



## Consumer Advisory Committee Member (2 Vacancies)

**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 people living in rural areas. 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 initiatives to reduce inequality in medicines use.

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

and community networks to be appointed to the Committee. There are two vacancies.

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

- experience to be able to reflect consumers or patients points of view, from a general and broad perspective, rather than from a specific interest group;
- understanding of current health issues and of New Zealand's health system;
- established links with health providers and/or consumer networks;
- the ability to work constructively in a group;
- the ability to differentiate between an individual and societal perspective on issues;
- well developed interpersonal skills;

To apply for this position please email [cherie.jacobson@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:cherie.jacobson@pharmac.govt.nz). A copy of the position description and further information can be found on [www.pharmac.govt.nz](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz).

**Applications close at 5pm, Friday 22 May 2009.**

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