

12 January 2007

## Call for nominations for a Pharmacist to the Tender Medical Evaluation Subcommittee of PTAC

PHARMAC is seeking nominations for one position on the Tender Medical Evaluation Subcommittee of PTAC following the expiry of a member's term. PHARMAC seeks a nomination for a community pharmacist.

### Subcommittee Background

The Tender Medical Evaluation Subcommittee has two face-to-face, all-day meetings each year, in May and November. In addition members may meet by teleconference once or twice a year. The Subcommittee provides clinical advice to PHARMAC on the issues relating to the tendering of pharmaceuticals.

At its May meeting, the Subcommittee considers whether there would be any clinical issues resulting from the awarding of a tender, for each chemical PHARMAC received a bid for. This often involves considering the issues involved with switching patients for the particular pharmaceutical, the appropriateness of pack size or packaging type, taste of oral liquids, and any other issues the Subcommittee considers should be accounted by the PHARMAC Board's consideration of the particular tender. The November meeting is to consider PHARMAC's proposed tender list for that year.

The Subcommittee comprises of the following members:

Name	Occupation
Dr Paul Tomlinson	Paediatrician
Sarah Fitt	Hospital Pharmacist
Dr Grant Howard	Intensive Care Specialist
Dr Jim Lello	General Practitioner
Geoff Savell	Pharmacist
Dr David Simpson	Haematologist
Dr Tom Thompson	Physician

The Subcommittee is currently chaired by Dr Paul Tomlinson (PTAC Deputy Chair).

### Nomination process

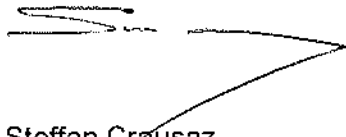
Please provide the name, organisation, contact details and reasons for the nomination of any nominees to Mike Bignall at PHARMAC by **12 February 2007**. A brief CV of the nominee will also be required.

Once nominations are received, the PHARMAC Board will make a decision on who will be appointed to the Subcommittee. All nominees will be informed of the PHARMAC Board's decision on the Subcommittee's membership.

Please distribute this letter to relevant people within your organisation who you think may wish to nominate someone or be nominated for the Subcommittee.

If you require any further details please contact Mike Bignall (Ph: 04 9167 562; email: [mike.bignall@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:mike.bignall@pharmac.govt.nz)).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steffan Crausaz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steffan Crausaz  
Manager, Funding and Procurement

*This letter has been sent to the Pharmacy Guild and Pharmaceutical Society.*