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## Revamp of the VicTAG website, [www.victag.org.au](http://www.victag.org.au)

A web designer has been contracted to revamp the VicTAG website.

The aim is to make the website easier for members to navigate and user-friendly (e.g. for VicTAG staff to upload documents).

VicTAG members will be notified when the new and improved website is up and running. In the meantime, the current website ([www.victag.org.au](http://www.victag.org.au)) is still

available for the access of VicTAG information. Any queries, please contact the VicTAG Professional Officer on [elainet@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:elainet@unimelb.edu.au).

## Update on VicTAG QUM projects

### 1. Medication safety notice distribution system

A system has been developed to enable disseminating safety notices via the VicTAG communication network to all Victorian VicTAG member hospitals. The procedure and draft notice will be sent to all Directors of Pharmacy for information.

To date, the project steering group has received a few suggestions for safety notices but have agreed that as these are not new products or alerts have already been distributed, a notice is not warranted. If you have any suggestions for products that should have a safety notice developed and distributed, please e-mail Sue Wright at [Sue.wright@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:Sue.wright@easternhealth.org.au) or Melita Van de Vreede at [melita.vandevreede@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:melita.vandevreede@easternhealth.org.au).

The Project Officer (Sue Wright) is currently collating information from hospitals who have completed the action plan from the DoH Oral Chemotherapy Alert which will assist hospitals that have not completed this work to inform strategies to meet the criteria.

### 2. Current practice and barriers to implementation of user applied labelling in Victorian hospitals

Many hospitals have completed this audit and returned information to the project group. This data will be collated and participating hospitals will receive their data and the total Victorian data for comparison.

The collated data will be reviewed by the project group and common themes, barriers identified. If considered appropriate, feedback will be discussed with the Commission, and will also be used to assist hospitals with implementation.

If you have not yet completed the audit, it is not too late. Please send your data to Wendy Ewing at [wendy.ewing@southernhealth.org.au](mailto:wendy.ewing@southernhealth.org.au).

The QUM and Medication Safety Group regularly discuss topics of mutual interest and collate the current practice. This can be useful to guide improvements. These summaries will be made available in the member section of the VicTAG website when it is revamped. In the meantime, if you would like any of this information, please contact Melita Van de Vreede at [melita.vandevreede@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:melita.vandevreede@easternhealth.org.au).

Recent summaries of current practice have been collated for:

- use of the standard heparin infusion chart
- alteplase for occluded CVADs
- glutamine in TPN for ICU patients
- S8/S11 administration book use
- Tall Man lettering
- MABs
- closed system devices.

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