection (by GPs) - [link](#)

- **NHS Northern Care Alliance and Association for Palliative Medicine Of Great Britain and Ireland** - COVID-19 and Palliative, End of Life and Bereavement Care in Secondary Care, Role of the specialty and guidance to aid care - [link](#)

- **NICE**

-- COVID-19 rapid guideline: delivery of systemic anticancer treatments [NG161] - [link](#)

-- COVID-19 rapid guideline: dialysis service delivery [NG160] - [link](#)

-- COVID-19 rapid guideline: critical care [NG159] - [link](#)

- **Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA** - Medication Safety Alert! [March 26, 2020](#)

-- Special Edition: COVID-19

-- Revisiting the Need for MDI Common Canister Protocols during the COVID-19 Pandemic

-- Limit Use and Protect Supplies of Unproven but Widely Prescribed COVID-19 Treatment

-- COVID-19 Collaboration (Behavioral drift; Smart infusion pumps outside of rooms; other quick points of sharing)

-- Worth a visit: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists ([ASHP](#)) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); UW Medicine COVID-19 Resource [Site](#); Medication Safety Officers Society (MSOS)

[Forum](#)

- **RPS**

-- Coronavirus (COVID-19), including packing down paracetamol guidance - [link](#)

- **WHO** - World Health Organization Warns against Untested Drugs for COVID-19 - [link](#)

Journal Articles

- AJHP: The healthcare and pharmaceutical vulnerability emerging from the new Coronavirus outbreak - [link](#)

- American College of Surgeons (ACS) releases new clinical guidance document for elective surgical case triage during COVID-19 - [link](#)

- Ann Intern Med ideas and opinions: Supporting Clinicians during the COVID-19 Pandemic - [link](#)

- BMJ – Editorial: Challenges for NHS hospitals during covid-19 epidemic - [link](#)

- BMJ research: Clinical findings in a group of patients infected with the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-Cov-2) outside of Wuhan, China: retrospective case series - [link](#)

- BMJ practice pointer: Coronavirus disease 2019 (covid-19): a guide for UK GPs - [link](#)

- Circulation: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Cardiovascular Disease - [link](#)

- Eur Heart J: SARS-CoV2: should inhibitors of the renin–angiotensin system be withdrawn in patients with COVID-19? - [link](#)

- Eur Heart J: Coronaviruses and the cardiovascular system: acute and long-term implications - [link](#)

- Open Forum Infectious Diseases - COVID-19 Treatment: A Review of Early and Emerging Options - [link](#)

- International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents - New insights on the antiviral effects of chloroquine against coronavirus: what to expect for COVID-19? - [link](#)

- JAMA: Treating COVID-19—Off-Label Drug Use, Compassionate Use, and Randomized Clinical Trials During Pandemics - [link](#)

- JAMA: COVID-19 and Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors and Angiotensin Receptor Blockers - What Is the Evidence? - [link](#)

- JAMA Network Open: Factors Associated with Mental Health Outcomes among Health Care Workers Exposed to Coronavirus Disease 2019 - [link](#)
- JAMA: Case-Fatality Rate and Characteristics of Patients Dying in Relation to COVID-19 in Italy - [link](#)
- JAMA: Stopping the Spread of COVID-19 - [link](#)
- JAMA: Association of Cardiac Injury with Mortality in Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China - [link](#)
- JAMA: SARS-CoV-2 Transmission in Patients with Cancer at a Tertiary Care Hospital in Wuhan, China - [link](#)
- Lancet: Rational use of face masks in the COVID-19 pandemic - [link](#)
- Lancet: Clinical features and obstetric and neonatal outcomes of pregnant patients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China: a retrospective, single-centre, descriptive study – [link](#)
- MJA: Managing haematology and oncology patients during the COVID-19 pandemic: interim consensus guidance - [link](#)
- NEJM: SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Children - [link](#)
- NEJM perspective: Covid-19 — The Law and Limits of Quarantine - [link](#)
- NEJM: Fair Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources in the Time of Covid-19 - [link](#)
- NEJM: A collection of articles and other resources on the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, including clinical reports, management guidelines, and commentary - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

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

- ACSQHC Strategic Intent 2020-2025 - [link](#)

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Incidence of insulin-treated diabetes in Australian - [link](#), [factsheet](#)
- People using aged care - [link](#)
- People's care needs in aged care - [link](#)
- Residential aged care quality indicators - [link](#)
- BreastScreen Australia monitoring 2019 - [link](#)
- National Bowel Cancer Screening Program monitoring 2019 - [link](#)

PBS

- Biosimilar pegfilgrastim on the PBS – information for health professionals and patients - [link](#)
- Revised PBS listings for Antibiotic use from 1 April 2020 - [link](#)
- PBAC Public Summary Documents – November 2019 Meeting (first time rejections and deferrals) - [link](#)

TGA

- Consultation: Scope of Regulated Software based products - [link](#)
- Notice of an amendment to the current Poisons Standard under paragraph 52D (2) (a) of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 - [link](#)
- TGA suspends overseas GMP inspections and QMS audits until further notice - [link](#)

- AusPARs:

- [Brigatinib](#) –for treatment of adult patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) previously treated with crizotinib
- [Lanadelumab](#) – for routine prevention of recurrent attacks of hereditary angioedema (C1-esterase-inhibitor deficiency or dysfunction) in patients aged 12 years and older.
- [Trastuzumab](#) – approved for
 - (a) Early Breast Cancer – for treatment of HER2-positive early breast cancer following surgery, and in association with chemotherapy and, if applicable, radiotherapy.
 - (b) Locally Advanced Breast Cancer – for treatment of HER2-positive locally advanced breast cancer in combination with neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by adjuvant OGI-VRI.
 - (c) Metastatic Breast Cancer – for treatment of patients with metastatic breast cancer who have tumours that overexpress HER2:
 - as monotherapy for the treatment of those patients who have received one or more chemotherapy regimens for their metastatic disease;
 - in combination with taxanes for the treatment of those patients who have not received chemotherapy for their metastatic disease; or

- in combination with an aromatase inhibitor for the treatment of post- menopausal patients with hormone-receptor positive metastatic breast cancer.

(d) Advanced Gastric Cancer – in combination with cisplatin and either capecitabine or 5-FU for the treatment of patients with HER2 positive advanced adenocarcinoma of the stomach or gastro-esophageal junction who have not received prior anti- cancer treatment for their metastatic disease.

- Medicine decision summary

-- Vyndamax (tafamidis) and Vyndaqel (tafamidis meglumine) approved for treatment of adult patients with wildtype or hereditary transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM) - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Biospace

- Manufacturers announce positive data for Andexxa® [coagulation factor Xa (recombinant), inactivated-zhzo, a reversal agent for the Factor Xa inhibitors rivaroxaban or apixaban - [link](#)

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

- Intravenous Push Injections in Adults: Safety and Guidelines - [link](#)

- Assessment of Dehydration and Oral Rehydration Therapy for Pediatric Patients with Dehydration: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Clinical Utility, and Guidelines - [link](#)

- Pain Management Programs for Pediatric Patients with Chronic Pain Conditions: Clinical Effectiveness, Cost Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)

- Propranolol for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness - [link](#)

- Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: A Review of the Guidelines - [link](#)

eMC

- New products

-- Poteligeo® (mogamulizumab) licensed for the treatment of adult patients with mycosis fungoides (MF) or Sézary syndrome (SS), who have received at least one prior systemic therapy - [link](#)

-- Lenzetto® (estradiol hemihydrate) transdermal spray - new licensed brand hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for estrogen deficiency symptoms in postmenopausal women (in women at least 6 months since last menses or surgical menopause, with or without a uterus) - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- Complete response letter issued rejecting license extension of empagliflozin for type 1 diabetes - [link](#)

- Eplclusa (sofosbuvir and velpatasvir) approved for Pediatric Patients with Any Strain of Hepatitis C (HCV) - [link](#)

NHS England

- Clinical Commissioning Urgent Policy Statement: Uridine triacetate for the treatment of patients exhibiting early onset severe toxicities following 5-fluorouracil or capecitabine administration (all ages) - [link](#)

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm: diagnosis and management [NG156] - [link](#)

- British Association of Dermatologists - Dupilumab for atopic eczema patient leaflet - [link](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Services

- What are the clinically significant drug interactions with cigarette smoking? - [link](#)

The National Academies Press

- Key Policy Challenges and Opportunities to Improve Care for People with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders - [link](#)

World Health Organisation (WHO)

- WHO consolidated guidelines on tuberculosis: module 1: prevention: tuberculosis preventive treatment - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs

- Remsima® (infliximab) pre-filled pen and syringe may be stored at temperatures up to a maximum of 25°C for a period of up to 28 days (previously 14 days) - [link](#)
- Sacubitril® (vigabatrin) updated with further information on risk of reduced visual acuity, and advice that both visual field testing and assessment of visual acuity should be done at initiation and continued at 6 month intervals for whole duration of treatment - [link](#)
- Emerade® (adrenaline) should be administered at first sign of anaphylaxis. There is risk of adrenaline being administered in fat tissue which may result in suboptimal effect and need for a second dose in patients with a thick subcutaneous fat layer- [link](#)
- Rezolsta® (darunavir, cobicistat) now licensed for use in adolescents aged 12 years and older, weighing ≥40kg (previously adults only). Also updated on what to do if a patient vomits after taking a dose, interactions with antifungals, and on splitting the tablet - [link](#)
- Nasonex® (mometasone furoate monohydrate) nasal spray suspension - revised to warn nasal spray contains benzalkonium chloride which may cause nasal irritation or swelling inside the nose, especially if used for a long time - [link](#)
- Qtern® (saxagliptin, dapagliflozin) advises discontinuation of treatment if GFR falls persistently below 45mL/min. Stop Qtern and refer to dermatologist if a patient develops blisters and bullous pemphigoid is suspected - [link](#)
- Onglyza® (saxagliptin hydrochloride) tablets - warning added to discontinue and refer to dermatologist if a patient develops blisters/erosions and bullous pemphigoid is suspected- [link](#)

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) UK

- Esmya (ulipristal acetate): suspension of the licence due to risk of serious liver injury - [link](#)
- Tofacitinib (Xeljanz®): new measures to minimise risk of venous thromboembolism and of serious and fatal infections - [link](#)
- Baricitinib (Olumiant®): risk of venous thromboembolism - [link](#)
- SGLT2 inhibitors: monitor ketones in blood during treatment interruption for surgical procedures or acute serious medical illness - [link](#)
- Benzodiazepines and opioids: reminder of risk of potentially fatal respiratory depression - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- Therapeutic monitoring of vancomycin for serious methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infections: A revised consensus guideline and review by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists - [link](#)
- Use of telehealth experiences to facilitate interprofessional education - [link](#)
- Implementation of a naloxone dispensing program in a grocery store-based community pharmacy - [link](#)
- Case Report: Mycophenolate-induced oral ulcers: Case report and literature review - [link](#)
- Availability of information for dosing commonly used medications in special ICU populations - [link](#)
- Real-world evidence on impact of a pharmacist-led transitional care program on 30- and 90-day readmissions after acute care episodes - [link](#)
- Management of an i.v. fluid shortage through use of electronic medical record alerts - [link](#)
- Improving clinic utilization and workload capture for clinical pharmacy specialists - [link](#)
- Evaluation of telepharmacy and the use of a gravimetric technology-assisted workflow system for remote sterile product pharmacist checks - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Effects of Interleukin-1 β Inhibition on Incident Anemia: Exploratory Analyses from a Randomized Trial - [link](#)

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Viewpoint: Empowering patients and reducing inequities: is there potential in sharing clinical notes? - [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Potential strategy for assessing QT/QTc interval for drugs that produce rapid changes in heart rate: Electrocardiographic assessment of the effects of intravenous remimazolam on cardiac repolarization - [link](#)
- Patterns of pregabalin initiation and discontinuation after its subsidy in Australia - [link](#)
- Dose-dependent naloxone-induced morphine withdrawal symptoms in opioid-dependent males—a double-blinded, randomized study – [link](#)
- Media coverage of drug regulatory agencies' safety advisories: A case study of citalopram and denosumab - [link](#)

British Medical Journal Open

- Outcome reporting bias in Cochrane systematic reviews: a cross-sectional analysis - [link](#)
- Association of magnesium intake with type 2 diabetes and total stroke: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Antiretroviral drug class and anaemia risk in the current treatment era among people living with HIV in the USA: a clinical cohort study - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Postnatal corticosteroids for transient tachypnoea of the newborn - [link](#)
- Treatment of newly diagnosed glioblastoma in the elderly: a network meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Lamotrigine add-on therapy for drug-resistant focal epilepsy - [link](#)
- Glucocorticoid replacement regimens for treating congenital adrenal hyperplasia - [link](#)
- Clinical answers; How does adalimumab compare with placebo for inducing remission in people with Crohn's disease? - [link](#)

Diabetes Care

- The Effects of Intensive Glycemic Control on Clinical Outcomes among Patients with Type 2 Diabetes with Different Levels of Cardiovascular Risk and Hemoglobin A1c in the ADVANCE Trial - [link](#)
- A Randomized Trial Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of Fast-Acting Insulin Aspart Compared with Insulin Aspart, Both in Combination with Insulin Degludec With or Without Metformin, in Adults With Type 2 Diabetes (Onset 9) - [link](#)

Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin

- Updated evidence for oral mucolytics in COPD - [link](#)
- More data on the association between PPIs and fracture risk - [link](#)
- What evidence for bisphosphonate drug holidays? - [link](#)
- Sertraline-induced hypersensitivity pneumonitis, republished case report - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- Permanent renal sequelae secondary to drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) syndrome induced by quetiapine - [link](#)

JAMA Network Open

- Analysis of Patient-Physician Concordance in the Understanding of Chemotherapy Treatment Plans among Patients with Cancer - [link](#)

JAMA Neurology

- The Year in Review, 2019 - [link](#)

JAMA Pediatrics

- Editorial: Ideas for Next-Generation Treatments of Adolescent Obesity - [link](#)

JAMIA

- Measuring implementation feasibility of clinical decision support alerts for clinical practice recommendations - [link](#)
- Use and impact of an online community for hospital patients - [link](#)
- How the presentation of patient information and decision-support advisories influences opioid prescribing behavior: A simulation study - [link](#)

Journal of the Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association

- Integrating a pharmacist into the perioperative setting - [link](#)

Lancet

- Efficacy of levetiracetam, fosphenytoin, and valproate for established status epilepticus by age group (ESETT): a double-blind, responsive-adaptive, randomised controlled trial - [link](#)
- Decreasing antibiotic use, the gut microbiota, and asthma incidence in children: evidence from population-based and prospective cohort studies - [link](#)
- Infant respiratory syncytial virus prophylaxis and nasopharyngeal microbiota until 6 years of life: a subanalysis of the MAKI randomised controlled trial - [link](#)
- Safety and efficacy of rituximab in neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorders (RIN-1 study): a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial - [link](#)

Longwoods – Healthcare Policy

- Lessons from the International Experience with Biosimilar Implementation: An Application of the Diffusion of Innovations Model - [link](#)

Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal

- Enhancing Clinical Pharmacy Specialist Involvement in Transitions of Care Focusing on Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions within a Veterans Affairs Healthcare System - [link](#)
- Evaluation of a Pharmacist Led Oral Chemotherapy Clinic: A Pilot Program in the Gastrointestinal Oncology Clinic at an Academic Medical Center - [link](#)

Milbank Quarterly

- Can Social Policies Improve Health? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 38 Randomized Trials - [link](#)
- The Basic Criterion of Public Health - [link](#)
- The Association of State Opioid Misuse Prevention Policies with Patient- and Provider-Related Outcomes: A Scoping Review - [link](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

- Nonsedation or Light Sedation in Critically Ill, Mechanically Ventilated Patients - [link](#)
- Long-Acting Cabotegravir and Rilpivirine after Oral Induction for HIV-1 Infection - [link](#)
- Long-Acting Cabotegravir and Rilpivirine for Maintenance of HIV-1 Suppression - [link](#)
- Inclisiran for the Treatment of Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia - [link](#)
- Two Phase 3 Trials of Inclisiran in Patients with Elevated LDL Cholesterol - [link](#)

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COVID-19 RESOURCES & ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Australian

- **ABC** Coronacast - [link](#)
- **ACSQHC**: Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Infection Control - [link](#)
- **Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS)**: COVID-19 Guidelines (V.1) - [link](#)
- **Beyond Blue**: Looking after your mental health during the coronavirus outbreak - [link](#)
- **Clinical Information Access Portal (CIAP)**: COVID-19 Resources
- **Clinical Excellence Commission**: Coronavirus COVID-19 Resources - [link](#)
- **Department of Health**
 - Subscription service for COVID-19 newsletter for GPs now available - [link](#)
 - How to protect yourself and the people you are caring for from infection with COVID-19 - [link](#)
 - FAQs about coronavirus (COVID-19) - [link](#)
 - COVID-19 prevention guidelines issued to Aged Care providers - [link](#)
 - Webinar on COVID-19 aged care preparation for home environments - [link](#)
 - COVID-19 Home Medicines Service program to support delivery of medicines to patients - [link](#)
- **National Asthma Council**: COVID-19 and your asthma patients – [link](#)

- **NPS MedicineWise:** new [online educational program](#) which focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of childhood asthma
- **NSW Health:** Updated advice for health professionals as of 17 March 2020 - [link](#)
- **SHPA COVID-19** member forum [home page](#), topics include medicine supply, staff deployment, clinical management in critical care and emergency departments. Key COVID-19 websites and resources are also listed on the forum home page.
- **TGA**
- TGA response to coronavirus (COVID-19) - [link](#)
- TGA cautions against over-buying medicines - [link](#)
- **The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)**
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for GPs - [link](#)
- Be wary of what you see on social media: RACGP - [link](#)
- **The Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists**
- A message for pregnant women and their families (16 March 2020) - [link](#)
- **Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine**
- VIFM Preparedness for COVID-19 - [link](#)

International

- Country statistics apps – case [link](#) – mortality [link](#) – noting case ascertainment varies with diagnostic facilities and health service access etc
- CDC: COVID-19 interim guidelines - [link](#); COVID-19: Disinfecting your home if someone is sick - [link](#)
- European Society of Cardiology: Advice to GPs not to switch patients off ACE-I or ARBs following [Lancet letter](#) - [link](#)
- IDstewardship.com: Resources for Pharmacists- [link](#)
- Medscape: [Practice Essentials](#) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- NEJM: Podcast 256 Anthony Fauci: Talking with patients about COVID-19 - [link](#); Coronavirus Update – listen to recorded conversations - [link](#); Interview on new research on possible treatments for Covid-19 (19/3/20) - [link](#)
- Pharmaceutical Journal [Infographic](#): The race to stop COVID-19
- GOV.UK: COVID-19 guidance - [link](#); Advice on use of ibuprofen in patients with coronavirus (COVID 19) - [link](#)
- University of Liverpool: Prescribing [Resources](#) for the experimental agents in the treatment of COVID-19
- WHO
- WHO interim guidance 13 March 2020: Clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) when COVID-19 disease is suspected - [link](#)
- Staff deployment and quarantine resources – [link](#)
- Prescriber: UK sources of advice for healthcare professionals and the public on coronavirus - [link](#)

