



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

### **JOHN ALAN DUNLOP**

He may have qualified in 1961, but John's great passion for his chosen profession and its future development sees him being the first Pharmacy student in the new Doctorate programme at the University of Auckland. He submitted his thesis last month. This follows previous post graduate studies including a Fellowship of The Australian College of Pharmacists' and a Masters in Pharmacy.

John has always sought to achieve the highest standards for pharmacy practice and introduced a number of innovations within the profession. His skills and expertise saw him appointed to various leadership roles, such as the New Zealand College of Pharmacists' first General Manager, Manager of the Pharmaceutical Society's Pharmaceutical Care Programme, Manager of PreMec and President of the Central Districts Branch of PSNZ and a founding member of the Clinical Advisory Pharmacists' Association, of which he is currently the foundation president. In these roles he strongly promoted the clinical aspects of pharmacy practice. During his time with the College he established the very successful OMRO programme.

John implemented a variety of clinical programmes within community pharmacy, firstly in his pharmacy at Oakune and subsequently at Wicksteed Pharmacy which he established alongside a general practice in Wanganui. One successful programme he introduced was a "Children's Asthma Day" in conjunction with Glaxo and McDonalds.

With the advent of major restructuring within the health sector John used this opportunity to develop primary care clinical pharmacists with PreMec. This evolved into pharmacist facilitation roles within Independent Practitioner Associations, and ultimately Clinical Advisory Pharmacists within Primary Health Organisations whose roles included promoting clinical pharmacy and working closely in an advisory and educative role

with general practitioners, and more recently with pharmacists undertaking Level D Comprehensive Medicine Management within PHOs and general practices.

It was not easy to negotiate and establish these roles and John did so with little support other than his own determination and dedication. This has been crucial in identifying and establishing a role for clinical pharmacists in primary care. Because of his special interest in primary care he has been asked to present numerous papers and prepare a variety of reports for DHBs and other health sector organisations.

John's influence within the pharmacy sector has been wide and varied. With honesty and transparency he has always pursued his ideals of a vibrant and worthy profession dedicated to reducing drug related problems and optimising patients' health outcomes despite opposition at times.

John Alan Dunlop is an experienced clinical pharmacist and educationalist. He is well respected within the health sector and worthy of a Society Fellowship.

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