

#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 **Cushla Lester, Pharmacy Technician, Hutt Hospital.**

What do you enjoy most about being a Pharmacy Technician?

I love learning about the medicines I am dispensing, about the processes required to run an efficient pharmacy department and working within an MDT team. I strive to be the best technician I can be for myself and for everyone I work with and this requires never-ending learning which I also really enjoy! Being a part of an efficient pharmacy service within a hospital is very rewarding. I am really enjoying the steps forward our profession is currently taking – there is now a higher level of qualification available, PACT is an option and many techs are now dispensary managers. Exciting times 😊



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

Technicians are the people that make things 'magically' just happen in the dispensary. Imagine a pharmacy without them – even for a day! Our role is slowly but surely expanding which will lead to the pharmacist being freed up to utilise their clinical skills. As they do this it will create more opportunity for us to shine and show what we are capable of. I am passionate about the role of technicians and enjoy encouraging those around me.

How will you be celebrating Pharmacy Technician Day this year?

As a team of technicians we will discuss how best to celebrate it – even if it is just a pat on the back and pointing out the strengths amongst us. Cake would be nice ... 😊