

# Content of N3 Bulletin, 2014

## REGULATORY NEWS

- FDA panel recommends 2 new anti-MRSA agents.
- FDA approves Northera to treat neurogenic orthostatic hypotension
- FDA approves Afrezza to treat diabetes
- Lidocaine viscous: boxed warning required - should not be used to treat teething pain

## DRUGS SAFETY

- Quetiapine - Risk of QT prolongation
- Methysergide-containing medicines. New recommendations follow concerns over association with fibrosis
- Orlistat. Interaction with antiretroviral HIV medicines
- Contraceptive implants: pregnancies and problems with removal. A pharmacovigilance survey.
- St. John's wort and hormonal contraceptives, including implants
- Towards better patient care: 68 drugs to avoid in 2014

## THE INTERESTING FACTS

- Botox prevents development, spread of gastric cancer.
- New drug suggested to infertility treatment in USA
- Gout linked to increased vascular disease risk. Laurie Barclay, MD

## EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINES

- Combined hormonal contraceptives. Review confirms risk of venous thromboembolism is small
- Naproxen cv safety vs ibuprofen challenged in whi analysis.

## SCIENTIFIC NEWS

- Nanotechnology in medicine