Peer-reviewed Articles

- BMJ: Doctors' wellbeing: self-care during the covid-19 pandemic - [link](#); Editorial: Video consultations for covid-19 - [link](#)
- European Heart Journal - Coronaviruses and the cardiovascular system: acute and long-term implications - [link](#)
- JAMA clinical update: Care for Critically Ill Patients With COVID-19 - [link](#)
- JAMA Pediatrics: What Does the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Mean for Families? - [link](#)
- Kidney International: The Novel Coronavirus 2019 epidemic and kidneys - [link](#)
- Lancet: Clinical course and risk factors for mortality of adult inpatients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China: a retrospective cohort study – [link](#)
- Lancet: Early dynamics of transmission and control of COVID-19: mathematical modelling study - [link](#)
- MJA: Pre-emptive low cost social distancing and enhanced hygiene implemented before local COVID-19 transmission could decrease the number and severity of cases - [link](#)
- MJA: Early clinical response to a high consequence infectious disease outbreak at the Royal Melbourne Hospital Emergency Department – insights from COVID-19 - [link](#)
- MJA: Consensus statement: Safe Airway Society principles of airway management and tracheal intubation specific to the COVID-19 adult patient group - [link](#)
- MJA: COVID-19 precautions – easier said than done when patients are homeless - [link](#)
- NEJM: A Trial of Lopinavir–Ritonavir in Adults Hospitalized with Severe Covid-19 - [link](#)
- NEJM: Aerosol and Surface Stability of SARS-CoV-2 as Compared with SARS-CoV-1 - [link](#)

- Pediatrics: COVID-19 in Children: Initial Characterization of the Pediatric Disease - [link](#)
- Pediatrics: Epidemiological Characteristics of 2143 Pediatric Patients with 2019 Coronavirus Disease in China - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Indigenous injury deaths 2011-2015 to 2015-2016 - [link](#)
- Child protection Australia: children in the child protection system - [link](#)
- Child protection Australia 2018 -19 - [link](#)
- Infographic: child protection Australia 2018-2019 stats mat - [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- Your Training and Wellbeing Matters Survey Poster 2020 - [link](#)
- Influenza Surveillance Report - [link](#)

PBS

- Drug Utilisation Sub-Committee (DUSC) Outcome Statement - [link](#)
- Post-market review of medicines for smoking cessation - [link](#)

TGA

- Update on proposed clarification that certain sports supplements are therapeutic goods - [link](#)
- Changes to the Permissible Ingredients Determination - [link](#)
- Planning vital when using patient handling slings - [link](#)
- Surgical staplers: TGA reviews device incident reports - [link](#)
- Consider the whole picture when testing troponin levels - [link](#)
- Updated cleaning instructions for long-term nasogastric tubes - [link](#)
- 2020 seasonal influenza vaccines - [link](#)

AusPARs:

- [Doravine](#) and doravine/lamivudine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate – for HIV-1 infection in adults who are antiretroviral therapy (ART)-naïve with no known substitutions associated with resistance to doravirine, lamivudine, or tenofovir
- [Mecasermin](#) – for long-term treatment of growth failure in children and adolescents from 2 to 18 years with severe primary insulin-like growth factor 1 deficiency (Primary IGFD)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- Making Healthcare Safer III: A Critical Analysis of Existing and Emerging Patient Safety Practices – [link](#)
- Network of Patient Safety Databases Chartbook - [link](#)
- A Decade of Patient Safety 2020-2030 - [link](#)
- Prevalence, nature and predictors of omitted medication doses in mental health hospitals: a multi-centre study - [link](#)
- Interventions to reduce adverse drug event-related outcomes in older adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- How does the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist fit with existing perioperative risk management strategies? An ethnographic study across surgical specialties - [link](#)
- Overprescribing of opioids to adults by dentists in the U.S., 2011-2015 – [link](#)
- Ensuring successful implementation of communication-and-resolution programmes - [link](#)
- A review of adverse event reports from emergency departments in the Veterans Health Administration - [link](#)
- Analysis of pharmacist-identified medication-related problems at two United Kingdom hospitals: a prospective observational study – [link](#)
- A systematic review exploring the content and outcomes of interventions to improve psychological safety, speaking up and voice behaviour - [link](#)
- Adverse outcomes of polypharmacy in older people: systematic review of reviews - [link](#)
- Potentially Preventable Readmissions: Conceptual Framework to Rethink the Role of Primary Care: Final Report - [link](#)

Care Quality Commission (UK)

- Getting safer faster: key areas for improvement in maternity services - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- New Drug approvals
- Combination of [nivolumab and ipilimumab](#) as treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma in patients who have been previously treated with sorafenib

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK

- Tinnitus: assessment and management [NG155] - [link](#)
- Antihypertensive drug treatment: does bedtime administration improve cardiovascular risk reduction? (medicines evidence commentary) - [link](#)

Royal Pharmaceutical Society

- New guide helps people keep safe when getting medicines or treatment online - [link](#)

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electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK) - Revised SPCs

- Ameluz® ([5-aminolevulinic acid hydrochloride](#)) updated regarding treatment of body regions other than face and scalp for actinic keratoses
- Venclyxto® ([venetoclax](#)) updated with new indication of use in combination with obinutuzumab for the treatment of adult patients with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. Serious infections including sepsis with fatal outcome added.
- Efexor XL® ([venlafaxine](#)) updated with the addition of 'takotsubo cardiomyopathy' adverse reaction.
- Maviret® ([glecaprevir and pibrentasvir](#))- revised to shorten treatment duration in treatment-naïve subjects with compensated cirrhosis and HCV GT3 infection, from 12 to 8 weeks.
- Brintellix® ([vortioxetine](#)) - now states sexual dysfunction showed no difference to placebo with doses of 5 to 15mg but 20 mg dose associated with increase in sexual dysfunction in clinical studies.
- Immodium® ([loperamide](#)) - now details that overdose can unmask existing Brugada syndrome: patients should not exceed the recommended dose and/or the recommended duration of treatment.

EMA

- Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee highlights - [link](#)
- review starting of certain ifosfamide cancer medicines
- new testing and treatment recommendations for fluorouracil, capecitabine, tegafur and flucytosine
- recommends suspension of ulipristal acetate during ongoing review of liver injury risk

Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand

- Medication alert 18: Thrombolysis for acute ischaemic stroke - [link](#)

Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA

- Medication Safety Alert! [March 12, 2020](#)
- Do You Know What Doses Are Being Programmed in the OR? Make it an Expectation to Use Smart Infusion Pumps with DERS - [link](#)
- You need to relabel this generic insulin pen - [link](#)
- Potential harm from tablet mix-ups due to similar imprints and appearance - [link](#)

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) UK

- Class 2 drug alert, action within 48 hours, patient level recall Esmya® 5mg tablets ([ulipristal acetate](#))

TGA

- Dragon 'Wolverine' tablets - [link](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Services

- Administration of [tobramycin via a nebuliser](#): If it is necessary to administer tobramycin injection via nebuliser instead of licensed nebuliser solution then it is critical a phenol-free formulation of injection

is used. This document outlines risks linked to using injection instead of nebuliser solution for this indication.

PAPERS OF INTEREST

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- A framework to increase prescription capture from health-system clinics - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Editorial: Combined Antiplatelet and Anticoagulant Therapy in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: Navigating between Scylla and Charybdis - [link](#)
- Dual Versus Triple Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation after Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis – [link](#)

-Australian Journal of General Practice

- Long-term management of elderly patients taking immunosuppressive medications - [link](#)

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Estimating misclassification error in a binary performance indicator: case study of low value care in Australian hospitals – [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Development of a structured clinical pharmacology review for specialist support for management of complex polypharmacy in primary care - [link](#)
- Quality of clinical direct oral anticoagulant prescribing and identification of risk factors for inappropriate prescriptions - [link](#)
- Effect of ciclosporin on safety, lymphocyte kinetics and left ventricular remodeling in acute myocardial infarction - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Perioperative interventions for prevention of postoperative pulmonary complications: systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Egg consumption and risk of cardiovascular disease: three large prospective US cohort studies, systematic review, and updated meta-analysis - [link](#)
- DTB select: Can a point-of-care CRP test reduce antibiotic use in COPD? - [link](#)

Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ)

- Clinical guideline for homeless and vulnerably housed people, and people with lived homelessness experience - [link](#)

Circulation

- Rivaroxaban Plus Aspirin Versus Aspirin Alone in Patients with Prior Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (COMPASS-PCI) - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Topical benzoyl peroxide for acne - [link](#)
- Immunosuppressive agents for treating IgA nephropathy - [link](#)
- Pharmacological interventions for preventing clotting of extracorporeal circuits during continuous renal replacement therapy - [link](#)

Diabetes Care

- Incidence and Associations of Chronic Kidney Disease in Community Participants with Diabetes: A 5-Year Prospective Analysis of the EXTEND45 Study - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- An investigation into prescribing errors made by independent pharmacist prescribers and medical prescribers at a large acute NHS hospital trust: a cross-sectional study – [link](#)

International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy

- The effect of inpatient pharmaceutical care on nephrotic syndrome patients after discharge: a randomized controlled trial - [link](#)
- Risk of major bleeding in elderly patients with atrial fibrillation on direct oral anticoagulants: real world experience - [link](#)
- Home medicines reviews and residential medication management reviews in Western Australia - [link](#)

International Journal for Quality in Health Care

- It's time to step it up. Why safety investigations in healthcare should look more to safety science - [link](#)
- Using Safety-II and resilient healthcare principles to learn from Never Events - [link](#)

JAMA Cardiology

- Association of the Duration of Ideal Cardiovascular Health through Adulthood with Cardiometabolic Outcomes and Mortality in the Framingham Offspring Study – [link](#)

JAMA Internal Medicine

- Development and Validation of a Penicillin Allergy Clinical Decision Rule - [link](#)

JAMA Otolaryngology

- Intratympanic vs Systemic Corticosteroids in First-line Treatment of Idiopathic Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss. A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis - [link](#)

JAMA Pediatrics

- Association Between Proton Pump Inhibitor Use and Risk of Fracture in Children - [link](#)

JAMA Psychiatry

- Review: Prevention of Psychosis: Advances in Detection, Prognosis, and Intervention - [link](#)

JAMA Surgery

- Viewpoint: Disappointing Early Results from Opioid Prescribing Limits for Acute Pain - [link](#)
- Recommendations for the Prescription of Opioids at Discharge after Abdominopelvic Surgery A Systematic Review - [link](#)

Journal of Palliative Medicine

- Topical Ketamine with Other Adjuvants: Underutilized for Refractory Cancer Pain? A Case Series and Suggested Revision of the World Health Organization Stepladder for Cancer Pain – [link](#)

Lancet

- Triple artemisinin-based combination therapies versus artemisinin-based combination therapies for uncomplicated Plasmodium falciparum malaria: a multicentre, open-label, randomised clinical trial - [link](#)
- Guselkumab in patients with active psoriatic arthritis who were biologic-naive or had previously received TNF α inhibitor treatment (DISCOVER-1): a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled phase 3 trial - [link](#)
- Guselkumab in biologic-naive patients with active psoriatic arthritis (DISCOVER-2): a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled phase 3 trial - [link](#)
- Efficacy of a tetravalent dengue vaccine in healthy children aged 4–16 years: a randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial - [link](#)
- Pertuzumab, trastuzumab, and docetaxel for HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer (CLEOPATRA): end-of-study results from a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study - [link](#)
- Psychiatric symptoms caused by cannabis constituents: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Drug-associated adverse events in the treatment of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis: an individual patient data meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Results from the first English stool bank using faecal microbiota transplant as a medicinal product for the treatment of Clostridioides difficile infection - [link](#)

Medical Journal of Australia

- Antidepressant-induced sexual dysfunction - [link](#)

- Cardiovascular disease risk assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged under 35 years: a consensus statement - [link](#)

Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal

- Effects of a Remote Antimicrobial Stewardship Program on Antimicrobial Use in a Regional Hospital System – [link](#)
- Advancing Pharmacy Practice through an Innovative Ambulatory Care Transitions Program at an Academic Medical Center – [link](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

- Association of Aspirin with Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Liver-Related Mortality - [link](#)

Patient Education and Counseling

- Engaging patients and families in communication across transitions of care: integrative review - [link](#)

Pediatrics

- Commentary: Benzalkonium Chloride in Albuterol Solutions: Time for a Change? - [link](#)
- Antibiotic Use and Outcomes in Children in the Emergency Department with Suspected Pneumonia - [link](#)

Public Health Research & Practice

- Improving palliative and end-of-life care for rural and remote Australians - [link](#)

Public Library of Science (PLOS)

- Prevalence, nature and predictors of omitted medication doses in mental health hospitals: a multi-centre study - [link](#)
- How readable are Australian multilingual diabetes patient education materials? An evaluation of national English-language source texts - [link](#)
- Predictors of ceasing or reducing statin medication following a large increase in the consumer copayment for medications: a retrospective observational study - [link](#)
- Examining the use of antiviral prophylaxis for influenza outbreaks in residential aged care facilities in NSW, Australia - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Coordination of health care: experiences of barriers to accessing health services among patients aged 45 and over - [link](#)
- ICD-11 Review stakeholder consultation report [link](#)

Department of Health

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) health alert [link](#)
- Latest statement from the Australian health protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) on coronavirus (COVID-19) [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- Management of medication for patients with Parkinson disease [link](#)
- NSW HIV surveillance data reports [link](#)
- Influenza vaccination provider toolkit [link](#)
- Responding to cancer clusters in NSW [link](#)

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC)

- Data breach action plan for health service providers - [\\SVMHS.STVINCENTS.COM.AU\DFSROOT\DEPARTMENTALFOLDERS\SVHNSWTAG\General](https://svmhs.stvincents.com.au/DFSROOT/DEPARTMENTALFOLDERS/SVHNSWTAG/General)

TGA

- Update to listed medicine ingredients in March 2020 - [link](#)
- TGA to expand quality audits for medicinal cannabis - [link](#)
- How to spot a counterfeit medicine - [link](#)
- Reformatting Product Information: Frequently asked questions - [link](#)
- Maxman Cialis tablets (Plastic bottle inside cardboard carton) - [link](#)
- AusPARs:
 - [Talazoparib](#) - for the treatment of patients with a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline breast cancer susceptibility gene (BRCA) mutation according to a validated diagnostic test, who have human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer
 - [Acalabrutinib](#) – extension to the treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL)
 - [Bevacizumab](#) – approved for
 - a) *Metastatic colorectal cancer* - in combination with fluoropyrimidine-based chemotherapy is indicated for the treatment of patients with metastatic colorectal cancer
 - b) Locally recurrent or metastatic breast cancer - in combination with paclitaxel is indicated for the first-line treatment of metastatic breast cancer in patients in whom an anthracycline-based therapy is contraindicated.
 - c) Advanced, metastatic or recurrent non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) - in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, is indicated for first-line treatment of patients with unresectable advanced, metastatic or recurrent, non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer.
 - d) Advanced and/or metastatic renal cell cancer - in combination with interferon alfa-2a is indicated for treatment of patients with advanced and/or metastatic renal cell cancer
 - e) Grade IV glioma - as a single agent, is indicated for the treatment of patients with Grade IV glioma after relapse or disease progression after standard therapy, including chemotherapy
 - f) Epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer - in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, is indicated for first-line treatment of patients with advanced (FIGO stages IIIB, IIIC and IV) epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer
 - g) Recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer - in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel or in combination with carboplatin and gemcitabine, is indicated for the treatment of patients with first recurrence of platinum-sensitive, epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who have not received prior bevacizumab or other VEGF-targeted angiogenesis inhibitors. In combination with paclitaxel, topotecan or pegylated liposomal doxorubicin is indicated for the treatment of patients with recurrent, platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who have received no more than two prior chemotherapy regimens, and have not received any prior anti-angiogenic therapy including bevacizumab
 - h) Cervical Cancer - in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin is indicated for the treatment of persistent, recurrent or metastatic carcinoma of the cervix. Zirabev (bevacizumab) in combination with paclitaxel and topotecan is an acceptable alternative where cisplatin is not tolerated or not indicated.
- [Mepolizumab](#) - extension to an add-on treatment for severe refractory eosinophilic asthma in patients aged 6 years and over rejected
- [Caritinib](#) – approval for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) that is anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive
- [Lorlatinib](#) - provisional approval for the treatment of patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose disease has progressed on crizotinib and at least one other ALK inhibitor or alectinib/ceritinib as the first ALK inhibitor
- [Ceftazidime/Avibactam](#) - approval for the treatment of the following infections in adults:
 - a) Complicated intra-abdominal infection (cIAI), in combination with metronidazole
 - b) Complicated urinary tract infection (cUTI), including pyelonephritis
 - c) Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP), including ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- Patient Safety Awareness Week 8-14 March 2020 - [link](#)

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

- Ozurdex® (intravitreal dexamethasone) for Diabetic Macular Edema: Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Local Anesthetic for Urinary Catheter Insertion: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Administration of Vaccines and Parenteral Medications in Home Care Settings: Safety and Guidelines - [link](#)

- Lurasidone Hydrochloride for Bipolar Disorder: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)

Biospace

- ViiV Healthcare presents positive 48-week data from phase III study showing every-two-month regimen of investigational long-acting, injectable cabotegravir and rilpivirine has similar efficacy to once-monthly dosing - [link](#)
- Ifenprodil currently in phase II development to be made available for compassionate use in serious cases of Coronavirus infection - [link](#)

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- New products
-- Beovu ([brolocizumab](#)) 120 mg/ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe for the treatment of neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD) in adults
-- Vyndaquel ([tafamidis](#)) for the treatment of wild-type or hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis in adults with cardiomyopathy
-- Polivy ([polatuzumab vedotin](#)) for use in combination with bendamustine and rituximab for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma who are not candidates for haematopoietic stem cell transplant

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- New Drug approvals
-- osilodrostat (Isturisa®) to treat adults with Cushing's disease who either cannot undergo pituitary gland surgery or have undergone the surgery but still have the disease - [link](#)
- umbralisib granted orphan designation for the treatment of follicular lymphoma (FL) - [link](#)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

- "Conversation Ready": A Framework for Improving End-of-Life Care (Second Edition) - [link](#)
- A Guide to Measuring the Triple Aim: Population Health, Experience of Care, and Per Capita Cost - [link](#)

World Health Organisation (WHO)

- Considerations for quarantine of individuals in the context of containment for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) - [link](#)

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electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
-- Suliqua ([lixisenatide and insulin glargine](#)) pre-filled pen: now details that lipodystrophy and cutaneous amyloidosis may occur at the injection site of insulins and delay local insulin absorption. Continuous rotation of the injection site within the given injection area may help to reduce or prevent these reactions.
-- [Alutard Bee Venom Products](#): Injection site hypertrichosis added as a potential adverse effect (frequency unknown).
-- Zyprexa® ([olanzapine](#)) preparations: Salivary hypersecretion has been added as a potential adverse effect of treatment (frequency uncommon).
-- [Epclusa](#)®, [Vosevi](#)® (sofosbuvir, velpatasvir, voxilaprevir) updated to include new safety information on rash and angioedema.
-- Mirapexin® ([pramipexole](#)) now advises abrupt discontinuation of dopaminergic therapy can lead to the development of a neuroleptic malignant syndrome or a dopamine agonist withdrawal syndrome.
-- Nebido® ([testosterone undecanoate](#)) updated with warnings on drug abuse and dependence
-- [Feraccru](#)® (iron maltol) now advises no dose adjustment is needed in elderly patients or patients with renal impairment (eGFR ≥ 15 ml/min/1.73 m²).
-- [Feldene Melt](#) (piroxicam) updated to include increased risk of serious gastrointestinal events, and the adverse effect of glomerulonephritis (unknown frequency).
-- Dalacin C Phosphate® (clindamycin) includes information on hypersensitivity and severe skin reaction.

