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Graduation is a family affair

Graduating with a PhD is always a big accomplishment, but graduating alongside your brother makes the occasion extra special.

Dr Leanne Chalmers, lecturer in the UTAS School of Pharmacy, will graduate with her brother, Dr Andrew Stafford, this weekend.

She said completing her PhD gave her a “great sense of achievement.”

Dr Chalmers’ project trialled a service that improved the clinical outcomes of patients discharged from hospital who were taking the blood-thinning medication warfarin.

“It was a steep learning curve and a very interesting experience.

“To celebrate with my brother and the rest of my family will make this a very special event for me,” she said.

Dr Chalmers and her brother both have a strong connection to the UTAS School of Pharmacy.

Having completed her doctorate, Dr Chalmers has been appointed to a full-time position as a lecturer in the School. Similarly, Dr Stafford was a lecturer whilst he studied there.

Dr Stafford now lives in Perth and currently is a lecturer at Curtin University’s School of Pharmacy. He is also a partner in a Tasmanian medication review consultancy business, the topic upon which his PhD focused.

While Dr Chalmers gained her doctorate earlier this year she - like her brother - will process (“walk-through”) at Saturday’s Faculty of Health Science Hobart graduation ceremony at 4pm.

Media opportunity: Dr Leanne Chalmers and her brother Dr Andrew Stafford will be available for interview outside the Administration building, UTAS Sandy Bay campus, at 11am, Saturday 11 August 2012. They will have their PhD robes and bonnets.

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