

## Emergency Contraceptive Pill

It is possible for accredited pharmacists to supply the progestogen-only emergency contraceptive pill (ECP). The Society is confident that pharmacists will recognise this opportunity for the profession to demonstrate its important role in women's health issues. To enable this service to be initiated, the Society has defined standards for supply, and developed best practice guidelines for pharmacists to follow. The College of Pharmacists provides a training programme, which allows pharmacists to become accredited providers of the ECP. Only accredited pharmacists may sell the ECP. It is not necessary to be a College member for ECP training. All participants pay the same fee for ECP.

ECP training may be completed using a recording of the latest audio conference or attending a workshop or live audio conference.

Note: Interns can attend up to **two** months prior to their registration date

Accreditation Process requirements:

1. Read provided materials prior to listening to the audioconference or attending a workshop.
2. Consider the cases and scenarios, as you will be asked to consider feedback on these during the audioconference or workshop.
3. Complete the Assessment Questions, Part A and Part B after listening to the audioconference or attending the workshop and return to the College for marking.
4. When the assessments are satisfactorily completed you will be notified that you are accredited and able to commence supplying the ECP. A certificate will be sent out in due course.

### Training Dates 2010 –

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** Audio conference (please note a “refresher” option is now available – see the enrolment form for more details)

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** (Auckland Workshop, see enrolment form for further venue details)

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** Audio conference (please note a “refresher” option is now available – see the enrolment form for more details)

Pre-registrants may attend up to two months prior to their registration date.

To enrol for this training programme, please print and complete an enrolment form and forward to the College of Pharmacists. Enrolments will only be accepted by fax if paying by credit card. Please post your enrolment form if paying by cheque. Your place will be confirmed when full payment is received. You will then be sent your reading materials.

The ECP training course allows you to earn 5 College Credits. Make sure that you tick the box on your assessment sheet.

### ECP Chatline

Posts from the ECP chatline 2002 - 2005 can be accessed from the Best Practice section of the PSNZ members' login. This section contains practical scenarios and responses to curly questions. See the [ECP Chatline](#).