- [Dioralyte®](#) Sachets (all presentations) includes updated statement on cases where electrolyte balance may be disturbed and advice that patients on low potassium and sodium diets need medical supervision. Overdose section now mentions cases of severe hepatic or renal failure
- Neoclarityn® ([desloratadine](#)) updated to reflect increased incidence of new-onset seizure in patients age 0 to 19 years

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- FDA requires Boxed Warning about serious mental health side effects for asthma and allergy drug montelukast (Singulair); advises restricting use for allergic rhinitis - [link](#)
- FDA Proposes Broad Approach for Conducting Safety Trials for Type 2 Diabetes Medications - [link](#)

Medsafe (New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority)

- Prescriber update, [March 2020](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

American Journal of Cardiology

- Meta-Analysis of Intraocular Bleeding with Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Using P2Y12 Inhibitors Prasugrel or Ticagrelor - [link](#)

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- Incorporation of rapid diagnostic tests to improve time to antimicrobial therapy for gram-positive bacteremia and candidemia - [link](#)
- Medications requiring prior authorization across health insurance plans - [link](#)
- Weighing in on antibiotic dosing for surgical site prophylaxis - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Comparative Pricing of Branded Tenofovir Alafenamide–Emtricitabine Relative to Generic Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate–Emtricitabine for HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis - [link](#)
- Effectiveness and Safety of Apixaban Compared with Rivaroxaban for Patients With Atrial Fibrillation in Routine Practice: A Cohort Study - [link](#) – with Summary for Patients - [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- A multicentre prospective study evaluating the impact of proton-pump inhibitors omeprazole and pantoprazole on voriconazole plasma concentrations - [link](#)
- Cobicistat: A case of mislabelled drug-drug interaction risk? - [link](#)
- Association of insulin regimens with severe hypoglycaemia in patients with type 1 diabetes: A Danish case–control study - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Associations between stopping prescriptions for opioids, length of opioid treatment, and overdose or suicide deaths in US veterans: observational evaluation - [link](#)
- Management of dependent use of illicit opioids - [link](#)
- Does team reflexivity impact teamwork and communication in interprofessional hospital-based healthcare teams? A systematic review and narrative synthesis - [link](#)
- Application of human factors to improve usability of clinical decision support for diagnostic decision-making: a scenario-based simulation study - [link](#)
- Editorial: Whiteboards: important part of the toolbox for improving patient understanding during hospitalisation [link](#)
- Cluster randomised controlled trial evaluating the clinical and humanistic impact of a pharmacist-led minor ailment service - [link](#)
- Quality & safety in the literature: May 2020 - [link](#)

Diabetes Care

- Dalcetrapib Reduces Risk of New-Onset Diabetes in Patients with Coronary Heart Disease - [link](#)
- Efficacy and Safety of Liraglutide 3.0 mg in Individuals With Overweight or Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes Treated With Basal Insulin: The SCALE Insulin Randomized Controlled Trial - [link](#)
- The Long-term Effects of Metformin on Patients with Type 2 Diabetic Kidney Disease - [link](#)

- Early Childhood Antibiotic Treatment for Otitis Media and Other Respiratory Tract Infections Is Associated with Risk of Type 1 Diabetes: A Nationwide Register-Based Study with Sibling Analysis - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- Medication review versus usual care to improve drug therapies in hospitalised older patients admitted to internal medicine wards - [link](#)
- Daptomycin in combination with rosuvastatin induced blood creatine phosphokinase elevation - [link](#)

Internal Medicine Journal

- Febuxostat as a Renoprotective Agent for Treatment of Hyperuricemia: A Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials - [link](#)

International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy

- A modified olanzapine-based anti-emetic regimen for the control of nausea and vomiting in patients receiving weekly cisplatin - [link](#)
- Incidence of muscle relaxant use in relation to diagnosis of Parkinson's disease - [link](#)
- Appropriateness of empirical antibiotics: risk factors of adult patients with sepsis in the ICU - [link](#)
- Unfractionated heparin dosing in obese patients - [link](#)
- Medication exposure and frailty in older community-dwelling patients: a cross-sectional study - [link](#)

JAMA

- Improving Physician Communication about Treatment Decisions. Reconsideration of "Risks vs Benefits" - [link](#)
- Regulating Medicines in a Globalized World with Increased Recognition and Reliance among Regulators. A National Academies Report - [link](#)

International Journal for Quality in Health Care

- Using parent-reported experience measures as quality improvement tools in paediatric cardiothoracic services: making it happen - [link](#)
- Prediction of medical expenditures of diagnosed diabetics and the assessment of its related factors using a random forest model, MEPS 2000–2015 - [link](#)
- A systematic review of patient-reported outcome measurement (PROM) and provider assessment in mental health: goals, implementation, setting, measurement characteristics and barriers - [link](#)
- Beyond 'find and fix': improving quality and safety through resilient healthcare systems - [link](#)-Effect of Reduced Exposure to Vasopressors on 90-Day Mortality in Older Critically Ill Patients with Vasodilatory Hypotension: A Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)
-Review: Screening for Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults: Updated Evidence Report and Systematic Review for the US Preventive Services Task Force - [link](#)

JAMA Cardiology

- Therapeutic Targeting of Left Atrial Myopathy in Atrial Fibrillation and Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction - [link](#)

JAMA Dermatology

- Editorial: Oral and Topical Terbinafine for Fungal Infections in Pregnancy - [link](#)

JAMA Internal Medicine

- The Skyrocketing Cost of Rectal Indomethacin - [link](#)
- Efficacy of Gabapentin for the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder in Patients with Alcohol Withdrawal Symptoms. A Randomized Clinical Trial – [link](#)
- Five-Year Follow-up of a Randomized Clinical Trial Testing Mailed Nicotine Patches to Promote Tobacco Cessation - [link](#)
- Severe Lung Injury Associated With Use of e-Cigarette, or Vaping, Products—California, 2019 - [link](#)

JAMA Network Open

- Assessment of Electronic Health Record Search Patterns and Practices by Practitioners in a Large Integrated Health Care System - [link](#)

JAMIA (Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association)

- The impact of transitioning from availability of outside records within electronic health records to integration of local and outside records within electronic health records - [link](#)

Journal of Advanced Nursing

-Improving the quality of bowel preparation through an app for inpatients undergoing colonoscopy: A randomized controlled trial - [link](#)

Journal of Clinical Psychiatry

- Efficacy and Safety of a Combination of Olanzapine and Samidorphan in Adult Patients with an Acute Exacerbation of Schizophrenia: Outcomes from the Randomized, Phase 3 ENLIGHTEN-1 Study - [link](#)

Journal of Palliative Medicine

- Differences of Quality in End-of-Life Care across Settings: Results from the U.S. National Health and Aging Trends Study of Medicare Beneficiaries - [link](#)

Lancet

- Adjuvant chemotherapy in upper tract urothelial carcinoma (the POUT trial): a phase 3, open-label, randomised controlled trial - [link](#)
- Trends in sexual activity and demand for and use of modern contraceptive methods in 74 countries: a retrospective analysis of nationally representative surveys - [link](#)
- 2019-nCoV in context: lessons learned? - [link](#)
- Frequency of biologic switching and the outcomes of switching in children and young people with juvenile idiopathic arthritis: a national cohort study - [link](#)

Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal

- Prescribing and Safety of Direct-Acting Oral Anticoagulants Compared to Warfarin in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation on Chronic Hemodialysis - [link](#)
- Cystatin C: A Primer for Pharmacists - [link](#)
- Principles of Drug Dosing in Sustained Low Efficiency Dialysis (SLED) and Review of Antimicrobial Dosing Literature - [link](#)
- Precision Genomic Practice in Oncology: Pharmacist Role and Experience in an Ambulatory Care Clinic - [link](#)
- The Prescribing and Education of Naloxone in a Large Academic Medical Center - [link](#)

Medical Journal of Australia

- An outbreak of COVID-19 caused by a new coronavirus: what we know so far - [link](#)
- 10% of PCI-stent recipients don't get recommended drug therapy after discharge - [link](#)

NEJM

- Association of Aspirin with Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Liver-Related Mortality - [link](#)
- Review: Complications of Unsafe and Self-Managed Abortion - [link](#)

NHMRC - Impact case studies - [link](#)

- Picato gel - QIMR Berghofer 16 December 2018
- Aridol and Bronchitol (how inhaled mannitol can be used to diagnose asthma) - The University of Sydney 16 December 2018
- The TRIUMPH study (trial of a new low-dose pill for hypertension that combines three medications in one (Triple Pill)) - The George Institute for Global Health 28 March 2019
- Pharmaxis (focuses on new therapies to treat inflammation and fibrosis) - Pharmaxis Ltd 8 April 2019
- SMARThealth (digital platform that supports clinical decision-making and improves the screening, detection and management of adults with chronic diseases) - The George Institute for Global Health 18 July 2019
- Neurodegenerative disease and metals - The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health 27 November 2019
- Severe Asthma: Mepolizumab - Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) 28 November 2019
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - The Telethon Kids Institute and The Sydney University 25 February 2020

Pharmacotherapy

- Comparison of Hydromorphone versus Fentanyl-based Sedation in Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation: A Propensity-Matched Analysis - [link](#)
- Effects of β 2-Adrenergic Agonists on Risk of Parkinson's Disease in COPD: a population-based study - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Youth detention population in Australia 2019 [link](#)
- Hospitalised sports injury in Australia, 2016-2017 [link](#)
- Spinal cord injury, Australian, 2016-2017 [link](#)
- Patient experiences in Australia by small geographic areas in 2017-2018 [link](#)
- Review of the two national Indigenous specific primary health care datasets: The Online Service Report and the national Key Performance Indicators [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- New Reporting Requirement for the Opioid Overdose Response and Take Home Naloxone Intervention [link](#)
- Pharmacy Department Reimbursement and Data Collection During PBS-Subsidised Naloxone Pilot [link](#)

PBS

- PBS Website Update – Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits [link](#)

TGA

- International scientific guidelines adopted in Australia - [link](#)
- AusPARs
 - [acalabrutinib](#) (Calquence®) – for treatment of mantle cell lymphoma who have received at least one prior therapy
- Registration of [new or extended uses](#) of registered medicine
 - atezolizumab (Tecentriq®), in combination with nab-paclitaxel and carboplatin, now also indicated for first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-squamous NSCLC who do not have tumour EGFR or ALK genomic aberrations.
 - venetoclax (Venclexta®, Velnclexta Starting Pack®) – as part of combination therapy, now indicated for the treatment of newly diagnosed adult patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) who are ineligible for intensive chemotherapy.
 - beclometasone dipropionate; formoterol (eformoterol) fumarate dehydrate (Fostair®) in adults (18 years and older) in the regular treatment of asthma where use of a combination product (inhaled corticosteroid and long-acting beta2-agonist) is appropriate.
 - adalimumab (Hadlima®):
 - a) in combination with methotrexate now also indicated for reducing the signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis in patients 2 years of age and older who have had an inadequate intolerance to methotrexate or when continued treatment with methotrexate is inappropriate;
 - b) for treatment of signs and symptoms, as well as inhibiting the progression of structural damage, of moderate to severely active psoriatic arthritis in adult patients where response to previous DMARDs has been inadequate
 - c) for reducing signs and symptoms in patients with active ankylosing spondylitis
 - d) for treatment of moderate to severe Crohn's disease, to reduce the signs and symptoms of the disease and to induce and maintain clinical remission in patients; who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapies; or, who have lost response to or are intolerant to infliximab
 - e) for treatment of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis in adult patients who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy or who are intolerant or have medical contraindications for such therapies
 - f) for treatment of moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis in adult patients who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy
 - g) for treatment of active moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa (acne inversa) in patients with an inadequate response to conventional systemic hidradenitis suppurativa therapy.

h) for treatment of non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis in adult patients who have had an inadequate response to corticosteroids, in patients in need of corticosteroid sparing or in whom corticosteroid treatment is inappropriate.

- Registration of [new chemical entities](#) in Australia
- baloxavir marboxil (Xofluza®, film-coated tablet) ; for treatment of uncomplicated influenza in patients aged 12 years of age and older who have been symptomatic for no more than 48 hours and who are otherwise healthy or at high risk of developing influenza complications
- darolutamide (Nubeqa®) for treatment of patients with non-metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer (nmCRPC)
- enoxaparin sodium (Enoxapo®)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- Systemic causes of in-hospital intravenous medication errors: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Uncertainty in decision making in medicine: a scoping review and thematic analysis of conceptual models. - [link](#)
- Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulant therapy: commentary from the Anticoagulation Forum on the Updated Joint Commission NPSG.03.05.01 Elements of Performance - [link](#)

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

- Asthma Treatments for Acute Asthma in Pediatric Patients: Clinical Effectiveness, Cost Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)

Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or Persons under Investigation for COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings - [link](#)

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

- cefiderocol (Fetcroja) recommended for treatment of infections due to aerobic Gram-negative organisms in adults with limited treatment options - [link](#)
- sodium thiosulfate infusion: license extension accepted for cisplatin-induced hearing loss in children - [link](#)
- brigatinib: extended indication recommended for patients not previously treated with an anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) inhibitor - [link](#)
- nintedanib (Ofev) recommended for treatment of systemic sclerosis associated interstitial lung disease - [link](#)
- apremilast (Otezla) recommended for treatment of Behçet's disease (BD) - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- New Drug approvals
- amisulpride (Barhemsys) to help prevent nausea and vomiting after surgery - [link](#)
- rimegepant (Nurtec ODT) to treat migraine - [link](#)
- isatuximab (Sarclisa) to treat multiple myeloma - [link](#)

Health Canada

- Health Product InfoWatch, [February 2020](#)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

- Comment on Lown Institute report, Eliminating Medication Overload: A National Action Plan ([link](#)): [link](#)

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK

- NG153 Impetigo: antimicrobial prescribing - [link](#)
- NG154 Neonatal parenteral nutrition - [link](#)
- QS192 Intrapartum care: existing medical conditions and obstetric complications - [link](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Services

- NICE Bites – Leg ulcer infection - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- evolocumab (Repatha SureClick®) caution in renal impairment removed and data on use in those patients included- [link](#)
- ceftaroline fosamil (Zinforo®) now advises SCARs (Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms, acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis) have been reported with beta-lactam antibiotics, including cephalosporins - [link](#)
- ustekinumab (Stelara®) update: product can be stored at room temperature up to 30°C for a maximum single period of up to 30 days - [link](#)
- mesalazine (Pentasa®) update: nephrolithiasis reported, including stones with a 100% mesalazine content. Ensure adequate fluid intake during treatment - [link](#)
- medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera®) use contraindicated if there is a known or suspected pregnancy, advises that conception may be delayed following discontinuation, and that lactation data are limited; treatment should not be given sooner than 6 weeks post-partum - [link](#)
- Safety alert
- In Use Product Safety Assessment Report For Fiasp® (Insulin Aspart) - [link](#)

Health Canada – MedEffect Notice

- Summary Safety Review - Direct-acting antivirals - Assessing the potential risk of abnormal blood sugar levels (dysglycemia) - [link](#)

Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA

- 2020-2021 Consensus-Based Medication Safety Best Practices for Hospitals - [link](#)
- Medication Safety Alert! [February 27, 2020](#)
- Methadone overdose linked to scanning the wrong barcode
- Should the PillCrusher syringe be used for crushing tablets?
- Teva look-alike labels
- Careful where you place those stickers!
- ISMP survey on the Two New 2020-2021 Targeted Medication Safety Best Practices for Hospitals [link](#)

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

- Drug safety update, [February 2020](#)

TGA

- Update - fluoroquinolone antibiotics and adverse events - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

Age and Ageing

- Statin treatment, phenotypic frailty and mortality among community-dwelling octogenarian men: the HBS cohort - [link](#)
- A software to prevent delirium in hospitalised older adults: development and feasibility assessment - [link](#)
- A systematic review of the evidence for the efficacy of opioids for chronic non-cancer pain in community-dwelling older adults - [link](#)
- Patient-controlled variable dosing of levodopa for Parkinson's disease - [link](#)

Annals of Emergency Medicine

- Oral Ondansetron to Reduce Vomiting in Children Receiving Intranasal Fentanyl and Inhaled Nitrous Oxide for Procedural Sedation and Analgesia: A Randomized Controlled Trial - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Pharmacotherapy for the Treatment of Cannabis Use Disorder: A Systematic Review - [link](#)

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases

- Hypersensitivity reactions with allopurinol and febuxostat: a study using the Medicare claims data - [link](#)

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Editorial: Leveraging electronic health record data to improve sepsis surveillance - [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Effects, costs and implementation of monitoring kidney transplant patients' tacrolimus levels with dried blood spot sampling: A randomized controlled hybrid implementation trial - [link](#)
- Population pharmacokinetics and Bayesian estimators for intravenous mycophenolate mofetil in haematopoietic stem cell transplant patients - [link](#)
- Editorial: Medication adherence—Key considerations for clinical pharmacologists - [link](#)
- Protective effects of doxepin cream on radiation dermatitis in breast cancer: A single arm double-blind randomized clinical trial - [link](#)
- The pharmacokinetics of metformin in patients receiving intermittent haemodialysis - [link](#)
- Ensuring access to safe, effective, and affordable cannabis-based medicines - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- EULAR recommendations for the management of rheumatoid arthritis with synthetic and biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs: 2019 update - [link](#)
- Editorial: Post-SSRI sexual dysfunction - [link](#)
- Cost effectiveness of an intervention to increase uptake of hepatitis C virus testing and treatment (HepCATT): cluster randomised controlled trial in primary care - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Anticoagulant treatment for subsegmental pulmonary embolism - [link](#)
- Water for preventing urinary stones - [link](#)
- Pharmacological interventions for heart failure in people with chronic kidney disease - [link](#)
- Benzodiazepines for treatment of patients with delirium excluding those who are cared for in an intensive care unit - [link](#)
- Omega-3 fatty acids for the primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease - [link](#)
- Probiotics for maintenance of remission in ulcerative colitis - [link](#)
- Probiotics for induction of remission in ulcerative colitis - [link](#)
- Pharmacological interventions for promoting smoking cessation during pregnancy - [link](#)
- Oxcarbazepine add-on for drug-resistant focal epilepsy - [link](#)
- Drugs for preventing lung cancer in healthy people - [link](#)

Critical Care Medicine

- Guidelines for the Management of Adult Acute and Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure in the ICU: Cardiovascular, Endocrine, Hematologic, Pulmonary, and Renal Considerations - [link](#)

Internal Medicine Journal

- Severe Asthma Assessment, Management and the Organisation of Care in Australia and New Zealand: Expert Forum Roundtable Meetings - [link](#)

JAMA Cardiology

- Editorial: Methods of Calculating Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Level - [link](#)
- Optimal Antithrombotic Regimens for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention. An Updated Network Meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Assessment of Long-term Benefit of Intensive Blood Pressure Control on Residual Life Span: Secondary Analysis of the Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT) - [link](#)

JAMA Internal Medicine

- Integrated Drug Reviews at the US Food and Drug Administration—Legal Concerns and Knowledge Lost - [link](#)

JAMA Network Open

- Association of Formulary Exclusions and Restrictions for Opioid Alternatives with Opioid Prescribing Among Medicare Beneficiaries - [link](#)
- Economic Burden Associated with Extended-Release vs Immediate-Release Drug Formulations among Medicare Part D and Medicaid Beneficiaries - [link](#)

Journal of Palliative Medicine

- The Efficacy of Medical Marijuana in the Treatment of Cancer-Related Pain - [link](#)

Lancet

- Early detection of diabetic kidney disease by urinary proteomics and subsequent intervention with spironolactone to delay progression (PRIORITY): a prospective observational study and embedded randomised placebo-controlled trial - [link](#)
- Cardiovascular adverse events in patients with non-Hodgkin lymphoma treated with first-line cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone (CHOP) or CHOP with rituximab (R-CHOP): a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Epilepsy in older people - [link](#)
- Guidelines for pregnant women with suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection - [link](#)

Medical Journal of Australia

- The dispensing of psychotropic medicines to older people before and after they enter residential aged care - [link](#)

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

- NIHR Signals
- Melatonin shows potential for reducing delirium among older people after surgery - [link](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

