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## **Alice Springs renal pharmacist receives SHPA Preceptorship**

**Angela Young** is the recipient of the SHPA Janssen-Cilag Specialist Renal Pharmacist Grant for 2010. Angela has worked at the Alice Springs Hospital (Northern Territory) as a Clinical Renal Pharmacist since March 2007.

This grant will allow Angela to undertake a one-week preceptorship at the Central Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplantation Service of The Royal Adelaide Hospital to improve her clinical knowledge in this specialised area. Angela is also currently completing her final year of a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Queensland and has also been mentoring graduate pharmacists and students on renal rotation and in the dispensary.

Angela's objectives for undertaking the study tour/preceptorship are to:

- share ideas and knowledge in the area of renal medicine and pharmacy services to benefit both contributing parties;
- gain ideas in broadening the pharmacist's role and services in renal medicine e.g. monitoring, counselling, education;
- develop a deeper understanding of acute post-transplant medicines and ongoing management;
- extend knowledge in peritoneal dialysis and pharmacy input;
- share knowledge regarding prescribing patterns for different patient populations; and
- gain insight to different approaches to counselling and medication management in a variety of patients.

"The SHPA Janssen-Cilag Grant has been especially designed to assist a pharmacist working in the area of renal medicine to take part in a program designed to promote the sharing of knowledge between renal pharmacist practitioners throughout Australasia. Congratulations to Angela on an excellent application," said Anna McClure, Chair of the SHPA Grants Program.

### **Background**

**Specialist Renal Pharmacist Grant 2010** is kindly sponsored by **Janssen-Cilag**, who provide one grant of \$5,000 to a pharmacist member of SHPA for cost of travel, accommodation, locum costs and incidentals. It is part of SHPA's Research and Development Grants Program - [www.shpa.org.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=SHPA/ccms.r?PagelId=29](http://www.shpa.org.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=SHPA/ccms.r?PagelId=29)

An SHPA member benefit, the Research and Development Grants Program provides funding to encourage pharmacy practice and research in hospitals and all parts of the health system and to foster professional development amongst SHPA members. The Program is administered by an Advisory Committee based in South Australia that is chaired by Anna McClure. In 2009, twenty-eight members were successful in receiving grants to assist them undertake a range of research and professional development activities. There were seven research grants and 21 professional development grants awarded. In addition, 90 pharmacists were awarded financial support to attend SHPA's annual Medicines Management Conference in Perth.

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