

# **PHARMAC**

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## Pharmaceutical Management Agency

### **Annual Review -- Highlights of 2002-03**

- Providing new or expanded access to 10 subsidised treatments, including those for chronic myeloid leukaemia, anaemia associated with kidney failure, breast cancer, heavy menstrual bleeding and osteoporosis.
- Containing community pharmaceutical expenditure growth by successfully negotiating savings worth approximately \$50.3 million.
- Negotiated nationally-consistent supply contracts for 112 medicines used in DHB hospitals.
- Developing and implementing a process for assessing new pharmaceuticals for use in hospitals.
- Released and commenced implementation of the Maori Responsiveness Strategy.
- Running information campaigns such as the Wise Use of Antibiotics, Responsible Use of Inhaled Corticosteroids, and the regional pilots of the One Heart Many Lives campaign.
- Maori members appointed to PHARMAC bodies including the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC), Pharmacology and Therapeutics Advisory Committee (PTAC) and the PHARMAC Board.
- Improvements to the administration of the Exceptional Circumstances scheme.

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