- Catalyst: Zero Harm in Health Care - [link](#)
- Review article: Pituitary-Tumor Endocrinopathies – [link](#)
- Long-Acting Cabotegravir and Rilpivirine after Oral Induction for HIV-1 Infection - [link](#)
- Long-Acting Cabotegravir and Rilpivirine for Maintenance of HIV-1 Suppression - [link](#)
- Treatment of Highly Drug-Resistant Pulmonary Tuberculosis - [link](#)

Pharmacotherapy

- Quality of Evidence Supporting Major Psychotropic Drug-Drug Interaction Warnings: A Systematic Literature Review - [link](#)
- Predicting Interactions between Rifampin and Antihypertensive Drugs Using the Biopharmaceutics Drug Disposition Classification System (BDDCS) - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA)

- Report: Medicine safety: Aged care – [link](#)

TGA

- Australian Prescription Medicine Decision Summary: Enoxapo® (enoxaparin sodium) - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

- Moving from knowledge to action: improving safety and quality of care for patients with limited English proficiency - [link](#)
- Risks and medication errors analysis to evaluate the impact of a chemotherapy compounding workflow management system on cancer patients' safety - [link](#)

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

- Rapid response: Inotropes and Vasopressors for Septic or Cardiogenic Shock in Rural Settings: Guidelines - [link](#)
- Rapid response: Combination Use of Ivabradine with Sacubitril/Valsartan: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Rapid response: Ondansetron and Oral Rehydration Therapy in Pediatric Patients with Dehydration: Clinical Effectiveness - [link](#)
- Rapid response: Prostaglandin Analogues for Ophthalmic Use: A Review of Comparative Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Quetiapine for Major Depressive Disorder: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Rapid response: Management of Patients Presenting with Pneumonia in the Emergency Department: Guidelines - [link](#)
- Pilocarpine for Radiotherapy-Induced Dry Mouth and Dry Eyes: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Rapid response - Clozapine Initiation for Schizophrenia: A Review of Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- FDA and European Medicines Agency accept filing of licensing application for ofatumumab for treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis in adults - [link](#)
- New Drug approvals
 - eptinezumab-jjmr (Vyeptri®) - For preventive treatment of migraine in adults - [link](#)
 - bempedoic acid (Nexleto®) - To treat adults with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia or established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease who require additional lowering of LDL-C) - [link](#)
 - ethinyl estradiol/levonorgestrel transdermal (Twirla®) - once-weekly contraceptive patch - [link](#)
 - Injectable meloxicam (Anjeso IV®) - [link](#)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

- Effective Strategies for Hospitals Responding to the Opioid Crisis - [link](#)

NHS England

- Epilepsy toolkit - [link](#)

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK

- Neonatal parenteral nutrition - guidance [\[NG154\]](#)
- Impetigo: antimicrobial prescribing - guidance [\[NG153\]](#)

The National Academies Press

- Assessment of Long-Term Health Effects of Antimalarial Drugs When Used for Prophylaxis - [link](#)
- Health Literacy and Communication Strategies in Oncology - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
 - Cerazette (desogestrel): to list hypersensitivity reactions, including angioedema and anaphylaxis as adverse effects - [link](#)
 - Zirtek® ([cetirizine](#)) products: updated data on use in pregnancy do not suggest potential for maternal or foetal toxicity above background rates. However in breastfeeding mothers noted that excreted in breastmilk in concentrations 25-90% those seen in plasma and therefore caution advised.
 - Norditropin® ([somatropin](#)) – growth failure due to Noonan syndrome added to list of approved indications.

--Lanoxin® ([digoxin](#)) tablets - now includes information on proton pump inhibitors (particularly omeprazole) increasing plasma levels of digoxin. Venetoclax and vemurafenib added to the list of concomitant medicines that should be used with caution.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- FDA Drug Safety Podcast: FDA requests withdrawal of the weight-loss drug Belviq, Belviq XR (lorcaserin) from the market - [link](#)

Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA

- 2020-2021 Targeted Medication Safety Best Practices for Hospitals - [link](#)
- Medication Errors: The Year in Review, January to December 2019 – [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

Age and Ageing

- Successful care transitions for older people: a systematic review and meta-analysis of the effects of interventions that support medication continuity - [link](#)

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- Clonidine as a strategy for discontinuing dexmedetomidine sedation in critically ill patients: A narrative review - [link](#)
- Real-world evidence on impact of a pharmacist-led transitional care program on 30- and 90-day readmissions after acute care episodes - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Pharmacologic Therapies in Patients with Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Systematic Review With Meta-analysis - [link](#)

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Editorial: What are we doing when we double check? - [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- A 3-year prospective study of a multidisciplinary early proactive therapeutic drug monitoring programme of infliximab treatments in inflammatory bowel disease - [link](#)
- Risk of major bleeding among users of direct oral anticoagulants combined with interacting drugs: A population-based nested case-control study - [link](#)
- Off-label use of quetiapine in nursing homes: Does medical specialty of prescribing physicians play a role? - [link](#)
- Prescribing for pregnancy: asthma - [link](#)

British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Using a clinical process map to identify prescribing cascades in your patient - [link](#)
- Macrolide antibiotics in pregnancy are linked with birth defects, study suggests - [link](#)
- Maternal and fetal outcomes following exposure to duloxetine in pregnancy: cohort study - [link](#)
- Trends and risk factors of mortality and disability adjusted life years for chronic respiratory diseases from 1990 to 2017: systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 - [link](#)

Circulation

- SUPPORT-AF II: Supporting Use of Anticoagulants through Provider Profiling of Oral Anticoagulant Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation - [link](#) - with editorial - [link](#)

Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin

- Are patient education materials for deprescribing fit for purpose? - [link](#)
- Ursodeoxycholic acid offers no benefit in obstetric cholestasis - [link](#)
- Dapagliflozin for type 1 diabetes: ensuring benefits outweigh the risks- [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- Goal attainment scaling to facilitate person-centred, medicines-related consultations - [link](#)
- Antibiotic adverse events on an outpatient parenteral antibiotic service: a retrospective cohort study - [link](#)

- Pharmaceutical interventions in the emergency department: cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis - [link](#)

Internal Medicine Journal

- Medication use and cognitive impairment among residents of aged care facilities - [link](#)
- Factors that predict glycaemic response to sodium-glucose linked transporter (SGLT) inhibitors - [link](#)

International Journal for Quality in Health Care

- Conclusion: the road ahead: where should we go now to improve healthcare quality in acute settings? - [link](#)

JAMA

- Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events After 12 Months Among Patients With Acute Coronary Syndrome Receiving Loading Doses of Atorvastatin Prior to Planned PCI - [link](#)

JAMA Internal Medicine

- Evaluation of a Common Prescribing Cascade of Calcium Channel Blockers and Diuretics in Older Adults with Hypertension - [link](#)
- Invited commentary: Antihypertensive Prescribing Cascades as High-Priority Targets for Deprescribing - [link](#)
- Invited commentary: Deprescribing Proton Pump Inhibitors Overcoming Resistance - [link](#)

JAMA Network Open

- Comparison of Cardiovascular Events among Users of Different Classes of Antihypertension Medications: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Latent Classes of Adherence to Oral Anticoagulation Therapy among Patients with a New Diagnosis of Atrial Fibrillation - [link](#)

JAMA Neurology

- Tolerability of Antiseizure Medications in Individuals with Newly Diagnosed Epilepsy - [link](#)

JAMA Pediatrics

- Editorial: Maternal Vitamin D and Offspring Bone Mineral Parameters and Growth - [link](#)

JAMA Psychiatry

- Editorial: Is This Where We Stand After Decades of Research to Develop More Personalized Treatments for Depression? - [link](#)

Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy

- Can evidence-based decision support tools transform antibiotic management? A systematic review and meta-analyses - [link](#)

Lancet

- Efficacy and safety of nerinetide for the treatment of acute ischaemic stroke (ESCAPE-NA1): a multicentre, double-blind, randomised controlled trial - [link](#)
- Metformin to reduce metabolic complications and inflammation in patients on systemic glucocorticoid therapy: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, proof-of-concept, phase 2 trial - [link](#)
- Safety and efficacy of metformin in systemic lupus erythematosus: a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial - [link](#)
- Association of antiretroviral therapy with anal high-risk human papillomavirus, anal intraepithelial neoplasia, and anal cancer in people living with HIV: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Review: 30 years of second-generation antiseizure medications: impact and future perspectives – [link](#)

Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal

- Preliminary Investigation of Pharmacist-Delivered, Direct-to-Provider Interventions to Reduce Co-Prescribing of Opioids and Benzodiazepines among a Medicare Population - [link](#)
- Prescriber-Initiated Engagement of Pharmacists for Information and Intervention in Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly - [link](#)

- The impact of a Post-Take Ward Round Pharmacist on the Risk Score and Enactment of Medication-Related Recommendations – [link](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

- Catalyst: Zero Harm in Health Care - [link](#)
- Review article: The Modern Epidemic of Syphilis - [link](#)
- Pembrolizumab for Early Triple-Negative Breast Cancer - [link](#)

Pharmacotherapy

- Nephrotoxicity Risk and Clinical Effectiveness of Continuous versus Intermittent Infusion Vancomycin Among Patients in an Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy Program - [link](#)

Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management

- Failure to Reach a Consensus in Polypharmacy Definition: An Obstacle to Measuring Risks and Impacts Results of a Literature Review - [link](#)

Thrombosis and Haemostasis

- Lower versus Standard INR Targets in Atrial Fibrillation: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

Agency for Clinical Innovation, NSW (ACI)

- NSW telestroke model of care [link](#)

Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- A comparison between the AIHW's National Hospital Morbidity Database and the ABS's Private Health Establishments Collection: 2009–10 to 2016 - [link](#)
- Bloodstream infections associated with hospital care 2018–19 - [link](#)

CATAG

- Survey of target-synthetic and biological DMARDs (innovators and biosimilars) in use in Australia hospitals for rheumatological, gastroenterological or dermatological conditions, closes COB 21 February - [link](#)

Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) NSW

- Safer from Sepsis in Australia [link](#)

Department of Health

- Backing important coronavirus research [link](#)

National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre

- 2019 Illicit Drug Reporting system and Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System state reports [link](#)

NSW Health Intranet

- SN 001/20: Safe provision of sedating medicines on discharge from NSW Health facilities [link](#)
- Depot buprenorphine factsheets for consumers and different types of clinicians - [link](#)

TGA

- Let medicine be thy medicine, and food thy food - [link](#)

- Prescription Medicine Decision Summary [Caplacizumab](#) (Cablivi®) indicated for the treatment of adults experiencing an episode of acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (aTTP), in conjunction with plasma exchange and immunosuppression.
- AusPARs:
 - [Risankizumab](#) (Skyrizi®) for the treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in adults (18 years or older) who are candidates for phototherapy or systemic therapy
 - [Certolizumab pegol \(rbe\)](#) (Cimzia®) indicated for adults with active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis with objective signs of inflammation as indicated by elevated C reactive protein and/or magnetic resonance imaging change, who have had an inadequate response to, or are intolerant to, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.
 - [Sodium glycerophosphate \(as hydrate\)](#) (Glycophos®) in adult and paediatric patients as a supplement to parenteral nutrition to meet the daily requirements of phosphate.
 - [Romosozumab](#) (Evenity®) indicated for: the treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women at high risk of fracture and treatment to increase bone mass in men with osteoporosis at high risk of fracture.
 - [Progesterone](#) (Oriprio®) extension of indication for prevention of preterm birth in singleton pregnancies at risk due to: shortened cervix (midtrimester sonographic cervix \leq 25 mm) and/or where there is a history of spontaneous preterm birth.
 - [Idebenone](#) (Raxone®) – New Chemical Entity - Decision withdrawn for the treatment of patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) USA

- Patient activation related to fall prevention: A multisite study - [link](#)
- Implementation of a discharge education program to improve transitions of care for patients at high risk of medication errors – [link](#)
- Oral chemotherapy: a home safety educational framework for healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers - [link](#)
- Medication reconciliation and patient safety in trauma: Applicability of existing strategies - [link](#)

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

- [Brolucizumab](#) injection approved for the treatment of wet age-related macular degeneration

International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)- Resources:Coronavirus 2019-nCoV outbreak: Information and interim guidelines for pharmacists and the pharmacy workforce - [link](#)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- New Drug approvals
- Lactitol monohydrate approved as osmotic laxative for chronic idiopathic constipation - [link](#)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

- IHI Framework for Improving Joy in Work - [link](#)
- Respectful Management of Serious Clinical Adverse Events - [link](#)

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) UK

- Asthma: diagnosis, monitoring and chronic asthma management guideline updated [\[NG80\]](#)
- Patiromer for treating hyperkalaemia [\[TA623\]](#)
- Updated NICE technology appraisal for dapagliflozin with insulin for treating type 1 diabetes [\[TA597\]](#)
- Peginterferon beta-1a for treating relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis – guidance [\[TA624\]](#)
- Shared learning database: Improving patients time in range on warfarin - [link](#)
- NICE impact on dementia - [link](#)

World Health Organisation (WHO)

- World experts and funders set priorities for COVID-19 research - [link](#)
- Statement on the meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee for Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 12 February 2020 - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- Cipralex™ ([escitalopram](#)) oral drops, warning added to advise on reports of long-lasting sexual dysfunction where the symptoms have continued despite discontinuation of SSRIs/SNRI
- Zepatier™ ([elbasvir](#), [grazoprevir](#)) tablets, updated to include information about interactions with CYP3A substrates. Additionally, information about the interaction with tacrolimus has been added - close monitoring and potential dose adjustment may be required as tacrolimus levels may decrease.

EMA

- Restrictions in use of cyproterone due to meningioma risk - [link](#)
- Rocuronium, Kounis Syndrome added as side effect - [link](#)

Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA

Medication Safety Alert!

- Guidelines for Optimizing Safe Implementation and Use of Smart Infusion Pumps - [link](#)

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) UK

- Lemtrada® (alemtuzumab): updated restrictions and strengthened monitoring requirements following review of serious cardiovascular and immune-mediated reactions - [link](#)
- Nexplanon (etonogestrel) contraceptive implants: new insertion site to reduce rare risk of neurovascular injury and implant migration - [link](#)
- Ingenol mebutate gel (Picato®): suspension of licence due to risk of skin malignancy - [link](#)
- Letters to Healthcare Professionals
- Ecalta 100mg solution for infusion (anidulafungin) must no longer be frozen - [link](#)
- Modafinil: potential risk of congenital malformations during pregnancy - [link](#)
- Methotrexate for autoimmune diseases - recommendations to reduce potentially fatal dosing errors - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- Mycophenolate-induced oral ulcers: Case report and literature review - [link](#)
- Update on pharmaceutical waste disposal regulations: Strategies for success - [link](#)

Annals of Internal Medicine

- Adverse Effects of Low-Dose Methotrexate: A Randomized Trial - [link](#)
- The Management of Chronic Insomnia Disorder and Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Synopsis of the 2019 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Department of Defense Clinical Practice Guidelines - [link](#)

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Understanding the drug exposure–response relationship of bedaquiline to predict efficacy for novel dosing regimens in the treatment of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis - [link](#)
- Pharmacodynamic assessment of mycophenolic acid in resting and activated target cell population during the first year after renal transplantation - [link](#)
- Early antituberculosis drug exposure in hospitalized patients with human immunodeficiency virus-associated tuberculosis - [link](#)
- Effects of statin therapy and exercise on postprandial triglycerides in overweight individuals with hypercholesterolaemia - [link](#)
- Direct-acting oral anticoagulants and alopecia: The valuable support of postmarketing data - [link](#)

BMJ Quality and Safety

- Identifying adverse events: reflections on an imperfect gold standard after 20 years of patient safety research - [link](#)

Circulation

- Aromatase Inhibitors and the Risk of Cardiovascular Outcomes in Women With Breast Cancer: A Population-Based Cohort Study - [link](#)

Cochrane

- Dihydrocodeine for detoxification and maintenance treatment in individuals with opiate use disorders [link](#)
- Different unfractionated heparin doses for preventing arterial thrombosis in children undergoing cardiac catheterization - [link](#)

European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- Comparison of drug-related problem risk assessment tools for older adults: a systematic review - [link](#)

European Heart Journal

- Application of the 2019 ESC/EAS dyslipidaemia guidelines to nationwide data of patients with a recent myocardial infarction: a simulation study – [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- Are we offering patients the right medicines information? A retrospective evaluation of readability and quality in online patient drug information - [link](#)

Internal Medicine Journal

- Reducing medication errors for hospital inpatients with Parkinsonism - [link](#)

JAMA

- Editorial: Lack of Clinical Benefit of Interferon β -1a Among Patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. Time to Overhaul Drug Trials in ARDS? - [link](#)
- Editorial: Choosing the Best Blood Pressure Target for Vasopressor Therapy - [link](#)
- Effect of Intravenous Interferon β -1a on Death and Days Free from Mechanical Ventilation among Patients with Moderate to Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: A Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

JAMA Internal Medicine

- Editorial: Overuse of Broad-Spectrum Antibiotics for Pneumonia - [link](#)
- Comparison of Cardiovascular and Safety Outcomes of Chlorthalidone vs Hydrochlorothiazide to Treat Hypertension - [link](#)
- Analysis of Unregulated Sale of Life-Saving Prescription Drugs Online in the United States - [link](#)
- Effect of No Prehydration vs Sodium Bicarbonate Prehydration Prior to Contrast-Enhanced Computed Tomography in the Prevention of Postcontrast Acute Kidney Injury in Adults with Chronic Kidney Disease: The Kompas Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)
- Empirical Anti-MRSA vs Standard Antibiotic Therapy and Risk of 30-Day Mortality in Patients Hospitalized for Pneumonia – [link](#)

JAMIA (Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association)

- Learning from electronic health records across multiple sites: A communication-efficient and privacy-preserving distributed algorithm - [link](#)
- medExtractR: A targeted, customizable approach to medication extraction from electronic health records - [link](#)
- Electronic consultations (E-consults) and their outcomes: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Using electronic health record audit logs to study clinical activity: a systematic review of aims, measures, and methods - [link](#)

Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR)

- Deprescribing tools: a review of the types of tools available to aid deprescribing in clinical practice - [link](#)
- Standard of practice in geriatric medicine for pharmacy services - [link](#)

Lancet

- Effect of fixed-dose subcutaneous reslizumab on asthma exacerbations in patients with severe uncontrolled asthma and corticosteroid sparing in patients with oral corticosteroid-dependent asthma: results from two phase 3, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials - [link](#)

- Antiretroviral therapy alone versus antiretroviral therapy with a kick and kill approach, on measures of the HIV reservoir in participants with recent HIV infection (the RIVER trial): a phase 2, randomised trial - [link](#)

Medical Journal of Australia

- Implementing value-based health care at scale: the NSW experience - [link](#)
- Deprescribing needs to be considered in the pharmacists' prescribing role - [link](#)

Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal

- Adaptive Expertise in Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development - [link](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

- Tucatinib, Trastuzumab, and Capecitabine for HER2-Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer - [link](#)
- Nonsedation or Light Sedation in Critically Ill, Mechanically Ventilated Patients - [link](#)

Pharmacotherapy

- Imipenem-Cilastatin-Relebactam: A Novel β -Lactam- β -Lactamase Inhibitor Combination for the Treatment of Multidrug-Resistant Gram-Negative Infections - [link](#)
- Antipsychotic Medications and DNA Methylation in Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder: A Systematic Review - [link](#)

Prescrire – French Medical Journal

- Drugs to avoid in the name of better patient care: 2020 update- [link](#)

Thrombosis Research

- Equivalent inpatient mortality among direct-acting oral anticoagulant and warfarin users presenting with major hemorrhage - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

