

# Message from FCGP President - Dr. Dharendra Lal

December 2024

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

May I take a moment to acknowledge your unwavering dedication, compassion, serving our patients. We do make a profound difference in lives of sick and suffering and meeting the health needs of our nation. **Thank you** all for your good work.

In past 6 months as president, we came to know the challenges we face also giving us the opportunities to innovate and improve. Together, we can strengthen our profession, advocate for our patients, and build a healthcare system that is equitable and resilient.

Some progress in past six months as we proceed to 2025 with agenda.

## PROGRESS REPORT

**THE WORLD BANK REPORT ON HEALTH SECTOR REFORM** shows picture that we do not expect. The Health of Fijians is not good at all, health has not reformed perpetually with economic development. There is a strong recommendation of private sector engagement in Primary Health Care. As president I have fully endorsed FCGP participation to fight NCD and health reform during panel discussion during launch of WB Report at GPH December 2024.

No records from previous admin FCGP/ FMA on invite and submission to this important exercise taken by Fijian Government, World bank and other stake holders.

**FIJI MEDICAL COUNCIL** meeting well represented by FCGP President. Proud to say none of our members are under radar of FMDC. We have not referred any member to FMDC as all matters were internally sorted out. Area that we need to revisit on circumcision SOP / training and certification by FCGP .We intend to have a clinical station for this exercise at GP25 Conference at Crowne Plaza.

**MEETING WITH PS HEALTH - DR TUIDRAVU.** Called for Health Summit to curb NCD, Health literacy in schools on Climate Change, Sex education, NCD'S and Drugs. Thoughts shared with WB Reports. In response PS Health will invite in WB Health Reform launch.

### **MEETING MOH CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER - DR LUISA CIKAMATANA**

That recertification of members working in Private Hospital to FCGP membership. Pathway to be in compliance of FMDC Laws 2022. FMDC and CMO to notify ALL hospitals and other service providers. ALL doctors entering private sector to apply for FCGP membership only then FMDC will issue APL.

Exemption for FCGP membership to ASPEN Doctors, this is Government Hospital run by private company.

**LOCUM GOVERNMENT DOCTORS:** MoH resolution to have PS Health approval for locums/ FCGP Membership/ indemnity. FMDC will closely monitor compliance. Members kindly requested to comply with this as well.

**FCGP CONFERENCE (GP 25)** In progress with strong leadership of Dr.Ahmed Shakeel. Venue confirmed is **CROWNE PLAZA, NADI**. Pacific Specialty Hospital will sponsor again. This is a high end five-star resort - more details to be shared soon. Call for abstract Jan and early bird registration/accommodation Feb 2025.. Negotiated room rates will be rolled out to members. Call for abstract and registration Jan 2025.Gentle reminder conference dates May 30th to 1st of June 2025. College AGM will be convened during this weekend

Below pictured venue of conference at 5-star resort CROWN PLAZA.NADI



**FCGP WEBSITE:** Needs urgent facelift for registration, invited international speakers and college' updates. This is urgent action area. Work already started on this looking for vendor and EC approval. This upgraded website will have all College, Conference and educational information's.

**FCGP MEETINGS/ BUSINESS:** Routine household business as usual. Will measure and evaluate the outcomes of the EC meeting. Further note of office furniture upgrades/ Mob Phone/ Salary admin Sanjeeta. Will have budget to work with and year planner 2025.

**CENSOR BOARD:** Meeting on regular basis. Notification of illegal Practices, Hospitals and other general Practitioners. CIC/ Chair Dr Ashank Naidu working out on pathway to GP with Examination entry. And members compliance /entry pathways, Locum GP entry pathways. Already in discussion Uni Fiji Dr Goigoi and Samuela for curriculum design. Dr Raju to assist in this programme design.

**WONCA APR :** Upcoming Bengaluru the theme, "Rooted in Tradition, Growing with Innovation - Family Medicine for South Asian Well-being," resonates with this emotion. Date: **4 - 6 April 2025** .

Venue: Sheraton Grand Bengaluru. Further assistance WONCA rep Dr Keshwan Nadan World WONCA (World Organization of Family Medicine) will be held in Lisbon. Portugal 17th Sept to 21st Sept 2025. **Save the date!**

Dr Krish Naidu, Dr Ashna Rafiq and Dr. Ahmed Shakeel already registered their interest to attend. Group registration attracts special rates

Also note WONCA APR South Korea BUSAN **24TH TO 27TH April 2025** visit website or Dr Keshwan Nadan for more information

**FCGP SCHEME (INDEMNITY):** Is here to stay! Affordable scheme to FCGP members. Established under leadership of Dr John Fatiaki. To date no medical negligence claim. Governed by the Board of trustees. We need some legal advice on this as way forward. And feed back from trustees 2025 high priority area.

**INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:** President and CIC attended RAGP WA Perth Conference on official invite, attended conference/ President change over/ Graduation of Fellows/ and many more. Dr Micheal White is the new President now holds PHD in Health reforms as well, will be a key note speaker GP 25.

Pasifika Conference NZ aws attended by Dr Rayneel L Singh and Dr Krupali Tappoo.

Dr. Keshwan Nadan attended WONCA Asia Pacific Region Singapore and appointed to WONCA Rural Board. Congratulations, Dr Keshwan

Thank you, ALL your commitment, to excellence and for being the cornerstone of a healthier future. Let us move forward with purpose and unity, always keeping the well-being of those we serve at the heart of what we do. As we continue to navigate the complexities of modern healthcare.

## MARRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

With deepest respect and gratitude,  
Dr. Dharendra Lal  
FCGP

Have a wonderful  

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*Holiday Season*

