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**Why did you become a pharmacy technician?**

I always wanted to have a career in healthcare. When I left school, I was unsure exactly what job in healthcare I wanted. Someone suggested pharmacy technician as a great career choice, so I took the idea and ran with it. I went into a lot of pharmacies to see if I could volunteer to get a feel for the job. I also emailed the hospital who happened to have a job going. I applied for it and got it!

**What do you enjoy most about being a pharmacy technician?**

I enjoy compounding and I like it when we get to take on specific roles, like chemotherapy, sterile or elastomeric, and we get to work alongside the pharmacist to provide these services to the patient.

**Tell us why your role is essential to your workplace?**

I work very closely with the pharmacists in the department supplying medications and services to the wards and to patients.

**Are there any areas of health or medicines you are particularly interested in?**

Clinical trials. I work as part of the clinical trials team. To see the process that the medications go through before they end up on our shelves is really interesting.

**Where do you see the pharmacy profession heading in the future?**

I see technicians being able to take on more senior roles. At our hospital we are looking at pharmacy technicians starting to do medicines reconciliation.

**What does Pharmacy Technician Day mean to you?**

I think it's good to celebrate the work pharmacy technicians do as part of the multi-disciplinary healthcare team.