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

- Antimicrobial prescribing practice in Australian hospitals: Results of the 2018 Hospital National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey Hospital - [link](#)
- Surgical prophylaxis prescribing in Australian hospitals: Results of the 2017 and 2018 Surgical National Antimicrobial Prescribing Surveys - [link](#)
- Options to support implementation of antimicrobial stewardship - [link](#)

**Agency for Clinical Innovation, NSW (ACI)

- Improving access to medication review in high risk inpatients – [link](#)

**NPS MedicineWise

- Managing Pain and Opioid Medicines – a patient action plan resource - [link](#)
- 5 steps to tapering opioids for patients with chronic non-cancer pain - [link](#)
- Australian Prescriber - Volume 43 Issue 1 - [February 2020](#)
-- New drugs: [Patiromer sorbitex calcium](#) for hyperkalaemia and [Tisagenlecleucel](#) for B-cell cancers
- RADAR article: [Cinacalcet](#) for secondary hyperparathyroidism in chronic kidney disease

**NSW Health Intranet

- NSW Rural Adult Emergency Clinical Guidelines [link](#)

**TGA

- Drug discovery – A regulatory toxicologist's perspective [link](#)
- Microbiological quality of medicinal cannabis products [link](#)
- AusPARs:
-- [nivolumab](#) (Opdivo®) as monotherapy, for hepatocellular carcinoma after prior sorafenib therapy
-- [lacosamide](#) (Vimpat®) as:

- monotherapy for treatment of partial seizures with or without secondary generalisation in patients with epilepsy aged 16 years and older
 - add-on therapy for partial seizures with or without secondary generalisation in patients with epilepsy aged 4 years and older
- Registration of [new or extended uses](#) of registered medicines:
- ciclosporin (Cequa®) eye drops to increase tear production in patients with moderate to severe keratoconjunctivitis sicca (dry eye) where prior use of artificial tears has not been sufficient
- Registration of [new chemical entities](#) in Australia:
- enasidenib (Idhifa®) for adult patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukaemia who are ineligible for haematopoietic stem cell transplant, and who have an isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) mutation confirmed
 - upadacitinib hemihydrate (Rinvoq®) for moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis in adult patients who have responded inadequately to, or who are intolerant to, one or more disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)
 - brolocizumab (Beovu®) for neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

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

- Association of default electronic medical record settings with health care professional patterns of opioid prescribing in emergency departments: A randomized quality improvement study - [link](#)
- Prescribing patterns of heart failure-exacerbating medications following a heart failure hospitalization - [link](#)
- Identifying risks areas related to medication administrations - text mining analysis using free-text descriptions of incident reports - [link](#)
- Lessons learned from a systems approach to engaging patients and families in patient safety transformation - [link](#)
- Impact of pharmacist-led multidisciplinary medication review on the safety and medication cost of the elderly people living in a nursing home: a before-after study - [link](#)
- Nurses as antimicrobial stewards: recognition, confidence, and organizational factors across nine hospitals - [link](#)
- Association of open communication and the emotional and behavioural impact of medical error on patients and families: state-wide cross-sectional survey - [link](#)

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

- Leg ulcer infection: antimicrobial prescribing NICE guideline [NG152], February 2020 - [link](#)
- Antenatal and postnatal mental health: clinical management and service guidance updated [CG192] to reflect valproate use by women and girls, February 2020 - [link](#)
- Bipolar disorder: assessment and management updated [CG185] to reflect valproate use by women and girls, February 2020 - [link](#)
- Epilepsies: diagnosis and management updated [CG137] to reflect valproate use by women and girls, February 2020 - [link](#)
- Sotagliflozin with insulin for treating type 1 diabetes [TA622] - [link](#)
- In development: Suspected neurological conditions [[GID-QS10082](#)] – comments close on 11 March 2020

**Specialist Pharmacy Services

- Drugs for urinary disorders – are any lactose-free? - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

**electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- [Bydureon®](#) and [Byetta®](#) (exenatide): listing of drug-induced thrombocytopenia (DITP) as an adverse event
- [Xonovea®](#) (doxylamine, pyridoxine): warning of false positive urine screens for methadone, opiates, and phencyclidine (PCP)
- Tostran® ([testosterone](#)): advises caution in patients with thrombophilia or risk factors for venous thromboembolism (VTE)

- Zantac® ([ranitidine](#)): advises concomitant administration of 300 mg ranitidine and erlotinib decreases erlotinib exposure and maximum concentrations
- Toujeo® and Lantus® ([insulin glargine](#)): advises lipodystrophy and cutaneous amyloidosis may occur at injection site and delay local insulin absorption
- [Noradrenaline](#) (norepinephrine): gangrene of extremities added as adverse effect
- Xeljanz® ([tofacitinib](#)): maintenance treatment section for ulcerative colitis added
- Updated Educational Risk Minimisation Materials for Opsumit® ([macitentan](#)) tablets
- Educational Risk Minimisation Materials for Ultomiris® ([ravulizumab](#)) infusion
- [Provera](#)® (medroxyprogesterone acetate) preparations: known or suspected pregnancy is now a contraindication, and now also highlights that conception may be delayed following discontinuation of treatment
- [Syner-KINASE](#)® (urokinase) preparations: now details that the bolus in the pulmonary artery can be repeated for up to 2 times at 24 hour intervals for acute massive pulmonary embolism (previously stated can be repeated up to 3 times)
- [Invokana](#)® (canagliflozin) tablets: photosensitivity (uncommon) and UTI (common) added as potential adverse reactions

**Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch

- Report highlights 'toxic' risk of beta blocker to prevent overdose deaths - [link](#)

**ISMP

- Medication Safety Alert! [February 13, 2020](#)
- Errors Associated with Oxytocin Use: A Multi-organization Analysis by ISMP and ISMP Canada
- Now available from ISMP: [Expanded Smart Pump Guidelines](#)
- Problems with containers with dual linear barcodes
- Be prepared for coronavirus
- Rocuronium peel-off label shows amount per mL not per vial
- Unsafe product labeling
- Quarterwatch report: [Scope of Injury from Therapeutic Drugs](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

**Annals of Internal Medicine

- Addition of Maraviroc Versus Placebo to Standard Antiretroviral Therapy for Initial Treatment of Advanced HIV Infection: A Randomized Trial - [link](#)

**American Cancer Society Journal

- Comparison of the long-term impact and clinical outcomes of fewer doses and standard doses of human papillomavirus vaccine in the United States: A database study - [link](#)

**American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)

- Implications for medication dosing for transgender patients: A review of the literature and recommendations for pharmacists - [link](#)
- ASHP Statement on the Role of the Medication Safety Leader - [link](#)
- Antithrombotic therapy for postinterventional management of peripheral arterial disease - [link](#)

**British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology

- The efficacy and safety of fingolimod in patients with relapsing multiple sclerosis: A meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Impact of direct oral anticoagulant off-label doses on clinical outcomes of atrial fibrillation patients: A systematic review - [link](#)

**British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Updating insights into rosiglitazone and cardiovascular risk through shared data: individual patient and summary level meta-analyses - [link](#)

**Cochrane

- First-line combination therapy versus first-line monotherapy for primary hypertension - [link](#)

- Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor with or without stem or progenitor cell infusion for people with compensated or decompensated advanced chronic liver disease - [link](#)

****European Heart Journal**

- Gastrointestinal bleeding and the risk of colorectal cancer in anticoagulated patients with atrial fibrillation - [link](#)
- Physical activity, cardiorespiratory fitness, and cardiovascular outcomes in individuals with atrial fibrillation: the HUNT study - [link](#)

European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

- Prevalence of drug interactions in hospitalised elderly patients: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Effectiveness and safety of sofosbuvir/velpatasvir ± ribavirin vs glecaprevir/pibrentasvir in genotype 3 hepatitis C virus infected patients - [link](#)
- Long-term stability of ready-to-use norepinephrine solution at 0.2 and 0.5 mg/mL - [link](#)
- Incidence and prevalence of intravenous medication errors in the UK: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Comparison of pharmacy technicians' and doctors' medication transcribing errors at hospital discharge - [link](#)

****Heart**

- P2Y12 inhibitors with oral anticoagulation for percutaneous coronary intervention with atrial fibrillation: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)

****Internal Medicine Journal**

- Desmopressin acetate (DDAVP) to prevent bleeding in percutaneous kidney biopsy: a systematic review - [link](#)

****JAMA**

- Corticosteroids in Community-Acquired Pneumonia - [link](#)
- Effect of Vancomycin or Daptomycin With vs Without an Antistaphylococcal β -Lactam on Mortality, Bacteremia, Relapse, or Treatment Failure in Patients with MRSA Bacteremia - [link](#)

****JAMA Network Open**

- Differences Between Randomized Clinical Trial Participants and Real-World Empagliflozin Users and the Changes in Their Glycated Hemoglobin Levels - [link](#)

****JAMA Paediatrics**

- Efficacy, Safety, and Acceptability of Pharmacologic Treatments for Pediatric Migraine Prophylaxis. A Systematic Review and Network Meta-analysis - [link](#)

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

- Oral Anticoagulation for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation on Long-Term Hemodialysis - [link](#)

****Lancet**

- Infection and infectious diseases: Clinical evidence does not support corticosteroid treatment for 2019-nCoV lung injury - [link](#)
- Child Adolesc Health: Prevention of cisplatin-induced ototoxicity in children and adolescents with cancer: a clinical practice guideline - [link](#)
- Denosumab salvage therapy in a patient with a locally advanced and refractory sellar giant cell tumour of bone - [link](#)
- Advances in oral immunomodulating therapies in relapsing multiple sclerosis - [link](#)
- The Lancet Infectious Diseases Commission on antimicrobial resistance: 6 years later - [link](#)

****Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI)**

- Drug Dosing Considerations in Critically Ill Patients Receiving Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy - [link](#)

****Medical Journal of Australia**

- Tafenoquine for the radical cure and prevention of malaria: the importance of testing for G6PD deficiency - [link](#)

New England Journal of Medicine

- Six-Year Follow-up of a Trial of Antenatal Vitamin D for Asthma Reduction - [link](#)
- Tucatinib, Trastuzumab, and Capecitabine for HER2-Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer - [link](#)
- Trastuzumab Deruxtecan in Previously Treated HER2-Positive Breast Cancer - [link](#)
- Plasma Exchange and Glucocorticoids in Severe ANCA-Associated Vasculitis - [link](#)
- [Editorial](#): Major Strides in HER2 Blockade for Metastatic Breast Cancer

**The National Academies Press

- Opportunities to Improve Opioid Use Disorder and Infectious Disease Services - [link](#)

**The American Journal of Cardiology

- Meta-Analysis Evaluating Calcium Channel Blockers and the Risk of Peripheral Arterial Disease in Patients With Hypertension - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

**Agency for Clinical Innovation, NSW (ACI)

- Stress urinary incontinence: decision aid for women - [link](#)

**Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

- Fact sheets:
 - People in contact with criminal justice systems - Use of alcohol, tobacco & other drugs - [link](#)
 - Non-medical use of pharmaceutical drugs - [link](#)
 - Meth/amphetamine and other stimulants - [link](#)
 - Fact sheet: Illicit opioids (heroin) use in Australia - [link](#)

**NSW Health Intranet

- Identifying and responding to abuse of older people - [link](#)

**TGA

- Managing your medicines in an emergency - [link](#)
- The Poisons Standard (the [SUSMP](#)): The new edition of the SUSMP (No. 27) has been registered on the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) as Poisons Standard February 2020
- TGA Laboratories testing report: Gardasil 9 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine monitoring - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

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

- Patient safety in inpatient mental health settings: A systematic review - [link](#)
- Network of Patient Safety Databases Chartbook, 2019 - [link](#)
- Understanding principles of high reliability organizations through the eyes of VIONE: A clinical program to improve patient safety by deprescribing potentially inappropriate medications and reducing polypharmacy - [link](#)
- Adverse medication events related to hospitalization in the United States: A comparison between adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those without - [link](#)
- How can patient-held lists of medication enhance patient safety? A mixed-methods study with a focus on user experience - [link](#)
- Checking In on the Checklist - [link](#)

**European Medicines Agency (EMA)

- Apalutamide for expanded use to include treatment of metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer in combination with androgen deprivation therapy (ADT). - [link](#)
- Givosiran, first treatment for acute hepatic porphyria recommended - [link](#)

- Semaglutide, first oral GLP-1 treatment for type 2 diabetes recommended - [link](#)
- Bempedoic acid alone or in combination with ezetimibe recommended for treatment of primary hypercholesterolaemia and mixed dyslipidaemia - [link](#)

****Health Canada**

- Health Product InfoWatch, [January 2020](#)

****Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand**

- Video resource: understanding bias in healthcare - [link](#)

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

- Are we using the right tools to manage variation, errors and omissions? - [link](#)

****NHS England**

- Colorectal cancer NICE guideline [\[NG151\]](#)
- Colorectal cancer Quality standard [\[QS20\]](#) updated

****Specialist Pharmacy Services**

- What should be considered when choosing or prescribing saliva substitutes? - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

****electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)**

- Revised SPCs
 - Eltroxin ([levothyroxine](#)): updated to advise that haemodynamic parameters should be monitored when levothyroxine is initiated in very low birth weight preterm neonates as circulatory collapse may occur due to immature adrenal function.
 - Aldactide ([spironolactone](#) and hydroflumethiazide): basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma added as undesirable effects (unknown frequency).
 - Sirturo ([bedaquiline](#) fumarate): updated, now it is licensed, as part of an appropriate combination regimen for pulmonary multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, in adolescents aged over 12 years.
 - Cyramza ([ramucirumab](#)): updated, now it is licensed, in combination with erlotinib for first-line treatment of adults with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer with activating epidermal growth factor receptor mutations.
 - Verzenios (abemaciclib) updated to provide information on dose interruption/dose reduction of abemaciclib in the event of adverse reactions such as interstitial lung disease/pneumonitis.

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

- FDA strengthens warning that untreated constipation caused by schizophrenia medicine clozapine (Clozaril) can lead to serious bowel problems - [link](#)

****Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA**

- Medication Safety Alert!
- Medication Safety Alert! January 30, Medical Abbreviations That Have Contradictory or Ambiguous Meanings - [link](#)

****Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) UK**

- Ondansetron: small increased risk of oral clefts following use in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy - [link](#)
- Mecasermin (Increlex™): risk of benign and malignant neoplasia - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****Age and Ageing**

- Patient-controlled variable dosing of levodopa for Parkinson's disease - [link](#)

****American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)**

- Implications for medication dosing for transgender patients: A review of the literature and recommendations for pharmacists - [link](#)
- Evaluating anticoagulation sensitivity among elderly patients managed with an institution's heparin protocol using initial anti-factor Xa levels - [link](#)

****Annals of Internal Medicine**

- Assessing the Risk for Gout With Sodium–Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes: A Population-Based Cohort Study - [link](#)
- Sitters as a Patient Safety Strategy to Reduce Hospital Falls: A Systematic Review - [link](#)

****Australian Prescriber**

- National Medicines Policy 2.0: a vision for the future - [link](#)

****British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**

- Naltrexone–bupropion (Mysimba) in management of obesity: A systematic review and meta-analysis of unpublished clinical study reports - [link](#)
- Genetic variation in EPHA contributes to sensitivity to paclitaxel-induced peripheral neuropathy - [link](#)
- Cardiac failure in patients treated with azacitidine, a pyrimidine analogue: Case reports and disproportionality analyses in Vigibase - [link](#)
- Medication safety in patients with hepatic impairment: A survey of community pharmacists' knowledge level and their practice in caring for these patients - [link](#)
- One-year persistence of potentially inappropriate medication use in older adults: A population-based study - [link](#)
- One-year efficacy and safety of prasugrel and ticagrelor in patients with acute coronary syndromes: Results from a prospective and multicentre ACHILLES registry - [link](#)

****British Medical Journal (BMJ)**

- Thyroid disease assessment and management: summary of NICE guidance - [link](#)
- Adaptation of potentially preventable medication-related hospitalisation indicators for Indigenous populations in Australia using a modified Delphi technique - [link](#)
- Practice pointer: Tailored regimens for combined hormonal contraceptives - [link](#)

****Circulation**

- Impact of Regulatory Guidance on Evaluating Cardiovascular Risk of New Glucose-Lowering Therapies to Treat Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Lessons Learned and Future Directions - [link](#)

****Cochrane**

- Discontinuation of long-term antidepressant use for depressive and anxiety disorders in adults - [link](#)

****Diabetes Care**

- ACE and Type 2 Diabetes Risk: A Mendelian Randomization Study - [link](#)

****European Heart Journal**

- Classification, prevalence, and outcomes of anticancer therapy-induced cardiotoxicity: the CARDIOTOX registry - [link](#)

****European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**

- Fracture risks among patients with atrial fibrillation receiving different oral anticoagulants: a real-world nationwide cohort study - [link](#)

****JAMA**

- Effects of Iron Isomaltoside vs Ferric Carboxymaltose on Hypophosphatemia in Iron-Deficiency Anemia. Two Randomized Clinical Trials - [link](#)
- Effect of Vitamin C, Hydrocortisone, and Thiamine vs Hydrocortisone Alone on Time Alive and Free of Vasopressor Support Among Patients With Septic Shock - The VITAMINS Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#) ([editorial](#))
- Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections in Adult Women - [link](#)
- Viewpoint: Refocusing Medication Prior Authorization on Its Intended Purpose - [link](#)
- Viewpoint: Changing the Game of Prior Authorization. The Patient Perspective - [link](#)

****JAMA Internal Medicine**

- Clinical Effectiveness and Safety of Aspirin for Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis After Total Hip and Knee Replacement: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials - [link](#)
- Effect of Clinical Geriatric Assessments and Collaborative Medication Reviews by Geriatrician and Family Physician for Improving Health-Related Quality of Life in Home-Dwelling Older Patients Receiving Polypharmacy: A Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)
- Association of Anticoagulant Therapy With Risk of Fracture Among Patients With Atrial Fibrillation - [link](#)
- Commentary: Preemptive Treatment of Herpes Simplex Virus Reactivation in Critically Ill Patients?—Not Based on Current Data - [link](#)
- Evaluation of the Extended-Release/Long-Acting Opioid Prescribing Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy Program by the US Food and Drug Administration: A Review - [link](#)
- Research letter: The Clinical Trials Portfolio for On-label and Off-label Studies of Eculizumab - [link](#)
- Research letter: Association Between Prescribed Opioids and Infections in Patients With Neutropenia and Cancer - [link](#)

**** JAMA Paediatrics**

- Association of Opioid Prescribing Patterns With Prescription Opioid Overdose in Adolescents and Young Adults - [link](#)

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

- The impact of drug order complexity on prospective medication order review and verification time - [link](#)

**** Journal of Clinical Oncology**

- Clinical Cancer Advances 2020: Annual Report on Progress Against Cancer From the American Society of Clinical Oncology - [link](#)

**** Lancet**

- Diabetes & Endocrinology: Association of glucose-lowering medications with cardiovascular outcomes: an umbrella review and evidence map - [link](#)
- Early Transmission Dynamics in Wuhan, China, of Novel Coronavirus–Infected Pneumonia - [link](#)
- Infectious Diseases: Global and regional estimates of the contribution of herpes simplex virus type 2 infection to HIV incidence: a population attributable fraction analysis using published epidemiological data - [link](#)
- Oncology: Systemic chemotherapy with or without cetuximab in patients with resectable colorectal liver metastasis (New EPOC): long-term results of a multicentre, randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial - [link](#)

**** New England Journal of Medicine**

- Hormone Therapy for Postmenopausal Women - [link](#)
- Use of CAR-Transduced Natural Killer Cells in CD19-Positive Lymphoid Tumors - [link](#)
- Six-Year Follow-up of a Trial of Antenatal Vitamin D for Asthma Reduction - [link](#)

**** Public Library of Science (PLOS)**

- Acute kidney injury and adverse renal events in patients receiving SGLT2-inhibitors: A systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)

**** The National Academies of Science Engineering Medicine**

- Leading Health Indicators 2030. Advancing Health, Equity, and Well-Being (2020) - [link](#)

**** Thrombosis and Haemostasis**

- NOAC Adherence of Patients with Atrial Fibrillation in the Real World: Dosing Frequency Matters? - [link](#)
- Editorial: Oral Anticoagulant Treatment in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation and Cancer - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

**Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) & ANZCA
- **ISO 80369-6:2016 neural connector devices to reduce misconnection errors - Guidelines for implementation in Australia** - [link](#)

**Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
- **Mental health services in Australia** - [link](#)

**NSW Health Intranet

- New end of life and palliative care [resources](#), for multicultural communities and people with disability
- **New Alcohol and other Drugs Compendium available**

A new resource to support clinicians and other health workers where alcohol and other drugs may be involved. It is intended as a quick reference source with general information about alcohol and other drugs, including pharmacology, presentation, acute and long-term effects, known drug interactions, signs and management of intoxication and overdose, and symptoms and onset of withdrawal. This evidence-based resource will be published as an appendix to the Nursing and Midwifery Guidelines: Responding effectively to people who use alcohol and other drugs later in 2020, but is available as a stand-alone resource in PDF format for use by nurses, pharmacists, medical practitioners and allied health professionals for use in a range of settings - [link](#)

- **Driving Safety and Medicines consumer information:** Available as a coloured pamphlet and print-friendly fact sheet - [link](#)

- **Consumer resource to support the Opioid Treatment Program:** The OTP Consumer guidelines are now available on the New Users and AIDS Association (NUAA) [website](#)

**PBS

- Update of the frequently asked questions for the PBS Botulinum Toxin Program - [link](#)

**TGA

- Five Australian innovators of therapeutic goods - [link](#)

- Access to medicinal cannabis products - [link](#)

- Submissions received and TGA response: Increased online access to ingredient information - [link](#)

- AusPARs:

- [Fremanezumab](#) (Ajovy[®]) for the preventive treatment of migraine in adults

- Inactivated quadrivalent [influenza vaccine](#) (split virion) (Vaxigrip Tetra[®]) for active immunisation of humans \geq 6 months of age for the prevention of influenza caused by two influenza A and two influenza B virus subtypes.

