

#RxTechDay

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY

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Celebrating the **Essential Role** of the **Pharmacy Technician**



This year we have decided to celebrate the Essential Role of the Pharmacy Technician by profiling Pharmacy Technicians from all over New Zealand! This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the fantastic work that we are doing and to help us connect with pharmacy colleagues at home and abroad. We spoke with **Claudine Daniel, Aseptic Production Unit Team Leader, Capital & Coast DHB, Wellington.**



What do you enjoy most about being a Pharmacy Technician?

Before becoming a Pharmacy Technician I was actually training as an accountant...I realised it wasn't for me! I had always wanted to work in healthcare and I'm so glad that I made the move to pharmacy as I really love being a Pharmacy Technician. I've been able to work with a variety of interesting and knowledgeable people from all areas of healthcare and beyond, have learned a lot and been able to help develop pharmacy services. I genuinely feel like I play a part in helping people and feel that Pharmacy Technicians have an essential role in the provision of pharmacy services as a whole.

Tell us why your role is essential to your organisation and/or profession

I lead a team which is responsible for ensuring that all chemotherapy and other sterile preparations are compounded in a safe and effective manner. As a specialist aseptic trained Pharmacy Technician my skills are integral to ensuring that we supply medication which is of the highest standard and ensures that patients receive optimal care. I worked in this area for a long time in the UK and my DHB has benefitted from my skills in the time that I have worked here.

How will you be celebrating Pharmacy Technician Day this year?

This year I will be celebrating with my pharmacy colleagues (there will of course be cake) and will be hoping to involve lots of people in our celebrations. I will also be helping @NZHPA_Tech_SIG host questions for #RxTechDay on Twitter and given our location I think it will be a late night! I'm hoping that lots of people will learn more about what we do and get involved in further developing the roles of Pharmacy Technicians in New Zealand.

Do you have anything else you would like to say to us?

I think it's often difficult to recognise the value that we have but I hope that this day gives all Pharmacy Technicians the opportunity to reflect on the great job that we do every day and to feel good about telling people about it! We should all be proud of ourselves and take more opportunities to show our colleagues how much we appreciate them.