

#RxTechDay

# PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY

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



**T**his 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 **Paula Ferguson, Academic Lecturer - Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland.**

**What do you enjoy most about being a Pharmacy Technician?**

It is not easy to pinpoint one thing that I enjoy most as I have had a varied career in pharmacy and I have enjoyed each role as I was immersed in it. However, I have always been involved in training and education in some capacity in each of my roles and I love it.

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

I am passionate about pharmacy even after all these years and I love the fact that I am now in a job that I can further pharmacy technicians' knowledge, qualifications and confidence. The role is essential to the profession as MIT are offering an opportunity for technicians to obtain a higher qualification to the Level 5 which has not been an option previously.

**How will you be celebrating Pharmacy Technician Day this year?**

I will enjoy reading all the posts from pharmacy technicians around the world celebrating our wonderful chosen profession.

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

International Pharmacy Technician Day is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate being a pharmacy technician alongside other countries around the world. It gives us a chance to see what amazing things technicians are doing here in New Zealand & elsewhere. Or even use the day as a reminder to 'pat ourselves on the back' for doing our day to day tasks that are so important in every pharmacy.