- [Isavuconazole](#) (as sulphate) (Cresemba[®]) indicated in adults for the treatment of invasive aspergillosis or mucormycosis in patients for whom amphotericin B is inappropriate.

- Australian prescription medicine decision summaries

-- [Enasidenib](#) (Idhifa[™]) for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukaemia who are ineligible for haematopoietic stem cell transplant, and who have an isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) mutation confirmed by a validated diagnostic test.

-- [Brolucizumab \(rbe\)](#) (Beovu[™]) for the treatment of neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

-- [Upadacitinib](#) (Rinvoq[™]) for the treatment of moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis in adult patients who have responded inadequately to, or who are intolerant to, one or more disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs).

**Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine

- Future Leaders Communiqué Volume 5 Issue 1 January 2020 - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

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

- Failure mode and effects analysis to reduce risk of heparin use - [link](#)
- Identifying potential patient safety issues from the Federal Electronic Health Record Surveillance Program - [link](#)
- Association of State Opioid Duration Limits With Postoperative Opioid Prescribing - [link](#)
- Preventing critical failure. Can routinely collected data be repurposed to predict avoidable patient harm? A quantitative descriptive study - [link](#)
- Medication reconciliation improvement utilizing process redesign and clinical decision support - [link](#)
- Developing a cancer-specific trigger tool to identify treatment-related adverse events using administrative data - [link](#)

**British National Formulary (BNF)

- January BNF/BNFC [Newsletter](#)

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA) USA

- New Drug approvals
- [Vigabatrin](#) (Sabril®) expanding use to patients ≥ 2 years of age with refractory complex partial seizures (rCPS) and proposed modifications to the approved vigabatrin REMS.
- [Fidaxomicin](#) (Dificid®): now includes pediatric patients from 6 months to less than 18 years of age. Provides updates to prescribing information relevant to fidaxomicin use in this pediatric population.

**Institute for Healthcare Improvement

- White Paper: Improving Behavioral Health Care in the Emergency Department and Upstream - [link](#)
- Improving Health Equity: Assessment Tool for Health Care Organizations - [link](#)

**NHS England

- Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) guidance for 2020-2021 - [link](#)

**NHS Improvement

- Preventing healthcare associated Gram-negative bloodstream infections - [link](#)

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

- Osimertinib for untreated EGFR mutation-positive non-small-cell lung cancer ([TA621](#))
- Supporting adult carers ([NG150](#))
- Colorectal cancer: guidance ([NG151](#)) and updated quality standard ([QS20](#))

**Royal Pharmaceutical Society

- Pharmaceutical Journal provides overview of medicines shortages faced in 2019 - [link](#)

**Salzburg Global Seminar

- Salzburg Global Fellows Design New Global Principles for Measuring Patient Safety - [link](#)

**Specialist Pharmacy Services

- Low molecular weight heparins – should prophylactic doses be used in patients with renal impairment? - [link](#)
- Regional Medicines Optimisation Committee (RMOC) Advisory Statement: Sequential Use of Biologic Medicines - [link](#)

**World Health Organisation (WHO)

- WHO guidelines for the use of thermal ablation for cervical pre-cancer lesions - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

**electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)

- Revised SPCs
- Darzalex™ ([daratumumab](#)): updated with new indication: in combination with bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of adults with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma who are eligible for autologous stem cell transplant.

- Fluarix Tetra™ ([influenza vaccine-split virion, inactivated](#)): updated to advise that Fluarix Tetra can be concomitantly administered with adjuvanted herpes zoster vaccine (Shingrix™).
- Yervoy™ ([ipilimumab](#)): As per CHMP request, a footnote was added to indicate that safety of re-initiating nivolumab or nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab therapy in patients previously experiencing immune-related myocarditis is not known.
- Giotrif™ ([afatinib](#)) tablets: updated to warn GI perforation, including fatalities, has been reported in 0.2% patients in RCTs. In the majority of cases, outcome was linked to other known risk factors e.g. corticosteroids, NSAIDs, anti-angiogenic agents, age, underlying GI ulceration history.
- Ofev™ and Vargatef™ ([nintedanib](#)): Headache (frequency common) and alopecia (frequency uncommon) added as adverse effects.
- Imodium™ ([loperamide](#)) - all products: now states that overdose can unmask existing Brugada syndrome, an autosomal-dominant inherited arrhythmic disorder.
- Solu-Medrone™ ([methylprednisolone sodium succinate](#)) - now states that the recommended dose is 500 mg or 1 g daily for 3 days when treating acute exacerbations of multiple sclerosis in adults,.
- Zydol™ ([tramadol](#)): now advises “Opioids can cause sleep-related breathing disorders including central sleep apnoea (CSA) and sleep-related hypoxaemia (risk of CSA increased in dose-dependent fashion). In patients who present with CSA, consider decreasing the total opioid dosage.”
- New products
- [Melatonin](#) Pharma Nord 3mg film-coated tablets - licensed for the short-term treatment of jet-lag in adults
- Mayzent™ ([siponimod fumaric acid](#)) 0.25 mg and 2mg film-coated tablets - licensed for treatment of adults with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis with active disease evidenced by relapses or imaging features of inflammatory activity.
- Cytotect CP Biotest ([human cytomegalovirus immunoglobulin \(CMVIG\)](#)) 100 U/ml solution for infusion - licensed for the prophylaxis of clinical manifestations of cytomegalovirus infection in patients subjected to immunosuppressive therapy, particularly in transplant recipients.

****EMA**

- Picato™ ([ingenol mebutate](#)) gel suspended as precaution while review of skin cancer risk continues.
- Four-week limit for use of [high-strength estradiol creams](#) (100 micrograms/gram [0.01%])
- License extension for [ustekinumab](#) to include treatment of plaque psoriasis in children between 6 and 11 years.

****Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA**

- Medication Safety Alert! [January 30, 2020](#)
- Medical Abbreviations That Have Contradictory or Ambiguous Meanings
- Waste and error risk tied to Stivarga™ packaging
- Caution: Look-alike, sound-alike drug name pairs
- Acute Care Action Agenda (October – December 2019)

****Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) UK**

- [Ondansetron](#): small increased risk of oral clefts following use in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy
- [Mecasermin](#) (Increlex™): risk of benign and malignant neoplasia
- E-cigarette use or vaping: reporting suspected adverse reactions, including lung injury - [link](#)
- Letters and drug alerts sent to healthcare professionals in December 2019 - [link](#)

****Medsafe (New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority)**

- Update: [Levetiracetam](#) - supply and potential seizure control issues for patients.
- Update: [Dolutegravir](#) and the possible risk of neural tube defects when taken early in pregnancy.

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****American Journal of Cardiology**

- Efficacy and Safety of Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists in Patients with Heart Failure and Chronic Kidney Disease – [link](#)

****American Journal of Gastroenterology**

- No Association Linking Short-Term Proton Pump Inhibitor Use to Dementia: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Observational Studies - [link](#)

****American Journal of Medical Quality**

- Addressing the Opioid Crisis One Surgical Patient at a Time: Outcomes of a Novel Perioperative Pain Program - [link](#)
- Effects of Practice Turnover on Primary Care Quality Improvement Implementation - [link](#)
- Hospital-Acquired Infections and Readmissions: Let's Refocus on the Person - [link](#)
- A Strategy for Noise Reduction to Improve Patient Experiences with Sleep (SNORES) - [link](#)

****American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)**

- Evaluating anticoagulation sensitivity among elderly patients managed with an institution's heparin protocol using initial anti-factor Xa levels - [link](#)
- Establishing sustainable trust-based relationships across the pharmacy enterprise - [link](#)
- Pharmacists ascribing value of technician certification using an organizational behavior framework - [link](#)
- A multicenter quality improvement initiative on the impact of pharmacists' post discharge follow-up to reduce medication-related acute care episodes - [link](#)
- Privileging pharmacists improves time to patient notification in the microbiological test review process for patients discharged from the emergency department - [link](#)
- Assessment of hospital emergency medication kit use at a large academic medical center with automated dispensing machine technology - [link](#)
- Third Consensus Development Conference on the Safety of Intravenous Drug Delivery Systems—2018 - [link](#)
- Comparative effectiveness and safety of apixaban versus warfarin in patients with venous thromboembolism - [link](#)
- Development and evaluation of an inpatient multispecialty faculty shared service model - [link](#)
- Structured prescription instructions and medication adherence - [link](#)

****Annals of Internal Medicine**

- Cost-Effectiveness of Transitional Care Services After Hospitalization With Heart Failure - [link](#)
- Survival, Nonrelapse Mortality, and Relapse-Related Mortality after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation: Comparing 2003–2007 Versus 2013–2017 Cohorts - [link](#)
- Oral fluoroquinolone was linked to mitral and aortic regurgitation compared with amoxicillin or azithromycin - [link](#)
- ASCO updated recommendations for preventing and treating VTE in adults with cancer - [link](#)
- In patients with recent ACS and uncontrolled dyslipidemia, alirocumab reduced MACE regardless of previous CABG - [link](#)
- In stable CAD with type 2 diabetes, adding ticagrelor to aspirin reduced CV events but increased major bleeding - [link](#)
- In ACS with planned invasive evaluation, prasugrel vs ticagrelor reduced a composite of death, MI, or stroke at 1 y - [link](#)
- In AF and stable CAD, rivaroxaban reduced cardiovascular events and mortality more than rivaroxaban plus an antiplatelet - [link](#)
- In plantar fasciitis, corticosteroid injections and placebo do not differ for reducing pain at ≤ 12 weeks - [link](#)
- In healthy adults, high-dose vitamin D did not improve radial or tibial BMD or strength - [link](#)

****BMC Emergency Medicine**

- Diagnostic error in the emergency department: learning from national patient safety incident report analysis - [link](#)

****British Journal of Pharmacology**

- Pulmonary hypertension (PH) in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) - [link](#)

****British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**

- Sustaining and spreading penicillin allergy delabelling: A narrative review of the challenges for service delivery and patient safety - [link](#)
- Impact of renal impairment and human organic anion transporter inhibition on pharmacokinetics, safety and tolerability of relebactam combined with imipenem and cilastatin - [link](#)
- Population pharmacokinetic modelling of busulfan and the influence of body composition in paediatric Fanconi anaemia patients - [link](#)
- A deadly trend in fentanyl fatalities (England, 1998–2017) - [link](#)

- Cost-effectiveness of long-acting insulin analogues vs intermediate/long-acting human insulin for type 1 diabetes: A population-based cohort followed over 10 years - [link](#)
- Impact of a multidisciplinary quality improvement initiative to reduce inappropriate usage of stress ulcer prophylaxis in hospitalized patients - [link](#)
- Vancomycin: Audit of American guideline-based intermittent dose administration with focus on overweight patients - [link](#)
- Imatinib, sunitinib and pazopanib: From flat-fixed dosing towards a pharmacokinetically guided personalized dose - [link](#)
- Model-based approach for methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta drug development in paediatric patients with anaemia of chronic kidney disease - [link](#)

**British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Writing outpatient letters to patients - [link](#)
- Industry funding of patient and health consumer organisations: systematic review with meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Risk of herpes zoster after exposure to varicella to explore the exogenous boosting hypothesis: self controlled case series study using UK electronic healthcare data - [link](#)
- What is the best method for managing early miscarriage? - [link](#)
- Review: Duchenne muscular dystrophy ([DMD](#))

**BMJ Quality and Safety

- Quality & Safety in the Literature: March 2020 - [link](#)
- Impact of structured interdisciplinary bedside rounding on patient outcomes at a large academic health centre - [link](#)
- Failure to administer recommended chemotherapy: acceptable variation or cancer care quality blind spot? - [link](#)
- Medication-related harm in older adults following hospital discharge: development and validation of a prediction tool - [link](#)
- Preventing critical failure. Can routinely collected data be repurposed to predict avoidable patient harm? A quantitative descriptive study - [link](#)

**Circulation

- Effects of Dapagliflozin on Symptoms, Function, and Quality of Life in Patients with Heart Failure and Reduced Ejection Fraction: Results from the DAPA-HF Trial - [link](#)
- Meta-Analysis Comparing Double Versus Triple Antithrombotic Therapy in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation and Coronary Artery Disease - [link](#)

**Cochrane

- Ibuprofen for the prevention of patent ductus arteriosus in preterm and/or low birth weight infants - [link](#)
- Oral Janus kinase inhibitors for maintenance of remission in ulcerative colitis - [link](#)
- Paracetamol (acetaminophen) for patent ductus arteriosus in preterm or low birth weight infants - [link](#)
- Paracetamol (acetaminophen) for prevention or treatment of pain in newborns - [link](#)
- Interventions for chronic pruritus of unknown origin - [link](#)
- Pharmacological treatment other than corticosteroids, intravenous immunoglobulin and plasma exchange for Guillain-Barré syndrome - [link](#)
- Hygiene and emollient interventions for maintaining skin integrity in older people in hospital and residential care settings - [link](#)
- Rapid versus slow withdrawal of antiepileptic drugs - [link](#)
- Probiotics for people with cystic fibrosis - [link](#)
- Different infusion durations for preventing platinum-induced hearing loss in children with cancer - [link](#)
- Drug therapy for delirium in terminally ill adults - [link](#)
- Beta-blockers for suspected or diagnosed acute myocardial infarction - [link](#)
- Non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants (NOACs) post-percutaneous coronary intervention: a network meta-analysis - [link](#)

**Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism

- Efficacy and safety of insulin glargine 300 U/mL versus insulin glargine 100 U/mL in Asia Pacific insulin-naïve people with type 2 diabetes: The EDITION AP randomized controlled trial - [link](#)

- Are the cardiovascular and kidney benefits of empagliflozin influenced by baseline glucose-lowering therapy? - [link](#)

****Emergency Medicine Journal**

- Comparison of four decision aids for the early diagnosis of acute coronary syndromes in the emergency department - [link](#)

****European Heart Journal**

- One-year outcomes in atrial fibrillation presenting during infections: a nationwide registry-based study - [link](#)

- Early discharge and home treatment of patients with low-risk pulmonary embolism with the oral factor Xa inhibitor rivaroxaban: an international multicentre single-arm clinical trial - [link](#)

- 2019 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of acute pulmonary embolism developed in collaboration with the European Respiratory Society (ERS) - [link](#)

- Cardiovascular diseases outside the heart: novel recommendations for pulmonary embolism and peripheral arterial disease - [link](#)

- Effects of clopidogrel vs. prasugrel vs. ticagrelor on endothelial function, inflammatory parameters, and platelet function in patients with acute coronary syndrome undergoing coronary artery stenting: a randomized, blinded, parallel study - [link](#)

****European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**

- Incidence of Adverse Drug Reactions in High-Risk Pregnancy: A Prospective Cohort Study in Obstetric Intensive Care - [link](#)

- "It's helpful to get the time and opportunity to discuss drug treatment; that's what I think is the most important thing."—A qualitative study on prescribing education in junior physicians - [link](#)

- The pharmacokinetics of meropenem and piperacillin-tazobactam during sustained low efficiency haemodiafiltration (SLED-HDF) - [link](#)

- Pharmacokinetics of and maintenance dose recommendations for vancomycin in severe pneumonia patients undergoing continuous venovenous hemofiltration with the combination of predilution and postdilution - [link](#)

- Effect of magnesium supplementation on lactate clearance in critically ill patients with severe sepsis: a randomized clinical trial - [link](#)

- Levetiracetam as preventive treatment in adults with migraine: an up-to-date systematic review and quantitative meta-analysis - [link](#)

- Impacts of metformin on tuberculosis incidence and clinical outcomes in patients with diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)

****European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy**

- Editorial: Disinformation in the information age - [link](#)

- Feasibility of using CollaboRATE to evaluate pharmacist-led medicines-related consultations in UK hospitals: a pilot study - [link](#)

****European Respiratory Journal**

- Management of severe asthma: a European Respiratory Society/American Thoracic Society guideline - [link](#)

- Oral steroid-sparing effect of high-dose inhaled corticosteroids in asthma - [link](#)

****Health Expectations**

- Patients' experiences of the caring encounter with the psychiatric emergency response team in the emergency medical service—A qualitative interview study - [link](#)

- Improving the quality of care for people who had a stroke in a low/middle-income country: A qualitative analysis of health-care professionals' perspectives - [link](#)

****Internal Medicine Journal**

- Treatment and outcomes of metastatic colorectal cancer patients in public and private hospitals: Results from the South Australian Metastatic Colorectal Cancer Registry - [link](#)

- Results from a double blinded, randomized, placebo-controlled, feasibility trial of melatonin for the treatment of delirium in older medical inpatients - [link](#)

- Prognostic Significance of Suboptimal Secondary Prevention Pharmacotherapy After Acute Coronary Syndromes - [link](#)

- Portopulmonary hypertension: prognosis and management in the current treatment era. Results from the REHAP Registry - [link](#)

****International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy**

- Prescription of potentially inappropriate medications in elderly outpatients: a survey using 2015 Japanese Guidelines - [link](#)

****JAMA**

- Viewpoint: Coronavirus Infections—More Than Just the Common Cold - [link](#)
- Which Postmenopausal Women Should Use Testosterone for Low Sexual Desire? - [link](#)
- Intravenous Ondansetron in Pregnancy and Risk of Congenital Malformations - [link](#)
- First-Trimester Pregnancy Exposure to Modafinil and Risk of Congenital Malformations - [link](#)
- Association of Isolated Diastolic Hypertension as Defined by the 2017 ACC/AHA Blood Pressure Guideline With Incident Cardiovascular Outcomes - [link](#)

