

#RxTechDay

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

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 **Rosie Long, Senior Pharmacy Technician, Capital & Coast District Health Board**



What do you enjoy most about being a Pharmacy Technician?

I have always enjoyed the variety that you get within the role, especially within the hospital setting. I am lucky enough to have a role where I am able to speak to patients directly and hear their stories which always makes for an interesting day! I like knowing that I have made a contribution to their healthcare even if it has just been in a small way.

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

I play an essential role during the admission process by taking medication histories when patients have arrived into hospital. The information I gather is used to ensure that patients are given the appropriate medication and to reduce medication errors.

How will you be celebrating Pharmacy Technician Day this year?

I will get baking to ensure we have some yummy cake to enjoy a morning tea in our department. I will also be getting on social media to chat and share stories with other technicians from all over the world!

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

I have always been passionate about the pharmacy profession and it seems to run in my family as both my mum and sister are also pharmacy techs! Pharmacy is continually changing and bringing in new challenges which is always exciting!