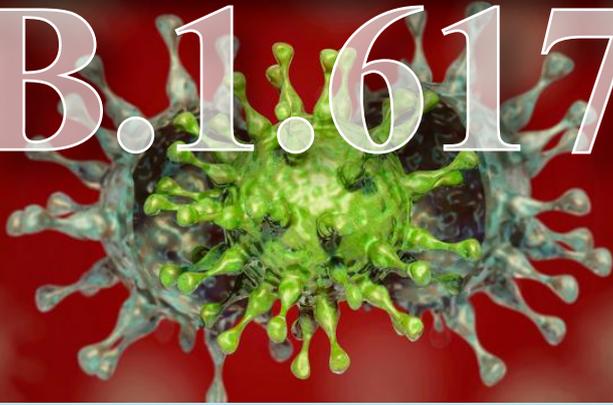


# FCGP

## Newsletter

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### Covid 19

Crisis in Nadi and extended to Lautoka and Suva and everyone is now well aware of the lockdowns etc etc.

Once again we are caught up in the latest Covid 19 developments just when we were poised to celebrate 1 year free of community transmissions.

The latest cases unfortunately cancelled the planned celebration at Wailoaloa Beach (Sunday 18th April) to mark 1 year free of community transmission of Covid 19.

Let's stay ever vigilant, time to don PPE's and adopt all other measures necessary in our clinics.

And I hope by now, most if not all GP's plus the staff, would have received the first dose of the vaccine and the second dose is starting very soon.

### College AGM and June Conference

Do register ASAP if you have not done so.

This is the election year and you are most welcome to contest for any post if interested. Nomination papers are available from our office – contact Sanjeeta.

Those eligible for Membership and Fellowship to apply and formalities completed well before the AGM to be conferred.

Scientific and Research papers are welcome. Submit abstracts to the Central Faculty team asap.

### Western Faculty seminar and AGM

The planned Sunday 2nd May Marriott Resort seminar is now postponed to a later date TBA.

### APL's

FMDC registrar has already warned members who have not complied with the regulations to do so ASAP or risk deregistration and or face prosecution. If you haven't received your APL, then do let us know.

### Writing Skills

Our Editor in Chief Dr Neil Sharma is willing to mentor young GP's to read, write, conduct research etc.

We can organize workshops in Suva and Nadi/Lautoka as we feel this is essential for members to be able to write and conduct research.



The 2 major private health insurance providers have voiced concerns on the following matters

- *Irrational prescribing. Some GP's are prescribing up to 10 items in one prescription and all such prescriptions are passed on to us. We had mentioned this before that such practices must cease. Warnings will be issued to those responsible and you risk losing your position as one of the providers.*
- *Excessive charges for consultations (bulk billing) and medical reports.*



### LTA and MSAF medicals

There appears to be a delay in the implementation of the regulations governing the medicals. Application and appropriate forms to be adopted has taken some time. You'll be notified in due course, hopefully by May/June this year.

### Review of our Fee Schedule

- *The executives will meet shortly to review all the charges to be implemented from May/June this year.*
- *This will include a whole range of recommended fees that needs to be adopted by all the members in Fiji uniformly.*
- *This will include all routine medicals such as LTA, Immigration, MSAF, Work Permits etc.*
- *You'll be given a chance to review the charges before full implementation and we hope to complete that by June AGM.*



**“ Today more than ever we must stand firm and fight together in the prevention of the coronavirus pandemic worldwide. Protection and staying at home is essential. ”**