****JAMA Cardiology**

- Association of Blood Pressure Patterns in Young Adulthood with Cardiovascular Disease and Mortality in Middle Age - [link](#)

****JAMA Internal Medicine**

- Post–Acute Kidney Injury Proteinuria and Subsequent Kidney Disease Progression - [link](#)
- A National Survey of the Frequency of Drug Company Detailing Visits and Free Sample Closets in Practices Delivering Primary Care - [link](#)

****JAMA Network Open**

- Comparison of Mortality and Major Cardiovascular Events among Adults with Type 2 Diabetes Using Human vs Analogue Insulins - [link](#)
- Risk of Persistence and Progression of Use of 5 Cannabis Products after Experimentation Among Adolescents - [link](#)
- Association of Repeated Antibiotic Exposure Up to Age 4 Years with Body Mass at Age 4.5 Years - [link](#)
- Editorial: Is Early-Life Antibiotic Exposure Associated With Obesity in Children? - [link](#)
- Association of Potentially Modifiable Diabetes Care Factors with Glycemic Control in Patients With Insulin-Treated Type 2 Diabetes - [link](#)
- Association of Longitudinal Values of Glycated Hemoglobin with Cardiovascular Events in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes and Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease – [link](#)

****JAMA Neurology**

- Blood Pressure Thresholds and Neurologic Outcomes After Endovascular Therapy for Acute Ischemic Stroke - [link](#)

****JAMA Oncology**

- Cost-effectiveness of Tisagenlecleucel vs Standard Care in High-risk Relapsed Pediatric Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in Canada - [link](#)

****JAMA Paediatrics**

- Exposure to Secondhand Aerosol from Electronic Cigarettes Among US Youth From 2015 to 2018 - [link](#)
- Acute Otitis Media - [link](#)

****Journal of the American Society of Nephrology**

- Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial of Vitamin K Antagonist Replacement by Rivaroxaban with or without Vitamin K2 in Hemodialysis Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: the Valkyrie Study - [link](#)

****JAMIA**

- Consumer health information and question answering: helping consumers find answers to their health-related information needs - [link](#)
- Using REDCap and Apple ResearchKit to integrate patient questionnaires and clinical decision support into the electronic health record to improve sexually transmitted infection testing in the emergency department - [link](#)

- The impact of drug order complexity on prospective medication order review and verification time - [link](#)
- Evaluating a digital sepsis alert in a London multisite hospital network: a natural experiment using electronic health record data - [link](#)
- Adverse drug event rates in pediatric pulmonary hypertension: a comparison of real-world data sources - [link](#)
- Lessons learned implementing a complex and innovative patient safety learning laboratory project in a large academic medical center - [link](#)

**** Journal of Palliative Medicine**

- Glycopyrrolate and the Management of “Death Rattle” in Patients with Myasthenia Gravis - [link](#)
- Special [Series](#): Medical Cannabis in Palliative Care
- Benefit of Tetrahydrocannabinol versus Cannabidiol for Common Palliative Care Symptoms - [link](#)
- The Prevalence of Nonprescription Cannabinoid-Based Medicines in British Children's Hospices: Results of a National Survey - [link](#)
- Attitudes and Beliefs about Medical Usefulness and Legalization of Marijuana among Cancer Patients in a Legalized and a Non-legalized State - [link](#)

**** Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR)**

- Editorial: Locking shields not swords: strengthening pharmacy and medicine partnerships for better patient care - [link](#)
- Evaluation of the effect of direct oral anticoagulant availability on hospital presentations for bleeding related to oral anticoagulation in South Australia - [link](#)
- Editorial: Clear guidance on improving care in Emergency Departments: Clinical pharmacists as part of the team - [link](#)

**** Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis**

- Accuracy of HAS-BLED and other bleeding risk assessment tools in predicting major bleeding events in atrial fibrillation: A network meta-analysis - [link](#)

**** Lancet**

- Clinical features of patients infected with 2019 novel coronavirus in Wuhan, China - [link](#)
- A familial cluster of pneumonia associated with the 2019 novel coronavirus indicating person-to-person transmission: a study of a family cluster - [link](#)
- The global, regional, and national burden of cirrhosis by cause in 195 countries and territories, 1990–2017: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 - [link](#)
- Long-term efficacy and safety of ruxolitinib versus best available therapy in polycythaemia vera (RESPONSE): 5-year follow up of a phase 3 study - [link](#)
- Hydromorphone and the risk of infective endocarditis among people who inject drugs: a population-based, retrospective cohort study - [link](#)
- Efficacy of three neuroprotective drugs in secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (MS-SMART): a phase 2b, multiarm, double-blind, randomised placebo-controlled trial - [link](#)
- Low-dose aspirin for the prevention of preterm delivery in nulliparous women with a singleton pregnancy (ASPIRIN): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial - [link](#)
- Review: Type 1 diabetes—early life origins and changing epidemiology - [link](#)
- Viewpoint: Tumour lysis syndrome in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia treated with BCL-2 inhibitors: risk factors, prophylaxis, and treatment recommendations - [link](#)
- Prophylaxis and management of graft versus host disease after stem-cell transplantation for haematological malignancies: updated consensus recommendations of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation - [link](#)
- Advances and challenges in stroke rehabilitation - [link](#)

****Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal**

- Designing a Clinical Pharmacy Primary Care Intervention for Myocardial Infarction Patients Using a Patient and Public Involvement Discussion - [link](#)

****Medical Journal of Australia**

- Migraine: a brain state amenable to therapy - [link](#)
- Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease in infancy: a review based on international guidelines - [link](#)

****New England Journal of Medicine**

- Vaccination of Infants with Meningococcal Group B Vaccine (4CMenB) in England - [link](#)
- Family History of Gastric Cancer and Helicobacter pylori Treatment - [link](#)
- Conservative versus Interventional Treatment for Spontaneous Pneumothorax - [link](#)

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

- Impact of a national quality improvement programme for hospital wards is unclear - [link](#)
- Fewer infections with antibiotic-impregnated shunts for hydrocephalus - [link](#)
- Uptake of shingles vaccination is more likely if proactively offered in primary care - [link](#)
- GLP-1 drug for diabetes gives modest cardiovascular benefits compared with placebo - [link](#)
- Tranexamic acid is safe to use following mild-to-moderate traumatic brain injury and reduces deaths - [link](#)

****Pediatrics**

- Techniques to Communicate Better with Parents during End-of-Life Scenarios in Neonatology - [link](#)
- Thyroid Storm in a Toddler Presenting as a Febrile Seizure - [link](#)

****Pharmacotherapy**

- Effectiveness and Safety of Direct Oral Anticoagulants versus Warfarin in Obese Patients with Acute Venous Thromboembolism - [link](#)
- Establishing the Therapeutic Index of Fluid Resuscitation in the Septic Patient: A Narrative Review and Meta-Analysis - [link](#)
- The Impact of Proximal Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Surgery on Acetaminophen Absorption and Metabolism - [link](#)

****PROSPERO - International prospective register of systematic reviews**

- A systematic review of face-to-face medication adherence interventions for patients with long-term health conditions - [link](#)
- Defensive medicine: a systematic review of qualitative studies - [link](#)

****Public Library of Science (PLOS)**

- Prevalence and genetic profiles of isoniazid resistance in tuberculosis patients: A multicountry analysis of cross-sectional data - [link](#)

****The National Academies Press**

- Opportunities to Improve Opioid Use Disorder and Infectious Disease Services - [link](#)

****Thrombosis and haemostasis**

- Editorial: Idarucizumab for Reversion of Anticoagulant Effect in Daily Practice - [link](#)
- Efficacy and Safety of Nonvitamin K Oral Anticoagulants in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation and Cancer: A Study-Level Meta-Analysis - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

****Agency for Clinical Innovation, NSW (ACI)**

- Over-diagnosis and over-treatment in the frail and elderly - [link](#)

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

- Update to Infection Prevention and Control [Workbook](#) 2019 and [modules](#)
- Summer 2019 news - [link](#)

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

- Alcohol, tobacco & other drugs in Australia - [link](#)
- Australia's children - [link](#)
- Australia's children: in brief - [link](#)
- GEN: Quality indicators - [link](#)
- Consumers' experience of residential aged care, Australia 2017–19 - [link](#)

****NSW Health Intranet**

- Signs of a heart attack or cardiac arrest poster - [link](#)
- Steps to take if someone has suffered a cardiac arrest poster - [link](#)
- LIFEPAK® 15 Monitor/Defibrillator defect correction – 2020 – [SN001/20](#)

****Pharmacy Council of NSW**

- BEWARE – scams to obtain schedule 8 drugs via telephoned orders - [link](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

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

- Association between mobile telephone interruptions and medication administration errors in a pediatric intensive care unit - [link](#)
- Lessons learned implementing a complex and innovative patient safety learning laboratory project in a large academic medical center - [link](#)
- Testing alertness of emergency physicians: A novel quantitative measure of alertness and implications for worker and patient care - [link](#)
- Demonstrating the value of postgraduate fellowships for physicians in quality improvement and patient safety - [link](#)
- Use of error management theory to quantify and characterize residents' error recovery strategies - [link](#)

****Alzheimer's Society**

- Alzheimer's Society analysis of NHS England's Hospital Episode Statistics dataset 2012/13 to 2017/18 - [link](#)

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

- Rapid response: Lancets for Point of Care and Capillary Blood Testing: Guidelines - [link](#)

****European Commission**

- Ten recommendations to unlock the potential of big data for public health in the EU - [link](#)
- New Drug Approvals
 - solriamfetol ([Sunosi](#)®) for excessive daytime sleepiness in adults with narcolepsy or obstructive sleep apnoea.
 - polatuzumab vedotin ([Polivy](#)®) approved in combination with bendamustine plus MabThera® (rituximab), for the treatment of adult patients who have relapsed or refractory (R/R) diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) and are not candidates for a haematopoietic stem cell transplant
 - daratumumab ([Darzalex](#)®)(in combination with bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone) for newly diagnosed, transplant eligible patients with multiple myeloma
 - siponimod ([Mayzent](#)®) for secondary progressive multiple sclerosis in adults

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

- New Drug approvals
 - [belimumab](#) (Benlysta®) for treatment of adults with active, autoantibody-positive, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) who are receiving standard therapy
 - [infliximab-QBTX](#) (Ixifi®) for reducing signs and symptoms and inducing and maintaining clinical remission in pediatric patients 6 years of age and older with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy
 - [semaglutide](#) (Ozempic®) to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction or non-fatal stroke) in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease
 - [pertuzumab](#) (Perjeta®) now for intravenous use
 - [ferric derisomaltose](#) (Monoferric®) for iron deficiency anemia in adult patients
 - [pasireotide diaspertate](#) (Signifor®) change in clinical data to include post-marketing information
 - [teprotumumab-trbw](#) (Tepezza®) for the treatment of adults with thyroid eye disease

****Monthly Index of Medical Specialties (MIMS)**

- Fitness to fly guidance- [link](#)

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

- Larotrectinib for treating NTRK fusion-positive solid tumours – DRAFT Technology Appraisal Guidance ([TA10229](#))
- Community pharmacies: promoting health and wellbeing – DRAFT Quality Standard ([QS10115](#))
- Atezolizumab with carboplatin and nab-paclitaxel for untreated advanced non-squamous non-small-cell lung cancer (terminated appraisal) ([TA618](#))
- Palbociclib with fulvestrant for treating hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative, advanced breast cancer ([TA619](#))
- Olaparib for maintenance treatment of relapsed platinum-sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal cancer ([TA620](#))
- Osimertinib for untreated EGFR mutation-positive non-small-cell lung cancer – guidance ([TA621](#))
- Ustekinumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis- [Draft Guidance](#) for consultation
- Supporting adult carers – guidance ([NG150](#))
- Rheumatoid arthritis in over 16s ([QS33](#))

****NHS Improvement**

- Introducing criteria-led discharge in an acute medical unit- [link](#)

****Public Health England**

- Wuhan novel coronavirus and avian flu: advice for travel to China- [link](#)

****Specialist Pharmacy Service**

- Assessing the quality of Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use (CBPM) and cannabis-based food supplements available in the UK (January 2020): NHS Pharmaceutical QA Committee- [link](#)
- Is there Evidence to Support the use of Enteric Coated (EC) Aspirin to Reduce Gastrointestinal Side Effects in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease?- [link](#)

****The King's Fund (UK)**

- Professor David Williams on racism, discrimination and the impact they have on health - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

****electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)**

- Revised SPCs
- [Metoclopramide](#) injection: contraindications now include breastfeeding and use within 3-4 days of operations such as pyloroplasty or gut anastomosis as new contraindications. Also noted to have moderate influence on ability to drive and may reduce levels of atovaquone.
- [Nexplanon](#)[®] (etonogestrel implant for subdermal use): updated to include post market surveillance reports of respiratory disorders (e.g. cough and haemoptysis) and haematoma following insertion or removal of the implant.
- [Gilenya](#)[®] (fingolimod hydrochloride): Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia and weight reduction have been added as adverse effects of treatment with unknown and common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$) frequency, respectively.
- [Edurant](#)[®] (rilpivirine): now highlights that a moderate amount of data on pregnant women (between 300-1000 pregnancy outcomes) indicate no malformative or feto/neonatal toxicity of rilpivirine.
- Other
- Sodium valproate Pregnancy Prevention Programme- updated guide for Healthcare Professionals- [link](#)

****EMA**

- Mandatory use of international standard for the reporting of side effects to improve safety of medicines - [link](#)

PAPERS OF INTEREST

****American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AHJP)**

- Oral fluoroquinolone was linked to mitral and aortic regurgitation compared with amoxicillin or azithromycin - [link](#)
- In stable CAD with type 2 diabetes, adding ticagrelor to aspirin reduced CV events but increased major bleeding - [link](#)
- In ACS with planned invasive evaluation, prasugrel vs ticagrelor reduced a composite of death, MI, or stroke at 1 y - [link](#)
- In AF and stable CAD, rivaroxaban reduced cardiovascular events and mortality more than rivaroxaban plus an antiplatelet - [link](#)
- In plantar fasciitis, corticosteroid injections and placebo do not differ for reducing pain at ≤ 12 weeks - [link](#)
- In healthy adults, high-dose vitamin D did not improve radial or tibial BMD or strength - [link](#)

****British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology**

- Placental transporter-mediated drug interactions and offspring congenital anomalies - [link](#)
- Population pharmacokinetic modeling of plasma Δ9-tetrahydrocannabinol and an active and inactive metabolite following controlled smoked cannabis administration - [link](#)
- Population pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of dobutamine in neonates on the first days of life - [link](#)
- Hypnotics with novel modes of action - [link](#)
- Improving prescribing through big data approaches—Ten years of the Scottish Prescribing Information System - [link](#)
- The effectiveness and safety of topical β-receptor blocker in treating superficial infantile haemangiomas: A meta-analysis including 20 studies - [link](#)
- Effectiveness of interventions on the appropriate use of opioids for non-cancer pain among hospital inpatients: A systematic review - [link](#)
- Serious adverse effects occurring after chemotherapy: A general cancer registry-based incidence survey - [link](#)
- Direct oral anticoagulants uptake and an oral anticoagulation paradox - [link](#)
- Misuse of benzodiazepines: Prevalence and impact in an inpatient population with psychiatric disorders - [link](#)
- Review of therapeutic drug monitoring of infliximab in spondyloarthritis—Catching up with management concepts from other inflammatory conditions - [link](#)
- Multi-site evaluation of partnered pharmacist medication charting and in-hospital length of stay - [link](#)
- Off-label use of tacrolimus in children with glomerular disease: Effectiveness, safety and pharmacokinetics - [link](#)

****British Medical Journal (BMJ)**

- Editorial: New drug treatments for cystic fibrosis - [link](#)
- Editorial: The search for better vaccines against TB - [link](#)
- Editorial: Blindsided: challenging the dogma of masking in clinical trials- [link](#)
- Editorial: New drug treatments for cystic fibrosis- [link](#)
- China coronavirus: cases surge as official admits human to human transmission - [link](#)
- Practice: What is the best method for managing early miscarriage? - [link](#)
- Practice: Is there a place for intra-articular corticosteroid injections in the treatment of knee osteoarthritis? - [link](#)
- Research: Major cardiac events for adult survivors of childhood cancer diagnosed between 1970 and 1999: report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study cohort - [link](#)
- Rising to the challenge of multimorbidity - [link](#)
- Research: Post-discharge acute care and outcomes following readmission reduction initiatives: national retrospective cohort study of Medicare beneficiaries in the United States - [link](#)
- Research: Impact of blinding on estimated treatment effects in randomised clinical trials: meta-epidemiological study- [link](#)
- Research Methods and Reporting: Synthesis without meta-analysis (SWiM) in systematic reviews: reporting guideline - [link](#)

****BMJ Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin**

- Commentary: High-dose PPI and aspirin as chemoprevention in Barrett's oesophagus- [link](#)
- Drug review: Melatonin for jet lag- [link](#)

****BMJ Open**

- Variation of effect estimates in the analysis of mortality and length of hospital stay in patients with infections caused by bacteria-producing extended-spectrum beta-lactamases: a systematic review and meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Vitamin D supplementation to improve pregnancy and perinatal outcomes: an overview of 42 systematic reviews - [link](#)

**BMJ Quality and Safety

- Failure to administer recommended chemotherapy: acceptable variation or cancer care quality blind spot? - [link](#)
- Association of open communication and the emotional and behavioural impact of medical error on patients and families: state-wide cross-sectional survey - [link](#)
- How can patient-held lists of medication enhance patient safety? A mixed-methods study with a focus on user experience - [link](#)
- Medication-related harm in older adults following hospital discharge: development and validation of a prediction tool - [link](#)
- Viewpoint: Preventing Clostridioides difficile infection in hospitals: what is the endgame? - [link](#)
- Viewpoint: Measuring low-value care: learning from the US experience measuring quality - [link](#)
- Novel tools for a learning health system: a combined difference-in-difference/regression discontinuity approach to evaluate effectiveness of a readmission reduction initiative - [link](#)
- Editorial: Mind the gap: how vulnerable patients fall through the cracks of cancer quality metrics - [link](#)

**Circulation

- Survival After Intravenous Versus Intraosseous Amiodarone, Lidocaine, or Placebo in Out-of-Hospital Shock-Refractory Cardiac Arrest - [link](#)

**Cochrane

- Dressings and topical agents for arterial leg ulcers - [link](#)
- Anti-inflammatory medications for obstructive sleep apnoea in children - [link](#)
- Granulocyte-colony stimulating factor administration for subfertile women undergoing assisted reproduction - [link](#)
- Hypertonic saline versus other intracranial pressure-lowering agents for people with acute traumatic brain injury - [link](#)
- Improving vaccination uptake among adolescents - [link](#)
- Resveratrol for adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus - [link](#)
- Antibiotic prophylaxis to prevent spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in people with liver cirrhosis: a network meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Blood transfusions for treating acute chest syndrome in people with sickle cell disease - [link](#)
- Induction immunosuppression in adults undergoing liver transplantation: a network meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Topical and device-based treatments for fungal infections of the toenails - [link](#)
- Treatment for ascites in adults with decompensated liver cirrhosis: a network meta-analysis - [link](#)

**Diabetes Care

- Empagliflozin Effectively Lowers Liver Fat Content in Well-Controlled Type 2 Diabetes: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 4, Placebo-Controlled Trial - [link](#)
- Sex Difference in Effects of Low-Dose Aspirin on Prevention of Dementia in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: A Long-term Follow-up Study of a Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

**Internal Medicine Journal

- Prognostic Significance of Suboptimal Secondary Prevention Pharmacotherapy After Acute Coronary Syndromes - [link](#)

**International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy

- High-risk nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs prescribing in primary care: results from National Medical Care Survey Malaysia - [link](#)
- Survey of healthcare professionals' practices, expectations, and attitudes towards provision of patient information leaflets in Thailand - [link](#)

