



Consumer Advisory Committee Member (Pacific)

PHARMAC is the government agency responsible for ensuring New Zealanders have access to a wide range of affordable medicines. PHARMAC makes a vital contribution to New Zealand's health outcomes.

The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) is an advisory committee to PHARMAC. It is made up of people from a range of backgrounds with interests in areas such as the health of Māori people and Pacific peoples, older people and women. The Committee's role, defined in legislation, is to provide the PHARMAC Board with input from a consumer or patient point of view.

CAC provides advice on how we can better seek the views of, and be responsive to, consumers. PHARMAC can also seek the Committee's views on other topics including educational information to assist patients, initiatives to promote the responsible use of medicines, and use of medicines by Māori, Pacific peoples and other groups experiencing inequalities in relation to medicines.

PHARMAC is seeking applications from people who have the appropriate knowledge, experience,

and cultural networks to be appointed to the Committee as the member with understanding of Pacific consumer perspectives. There is one vacancy.

The Committee currently meets in Wellington four times a year. To fulfill the position on the Committee you should be able to demonstrate the following:

- a high level of awareness and experience with the health issues facing Pacific peoples;
- experience to be able to reflect Pacific consumers or patients points of view;
- established links with Pacific health provider and/or consumer networks;
- the ability to differentiate between an individual and societal perspective on an issue; and
- the ability to work constructively in a group.

To apply for this position please email:
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A copy of the position description and further information can be found on www.pharmac.govt.nz. Applications close at 5pm, 26 October 2008.

Please contact Fiona Rutherford, Consumer Advisory Committee Secretary on: fiona.rutherford@pharmac.govt.nz or (04) 460 4990 for additional information.