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Global Searching Ability of PROMPT

Members who notified the VicTAG Professional Officer that they would like set up for access to PROMPT should have already received details of a username and password enabling global searching ability of PROMPT. If you have not received your username and password, please contact Elaine on elainet@unimelb.edu.au.

For any member who currently does not have access to PROMPT and wishes to have access, e-mail elainet@unimelb.edu.au and Elaine will organise your access.

Please note that access to PROMPT is only available to Victorian public hospitals.

Call for Expressions of Interest for VicTAG Projects

VicTAG is calling for expressions of interest to undertake funded projects that will benefit patients and the wider membership.

Project 1

Review of the Register of Emergency and Life Saving Drugs

Applications close Friday 4th November 2011.
Project completion date February 2012.

VicTAG seeks expressions of interest to undertake a review of the content and presentation of the Register of Emergency and Life Saving Drugs.

The Register serves as a guide to aid hospital pharmacies in sourcing drugs in emergency situations. Hospitals may not hold certain drugs due to their rare use or high cost or have a need to access additional stock in high demand situations.

VicTAG has maintained the Register content and location guide on its website (www.victag.org.au) for many years.

The successful tenderer will:

- Provide a literature review and appraisal of systems to access emergency and life saving drugs both in Australia and overseas.
- Consult with the Victorian Poisons Information Centre and Toxicology Unit at Austin Health to determine current antidote recommendations and stock requirements.
- Consult with a range of metropolitan and rural pharmacists and emergency physicians and anaesthetists on their requirements for the Register.

- Provide recommendations on the format, accessibility and mechanisms to regularly update and maintain the Register. The VicTAG website is being redeveloped and recommendations can be included in the design process.

Funding available up to \$15,000.

Project 2

A quality use of medicines or medication safety project that will benefit the wider membership of VicTAG

Applications close Friday 2nd December 2011.

This open topic project should address an area of known risk for the operation of Pharmacy or the Quality Use of Medicines. Reference to National or International standards or references to demonstrate the risk and the proposed action to address the risk (preferably an evidence-based approach) should be included in the proposal. Projects should be considered in the context of seed or pilot funding to demonstrate that a proposed intervention may be feasible across the healthcare system. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with other hospitals to demonstrate applicability across metropolitan and rural settings.

Funding available up to \$20,000.

Expressions of interest for either project is to be sent by the due date to Greg Weeks, Secretary VicTAG, Pharmacy Department Barwon Health, Ryrie Street, Geelong 3220 using a VicTAG project proposal form (e-mail elainet@unimelb.edu.au for the form).

Newsletter from the Victorian Therapeutics Advisory Group

The VicTAG Annual General Meeting (commencing at 4pm) will precede the Full Meeting on Wednesday 30th November 2011—details below. Members—please consider nominating for the Committee by completing the form below. There are 4 office bearers and 4 ordinary Committee positions.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2011

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members of VicTAG Inc will be held in the Meeting Room, Pharmacy Department, Basement, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Main Block, commencing at 4pm on Wednesday 30th November 2011. A VicTAG Full Committee meeting will take place at 4:30pm after the AGM (agenda to follow).

AGM AGENDA

1. Welcome to members
2. Apologies, proxy appointments
3. Minutes of the previous AGM
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Financial statement and report
7. Election of officers of VicTAG and ordinary members of the Committee
8. Receipt and consideration of the statement submitted by VicTAG in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act
9. Close of meeting

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Nomination of candidates for election of officers of VicTAG Inc 2011/12

I.....(insert name)
hereby nominate for the following office of VicTAG
Inc. (circle choice)

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Ordinary member of the Committee

My signature below indicates my consent for this
nomination.

..... Date

Nominated by two members of the VicTAG Inc

Member.....
Signature..... Date

Member.....
Signature..... Date

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