**JAMA

- Effect of Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis with Proton Pump Inhibitors vs Histamine-2 Receptor Blockers on In-Hospital Mortality among ICU Patients Receiving Invasive Mechanical Ventilation. The PEPTIC Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)
- Editorial: Proton Pump Inhibitors vs Histamine-2 Receptor Blockers for Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis in Critically Ill Patients. Issues of Interpretability in Pragmatic Trials - [link](#)
- Effect of Vitamin C, Hydrocortisone, and Thiamine vs Hydrocortisone Alone on Time Alive and Free of Vasopressor Support among Patients with Septic Shock. The VITAMINS RCT - [link](#)
- Editorial: Lack of Benefit of High-Dose Vitamin C, Thiamine, and Hydrocortisone Combination for Patients with Sepsis - [link](#)
- Can an Evidence-Based Approach Improve the Patient-Physician Relationship? - [link](#)
- Effect of Hydroxyethyl Starch vs Saline for Volume Replacement Therapy on Death or Postoperative Complications among High-Risk Patients Undergoing Major Abdominal Surgery: The FLASH Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

**** JAMA Network Open**

- Associations of Fish Oil Supplement Use with Testicular Function in Young Men - [link](#)
- Association of Plasma Concentration of Vitamin B12 with All-Cause Mortality in the General Population in the Netherlands - [link](#)
- Effect of intranasal vs Intramuscular Naloxone on Opioid Overdose: A Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

**** JAMA Oncology**

- Effect of Dasatinib vs Imatinib in the Treatment of Pediatric Philadelphia Chromosome–Positive Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. A Randomized Clinical Trial - [link](#)

**** JAMIA**

- medExtractR: A targeted, customizable approach to medication extraction from electronic health records - [link](#)

**** Journal for Healthcare Quality**

- Factors Associated with Nurses' Acceptance of the Electronic Intensive Care Unit - [link](#)

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

- Smoke-free hospital grounds - [link](#)

**** Journal of Palliative Medicine**

- Dexmedetomidine: A Novel Strategy for Patients with Intractable Pain, Opioid-Induced Hyperalgesia, or Delirium at the End of Life - [link](#)
- Pharmacovigilance in Hospice/Palliative Care: De-Prescribing Combination Controlled Release Oxycodone-Naloxone - [link](#)

**** Lancet**

- Compliance with legal requirement to report clinical trial results on ClinicalTrials.gov: a cohort study - [link](#)
- Addition of anti-thymocyte globulin to standard graft-versus-host disease prophylaxis versus standard treatment alone in patients with haematological malignancies undergoing transplantation from unrelated donors: final analysis of a randomised, open-label, multicentre, phase 3 trial - [link](#)
- Risk of self-harm after the diagnosis of psychiatric disorders in Hong Kong, 2000–10: a nested case-control study - [link](#)
- Concurrent prenatal drinking and smoking increases risk for SIDS: Safe Passage Study report - [link](#)
- Global, regional, and national sepsis incidence and mortality, 1990–2017: analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study - [link](#)
- Alcohol and illicit drug use in people with diabetes - [link](#)
- Efficacy, immunogenicity, and safety of an oral influenza vaccine: a placebo-controlled and active-controlled phase 2 human challenge study - [link](#)
- Where next for inhaled corticosteroids in childhood asthma? - [link](#)

**** Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) – Pharmacy Journal**

- Pharmacists as a Source of Advice on Medication Use for Athletes - [link](#)

**** Medical Journal of Australia**

- Achieving greater clinician engagement and impact in health care improvement: a neglected imperative - [link](#)

****New England Journal of Medicine**

- Treating Hypertension in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease - [link](#)
- Meningococcal B Vaccine and Meningococcal Carriage in Adolescents in Australia - [link](#)
- Elagolix for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding in Women with Uterine Fibroids - [link](#)
- Teprotumumab for Thyroid-Associated Ophthalmopathy - [link](#)
- A Randomized Trial of Erythropoietin for Neuroprotection in Preterm Infants - [link](#)
- Perspective: Abuses of FDA Regulatory Procedures - The Case of Suboxone (buprenorphine-naloxone) - [link](#)
- JAK Inhibitor Therapy in a Child with Inherited USP18 Deficiency - [link](#)
- Lipoprotein(a) Reduction in Persons with Cardiovascular Disease - [link](#)

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

- Improving Care by Using Patient Feedback - [link](#)

****Pediatrics (American Academy of Pediatrics)**

- Clinical Response to Discordant Therapy in Third-Generation Cephalosporin-Resistant UTIs - [link](#)
- Commentary: Annotations on Emerging Concerns about Antibiotic-Resistant Urinary Tract Infection - [link](#)

****Pharmacotherapy**

- Vancomycin Pharmacokinetics in Obese Patients with Sepsis or Septic Shock - [link](#)
- Evaluation of Eravacycline: a Novel Fluorocycline - [link](#)

****PROSPERO - International prospective register of systematic reviews**

- A systematic review and network meta-analysis of the effectiveness of discharge interventions from hospitals to the community - [link](#)
- A systematic review of venous thromboembolism risk assessment models for hospital inpatients - [link](#)

****Thrombosis and Haemostasis**

- Efficacy and Safety of Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Inhibitors on Top of Ticagrelor in STEMI: A Subanalysis of the ATLANTIC Trial - [link](#)
- Understanding the Effects of NOAC Combined with Antiplatelet Therapy on Clot Kinetics - [link](#)

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REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – AUSTRALIA

****Agency for Clinical Innovation, NSW (ACI)**

- Crowdsourcing survey of methods and approaches for experiential evidence typology – ends 3 Feb 2020- [link](#)
- Centre for Healthcare Redesign Projects:
 - METabolic MONitoring Whole Health in Mind - [link](#)
 - Opioid treatment options - [link](#)
 - Improving access to medication review in high risk inpatients - [link](#)
 - Transition to Recovery - [link](#)
- Clinician Connect, [December 2019](#)

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

- [AS18/07](#): Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations
- Communicating for Safety resource portal - [link](#)

****AHHA**

- The Health Advocate, [December 2019](#)

****NSW Health Intranet**

- Pharmaceutical Charges for Hospital Outpatients and Safety Net Thresholds - [link](#)
- Legal instrument for tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and emtricitabine supply as PrEP in MI-EPIC trial - [link](#)
- Safety Information [001/20](#) - Use of linen in radiological procedures potential artefact
- The Centre for Aboriginal Health: Newsletter – Talkabout, [December 2019](#)

****Pharmacy Council of NSW**

- Do you compound for other pharmacies? - [link](#)
- Message from the Ministry of Health - Forged prescriptions - [link](#)
- Recent Prosecutions - Reminders to Pharmacists - [link](#)

****PBS**

- The Closing the Gap - PBS Co-payment Measure - [link](#)
- Fees, Patient Contributions and Safety Net Thresholds - [link](#)
- Changes to certain s100 programs - [link](#)
- Biosimilar trastuzumab and rituximab on the PBS - information for health professionals and patients - [link](#)
- Advice for approved pharmacists supplying medicines to patients in areas affected by natural disasters, including bushfires - December 2019 - [link](#)

****TGA**

- Prescription medicines: registration of new generic medicines and biosimilar medicines - [link](#)
- AusPARs:
 - [cenegermin](#) (rbe) (Oxervate®) for moderate (persistent epithelial defect) or severe (corneal ulcer) neurotrophic keratitis in adults
 - [nitric oxide](#) (INOmax®) to selectively decrease pulmonary arterial pressure in patients with perioperative pulmonary hypertension in conjunction with heart surgery
 - [dolutegravir/lamivudine](#) (Dovato®) for HIV-1 infection in antiretroviral treatment-naïve adults and adolescents (from 12 years of age weighing at least 40 kg) who have no known or suspected resistance to either antiretroviral component
 - [artemether](#) (ArTiMist 6®) rejected by TGA
 - [polatuzumab vedotin](#) (Polivy®), in combination with bendamustine and rituximab, for treatment of previously treated adult patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma who are not candidates for hematopoietic stem cell transplant.
 - [siponimod](#) (Mayzent®) for secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.
 - [alirocumab \(rch\)](#) (Praluent®) for: 1) primary hypercholesterolaemia (alone or in combination with other lipid-lowering therapies) and 2) risk reduction of cardiovascular events in adults with established cardiovascular disease, in combination with optimally dosed statins and/or other lipid lowering therapies
 - [sonidegib](#) (Odomzo®) for adult patients with: 1) locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (BCC) who are not amenable to curative surgery or radiation therapy or 2) metastatic BCC
- Registration of [new or extended uses](#) of registered medicine:
 - glecaprevir with pibrentasvir (Maviret®) for the treatment of adult and adolescent patients 12 years and older with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection with or without compensated cirrhosis. This includes patients with HCV genotype 1 infection who were previously treated with either a regimen of an NS5A inhibitor or with an NS3/4A protease inhibitor but not both classes of inhibitors.
- Registration of [new chemical entities](#) in Australia:
 - midodrine hydrochloride (Midodrine Ans®, Midodrine Scp®, Vasodrine®) for adults with severe symptomatic orthostatic hypotension due to autonomic dysfunction when exacerbating factors have been addressed and other forms of treatment remain inadequate.

****Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine**

- Clinical Communiqué – [December 2019](#)

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

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

- Integrating adverse event reporting into a free-text mobile application used in daily workflow increases adverse event reporting by physicians - [link](#)
- Effect of cognitive aids on adherence to best practice in the treatment of deteriorating surgical patients: a randomized clinical trial in a simulation setting - [link](#)
- Content analysis of patient safety incident reports for older adult patient transfers, handovers, and discharges: do they serve organizations, staff, or patients? - [link](#)
- Application of human factors to improve usability of clinical decision support for diagnostic decision-making: a scenario-based simulation study - [link](#)
- A mixed methods study examining teamwork shared mental models of interprofessional teams during hospital discharge - [link](#)
- An ethnography of parents' perceptions of patient safety in the neonatal intensive care unit - [link](#)

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

- Rapid response reports
- Intranasal and Intramuscular Naloxone for Opioid Overdose in the Pre-Hospital Setting: A Review of Comparative Clinical and Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Fall Risk Assessment Tools in Obstetric Populations: Clinical Utility and Guidelines - [link](#)
- Methadol Liquid, Methadone, and Compounded Methadone in Patients with Opioid-Use Disorder Using Opioid Agonist Therapy: Comparative Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines – An Update - [link](#)
- Acetylcysteine for Neuromuscular Disorder Patients Requiring Mucus Secretion Clearance: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines - [link](#)

****European Medicines Agency (EMA)**

- Human medicines: highlights of 2019 - [link](#)

****electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)**

- New products
- [Ammonaps](#)® (sodium phenylbutyrate) tablets and granules: licensed as adjunctive therapy in the chronic management of urea cycle disorders, involving deficiencies of carbamylphosphate synthetase, ornithine transcarbamylase or argininosuccinate synthetase
- Revised SPCs
- [Revlimid](#)® (lenalidomide): updated with new indication of use in combination with rituximab for the treatment of adult patients with previously treated follicular lymphoma (grade 1 – 3a).
- [Dysport](#)® (botulinum type A): updated with new indication of treatment of cerebral palsy in [paediatric](#) upper limbs.

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

- New Drug approvals
- [diazepam](#) (Valtoco®) new dosage form – nasal spray
- [pembrolizumab](#) (Keytruda®) for the treatment of patients with Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG)-unresponsive, high-risk, non-muscle invasive bladder cancer with carcinoma in situ with or without papillary tumors who are ineligible for or have elected not to undergo cystectomy

****Health Canada**

- Health Product InfoWatch, [December 2019](#)

****Institute for Healthcare Improvement**

- The Role of Racism as a Core Patient Safety Issue - [link](#)

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

- Indoor air quality at home ([NG149](#))
- Flu vaccination: increasing uptake ([QS190](#))
- Cladribine for treating relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis ([TA616](#))
- Lusutrombopag for treating thrombocytopenia in people with chronic liver disease needing a planned invasive procedure ([TA617](#))
- Lung cancer in adults ([QS17](#))

****Royal Pharmaceutical Society**

- New Competency Framework for Designated Prescribing Practitioners - [link](#)

****Specialist Pharmacy Services**

- Is there Evidence to Support the use of Enteric Coated (EC) Aspirin to Reduce Gastrointestinal Side Effects in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease? - [link](#)
- What naloxone doses should be used in adults to urgently reverse the effects of opioids? - [link](#)

****The King's Fund (UK)**

- Changing challenges into opportunities to improve care - [link](#)

MEDICATION SAFETY

****electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) (UK)**

- Revised SPCs
- [Lyrice](#)® (pregabalin): now advises caution when used with opioids due to risk of CNS depression - increased risk was observed at low doses of pregabalin (≤ 300 mg) and there was a trend for a greater risk at high doses of pregabalin
- [Brivact](#)® (brivaracetam): tablets contain lactose and with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.
- [Celebrex](#)® (celecoxib): now includes concomitant use of antiplatelet drugs as a risk factor for increased incidence for upper and lower gastrointestinal complications.
- [Pradaxa](#)® (dabigatran): concomitant administration with glecaprevir/pibrentasvir contraindicated owing to increased bleeding risk due to increased dabigatran concentrations. Also, alopecia added as potential adverse effect (frequency unknown).
- [Sodium valproate products](#): now advises that in utero exposure to valproate may also result in hearing impairment or deafness in the child due to ear and/or nose malformations and/or to direct toxicity on the hearing function. When outcomes were reported, the majority of the cases did not recover.
- [Norditropin](#)® (somatropin): now includes scoliosis (known to be more frequent in certain patient groups treated with somatropin e.g. Turner syndrome). In addition, slipped epiphyses of the hip may occur more frequently.
- [Brufen](#)® (ibuprofen): now warns of very rare skin reactions, some fatal, including exfoliative dermatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and toxic epidermal necrolysis, with use of NSAIDs. Stop at first appearance of skin rash/mucosal lesions/ hypersensitivity.
- Testosterone undecanoate [capsules](#) and [injection](#): VTE cases have been reported in thrombophilic patients, even under anticoagulation treatment; therefore continuing testosterone treatment after 1st VTE is cautioned. In case of treatment continuation, further measures should be taken to minimise risk. Use in patients with risk factors for VTE also cautioned.
- [Ketalar](#)® (ketamine): now states long term use is not recommended owing to cases of cystitis, including haemorrhagic cystitis, acute kidney injury, hydronephrosis, and ureteral disorders that have been reported with long term treatment.
- [Lustral](#)® (sertraline): now advises caution for use in patients with risk factors for QTc prolongation such as cardiac disease, hypokalaemia or hypomagnesaemia, familial history of QTc prolongation, bradycardia and concomitant use of medications which prolong QTc interval.
- [Metvix](#)® (methyl aminolevulinate) cream: now advises conventional Photodynamic Therapy with a lamp may be a precipitating factor for transient global amnesia in very rare instances – unknown mechanism. Also includes amnesia as an adverse effect.
- [Levitra](#)® (vardenafil): now updated to advise that serious CV events including sudden death, tachycardia, MI, ventricular tachy-arrhythmia, angina pectoris, and cerebrovascular disorders (including TIA and cerebral haemorrhage), have been reported in temporal association with vardenafil.

****Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) USA**

- Medication Safety Alert! [January 16, 2020](#): Top 10 Medication Errors and hazards; barcodes on curved surfaces

****Medsafe (New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority)**

- Risk of infections with Prolia (denosumab) - [link](#)
- Update - Tramadol and opioid effects in breastfeeding babies - [link](#)
- Medsafe Reinforces Advice on Lamotrigine - [link](#)
- Update on suspected adverse reaction reports to lamotrigine after changing brands - [link](#)

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- A systematic overview of systematic reviews evaluating medication adherence interventions - [link](#)
- Accuracy of and prescriber perceptions related to documenting antibiotic indications during order entry at an academic medical center - [link](#)
- Medication safety: Still a pressing concern - [link](#)
- Compliance with the rociguat risk evaluation and mitigation strategies at an academic medical center - [link](#)
- Management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: A review focusing on exacerbations - [link](#)
- Antithrombotic therapy for post-interventional management of peripheral arterial disease - [link](#)
- Enteral baclofen withdrawal managed with intravenous dexmedetomidine: A case report - [link](#)

**Annals of Internal Medicine

- Assessing the Risk for Gout with Sodium–Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: A Population-Based Cohort Study - [link](#)
- Physician Time Spent Using the Electronic Health Record during Outpatient Encounters: A Descriptive Study - [link](#)
- Testosterone Treatment in Adult Men With Age-Related Low Testosterone: A Clinical Guideline from the American College of Physicians - [link](#)
- Efficacy and Safety of Testosterone Treatment in Men: An Evidence Report for a Clinical Practice Guideline by the American College of Physicians - [link](#)
- Hospital-Level Care at Home for Acutely Ill Adults: A Randomized Controlled Trial - [link](#)

**Australasian Emergency Care

- Awareness of diagnosis and follow up care after discharge from the Emergency Department - [link](#)

**Australian Journal of Primary Health

- Association of health literacy and diabetes self-management: a systematic review - [link](#)
- Childhood infection, antibiotic exposure and subsequent metabolic risk in adolescent and young adult Aboriginal Australians: practical implications - [link](#)

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- Preventable adverse drug events: Descriptive epidemiology - [link](#)
- A novel approach to support implementation of biosimilars within a UK tertiary hospital - [link](#)
- Risk factors associated with biochemically detected and hospitalised acute kidney injury in patients prescribed renin angiotensin system inhibitors - [link](#)
- Lidocaine as treatment for neonatal seizures: Evaluation of previously developed population pharmacokinetic models and dosing regimen - [link](#)
- Population pharmacokinetics of vancomycin in obesity: Finding the optimal dose for (morbidly) obese individuals - [link](#)
- Evaluation of the effect of P-glycoprotein inhibition and induction on talazoparib disposition in patients with advanced solid tumours - [link](#)
- Pharmacokinetic basis for dosing high-dose methotrexate in infants and young children with malignant brain tumours - [link](#)
- Impact of the pharmacist-led intervention on the control of medical cardiovascular risk factors for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease in general practice: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials - [link](#)
- Adverse events following cannabis for medical use in Tuscany: An analysis of the Italian Phytovigilance database - [link](#)

**British Medical Journal (BMJ)

- Efficacy and safety of gastrointestinal bleeding prophylaxis in critically ill patients: systematic review and network meta-analysis - [link](#)
- Gastrointestinal bleeding prophylaxis for critically ill patients: a clinical practice guideline - [link](#)
- Paracetamol for pain in adults - [link](#)
- C reactive protein testing in general practice safely reduces antibiotic use for flare-ups of COPD - [link](#)

****BMJ Open**

-Economic evaluation of clinical quality registries: a systematic review- [link](#)

****BMJ Quality and Safety**

- Does team reflexivity impact teamwork and communication in interpersonal hospital-based healthcare teams? A systematic review and narrative synthesis - [link](#)
- Multistate programme to reduce catheter-associated infections in intensive care units with elevated infection rates - [link](#)
- Medication non-adherence: an overlooked target for quality improvement interventions - [link](#)
- Accuracy of quality measurement for the Hospital Acquired Conditions Reduction Program - [link](#)
- Weekend effect: complex metric for a complex pathway - [link](#)
- Viewpoint: Discharge against medical advice: 'deviant' behaviour or a health system quality gap? - [link](#)
- Patient safety incident reporting: a qualitative study of thoughts and perceptions of experts 15 years after 'To Err is Human' - [link](#)
- Deprescribing psychotropic medications in children- [link](#)

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- Analysis of American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Guideline Author Self-Disclosure Compared With Open Payments Industry Disclosure- [link](#)
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- Interventions for renal vasculitis in adults - [link](#)
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