



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

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I am honoured today to present this oration to recognise the recommendation of the Panel of Fellows to the PSNZ National Executive, that Jane Dawson be designated a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society for her outstanding and significant contribution to the advancement of pharmacy in New Zealand.

The area of pharmacy practice where Jane has excelled is in the safe and quality use of medicines throughout the New Zealand Defence Force. While not actually working as a dispensing pharmacist she has applied her pharmacy training and skills to military situations and devised practicable solutions that have improved the ability of doctors, nurses and medical assistants (medics) to treat soldiers, sailors and airmen under their care – no matter where in the world they may be.

I welcome some special guests who are with us today for this ceremony. Firstly Jane's family – husband Peter and their children Christopher and Katherine. Surgeon Captain Dr Alison Drewry is the Director of Defence Health, the section of Defence where Jane is employed. Alison is also representing the Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant General Mateparae. Also present today is Major Paul Kendall previously the pharmacist, and latterly the Executive Officer, of the 2nd Health Support Battalion based at Linton Camp.

Jane Dawson's appointment in 1990 as a pharmacist at Defence Headquarters was a civilian post.



AWARD PRESENTATION

The Society
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I should have warned Fran who created the PowerPoint slide you see before you, and I apologise for not doing so. It's not Jane's smiley photograph that is the problem; it's the colour of the words Fran used. You see, many years ago Jane had her colours done, and green was found to be not suitable in her colour pallet.

Consequently you will never see Jane in Army uniform. Here in outback Waiouru, pick which one is Jane.



Yes, that's her wearing a floral skirt, in a jungle green tent surrounded by soldiers wearing DPM camouflage uniforms.

Since her appointment at Defence Headquarters 20 years ago, Jane has been instrumental in overcoming many hurdles to bring to the required legal standards all pharmaceutical services pertaining to medicines in the Defence Force – from purchase, through distribution, storage, prescribing, dispensing, administration to patients, and finally to the correct disposal of surplus or expired supplies.

Jane has co-ordinated the writing of medical treatment protocols so that the pharmaceutical inventory could be rationalised which in turn allows nurses and medics to diagnose, treat and manage patients under standing orders when away from base medical treatment facilities. She still reviews the protocols on a day-to-day basis ensuring that they are kept up-to-date and reflect best practice.

Jane also developed a system of pre-dispensed medicines so that medics in the field could, following appropriate protocols, issue them to soldiers, sailors and airmen – be they half way up a mountain or 1,000 km out at sea – knowing that the medicines were appropriately packed and fully labelled with directions and warnings. How many pharmacists can say that they have developed pharmaceutical management systems that are used on a daily basis in Afghanistan, Timor Leste, the Solomon Islands and on board ships of the Royal New Zealand Navy throughout the world?

In order to operate safely, using the Defence Medical Treatment Protocols, medics and nursing officers must annually demonstrate competency and Jane has again been the driving force behind developing and managing the assessment process using on-line testing procedures.

Jane has personally progressed the national effort for registration of paramedics under the HPCA Act and she chaired the committee that prepared the National Standard for Ambulance and Paramedical Services.

Throughout her 20 years with Defence she has also been very highly regarded for her teaching at the Joint Services Health School at Burnham Camp. In fact, last week I was with Jane at a function after a big ceremonial parade of the Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps. The room was full of gold braid and red tabs. There was a Prince of the Realm – the Duke of Gloucester, a General, a Brigadier and

Colonels for as far as the eye could see and Jane said "I must go and visit my medics" and rushed off to another room to catch up with her past students – medics whom she had taught in their young formative years; many who now hold senior positions in the Defence health services.

Currently Jane is the Director of Defence Health Quality. In this quality role she has, amongst other activities, oversight of the defence medicines repackaging facility that she was responsible for upgrading to meet GMP requirements for a Ministry of Health licence, and to ensure its processes meet ongoing audit compliance requirements.





Jane is committed to the place of New Zealand pharmacy practice in the wider international context through her involvement in the International Pharmacy Federation (FIP). Dr Drewry, the Director of Defence Health, commented to the Panel of Fellows that Jane through her personal dedication and commitment has expanded her pharmacist role well beyond that of prescribing oversight, to become a critical organisational asset, and has used her involvement with the NZ Defence Force to promote and support excellence in pharmaceutical practice both nationally and internationally.

Since 2004 Jane has been Permanent Secretary of the Military and Emergency Pharmacy Section (MEPS) of FIP. There she has managed the MEPS Board meetings, newsletters, organisation of the annual host nation visit and liaison at FIP Congresses.



I don't know what the collective noun for a group generals is, but here is Jane in Beijing at the 2007 FIP Congress surrounded by a generosity of generals and other high ranking military pharmacists from China and throughout the world.

As part of MEPS Jane co-managed a pictogram project developing a culturally specific medicine labelling system for communication where language or literacy prevent the usual labelling of directions on dispensed medicines.

Name: Patient A		Patient's ID: 5555	
Medication: Drug X		Date: Feb 27, 2008	
Directions: Take 2 tablets twice a day for seven days			
Organisation: CHEO			
Indication		Dose / Route	
		Take 2 tablets with water	
			
		Frequency	
		In the morning and night	
			
		Precautions	
		Keep out of reach of children and infants	
			

By reason of her secretariat position of MEPS, Jane is a member of the FIP Board of Pharmaceutical Practice and acts as a conduit of information to the Pharmaceutical Society keeping it abreast of international pharmaceutical developments.



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Jane's contribution to pharmacy services has been exemplary. In all aspects she has demonstrated professionalism, a commitment to the highest standards and a quiet determination to achieve the best results that reflect well on the pharmacy profession.

I congratulate you Jane, and ask PSNZ President Elizabeth Plant to make the presentation.

Euan Galloway
Chief Pharmacist Advisor
Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand

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