



DESIGNATION AS A FELLOW OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

ELIZABETH ANNE PLANT

Elizabeth Plant is a tireless advocate for the profession of Pharmacy in New Zealand. Her extensive list of achievements and responsibilities at a District Health Board and national body level exemplify her outstanding contribution to the practice of Pharmacy.

Since convincing her manager to allow her ward duties as a junior Pharmacist at Dunedin Public Hospital, Elizabeth has remained at the innovative forefront of the profession. During her career she has worked as a Pharmacy facilitator for the National Preferred Medicines Centre and a Pharmacy Consultant, as well as holding a number of community and hospital positions. Although she will agree that she truly found her niche in hospital Pharmacy.

Elizabeth has been Chief Pharmacist at Taranaki Base Hospital for the past fourteen years. It was here that she became responsible for installing the first Pyxis automated drug distribution system into a New Zealand hospital. She won the National Innovation in Hospital Pharmacy Award and the Supreme Award in 2000 for the introduction of the Pyxis system and was the first hospital Pharmacist to have won the Supreme Award. Elizabeth has also been an advisor to Funding and Planning for the Taranaki DHB and held the Pharmacy Portfolio Manager position for 2 years. She is currently overseeing the electronic medication reconciliation project which is a national pilot project for the Ministry of Health.

An impressive work ethic saw Elizabeth complete a Postgraduate diploma in Clinical Pharmacy with distinction in 1998 as she juggled raising a young family.

In 2005 she became the first pharmacy student to obtain a masters in Health Science via the clinical diploma route, again with distinction.

As the current President of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand and an executive member since 2005, her commitment to the profession has commanded respect at a national level. She co-ordinated the DHBNZ Pharmacy Advisory Group "National Framework of Pharmacist Services" which was launched in 2007 and is a steering group member of the Safe Medication Management (SMM) project.

Elizabeth received a ministerial appointment to the Health Information Strategy Advisory Committee (HISAC) in 2008 and the National Health IT Board in 2010. She was a founding member of both the Hospital Procurement Advisory Committee (HPAC) to PHARMAC and the Safe Quality Use of Medicines committee (SQUM).

Her extensive involvement in promoting pharmacy services on a number of multi-disciplinary and national advisory committees highlight her dedication and passion for the profession.

Elizabeth has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the practice of Pharmacy in New Zealand and is a worthy recipient of this Fellowship award.