

## **ANZ ConvaTec Scholarships for Stomal Therapy Nurses Announced**

ConvaTec ANZ is delighted to announce that three nurses have been awarded scholarships to take the Graduate Certificate in Stomal Therapy Nursing, commencing next month.

As part of a collaboration between The Australian College of Nursing (ACN), the Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN) and The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO), the scholarships, provided by ConvaTec, will help support the nurses to progress their careers in what is a dynamic and very demanding area.

This year's recipients, chosen by the nursing organisations' committee, are Vivian Nguyen who works within NSW Health; Linda (Ching Yi) Chen from The Wesley Hospital, Qld; and Rochelle Pryce from Capital and Coast District Health Board, NZ.

Vivian Nguyen is a Wound and Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist who's passionate about her work within the NSW public health system supporting highly vulnerable patients with complex care needs, throughout the state.

Linda Chen has been nursing for more than ten years and recently became a Clinical Nurse in Stomal Therapy and Wound Management. Inspired by her colleagues, she's enthusiastic about progressing her career in Stomal Therapy Nursing.

In New Zealand, Stomal Therapy Nurse, Rochelle Pryce, values her ability to deliver and co-ordinate evidence-based care for her patients, whilst staying abreast of new innovations that continue to shape the future of ostomy patient care.

Each of the nurses has a clinical background and the completion of the *Graduate Certificate in Stomal Therapy Nursing* will provide them with the skills and expertise necessary to deliver and coordinate evidence-based care in the highly specialised area of stomal therapy nursing.

"This is a very challenging area and ConvaTec is delighted by the collaboration between the nursing organisations to provide Vivian, Linda and Rochelle with the opportunity to progress their careers in Stomal Therapy nursing," explained Karen O'Connor, General Manager of ConvaTec Australia and New Zealand.

"The calibre of applicants was very high and we'd like to thank everyone who applied. It was a hard decision for the independent selection committee to make but we are sure that the three recipients will really value and embrace the knowledge and leadership skills that this course brings."

"The scholarships are part of ConvaTec's commitment to improving stomal therapy care - valued at just over \$12,000 each, they bring an enormous saving to nurses' keen to advance their career.



“By supporting this specialist education and pioneering trusted medical solutions, ConvaTec seeks to help those with stomas to live the life they want,” she concluded.

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