

At PHARMAC, we make the most of our opportunity to make a difference for New Zealand, including through developing ourselves and our organisational capability. It's our people that make the difference, so we value them and the commitment and professionalism they bring. We also value our unique diversity, combining science, medicine, commerce, analysis, marketing and more, including direct personal involvement in outcomes.

PHARMAC is the government agency responsible for ensuring New Zealanders have access to a wide range of affordable medicines. As an international leader in pharmaceutical management PHARMAC makes a vital contribution to New Zealand's health outcomes. This is done by:

- Managing the Pharmaceutical Schedule (the list of subsidised medicines)
- Promoting optimal use of medicines
- Assisting DHBs with national procurement initiatives
- Managing the Exceptional Circumstances (EC) Scheme

If you want to make a difference to the lives of New Zealanders, and thrive in a busy and challenging environment, we'd love to talk to you about joining this dynamic and successful government agency.

Therapeutic Group Manager (TGM) (Ref 42518)

Senior role Lead work on multi-million dollar funding contracts

Reporting to the Manager Funding and Procurement, this role is central to PHARMAC's operations and to making the best possible investments in medicines.

A TGM leads the internal funding process for a therapeutic group, including commercial negotiations with pharmaceutical suppliers. Building effective relationships with clinicians, suppliers and patients - and understanding their perspectives - will be essential to your success.

You will need sufficient clinical/scientific experience and knowledge of medicines to debate issues with clinical experts. A high level of project management capability is necessary, as is an ability to understand and work in commercial environments.

Superior communication skills, written and verbal, and strong relationship management skills are essential. In this fast-paced team your proven ability to multi task and prioritise will be highly valued.

Closing date: 22 June 2007.

For more information about these unique opportunities to influence the availability and provision of subsidised medicines in New Zealand, visit www.sheffield.co.nz or phone Jennifer Calvert on (04) 471 5835. To apply, please email your CV to cwlig@sheffield.co.nz, quoting the correct reference number.

Panel Coordinator (Ref 42519)

Critical role Management of access to high cost medicines

Reporting to PHARMAC's Medical Director, you will be part of an efficient, close-knit, multi-tasking team that manages the process of assessing applications for high cost medicines (including through the hospital and community exceptional circumstances schemes). The role requires a high degree of interaction with patients, a high level of support and service orientation to panels of medical specialists and a strong desire to make a real difference to people's lives.

You will use excellent organisational skills and meticulous attention to detail to ensure timely application processing. Familiarity with medicines terminology and an ability to work with complex medical information are important prerequisites (most likely requiring a health-related qualification). Excellent communication skills, written and verbal, are essential - as are relationship management skills and a high service orientation.

Although there is a strong administrative element to the role, and a requirement to be database savvy, there is also the opportunity to continually improve the process over time and be involved in other project work.

Closing Date: 15 June 2007.

