

Editorial

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



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Lessons have been learnt while being an editor of this journal. A journey filled with challenges, this edition reflects on it with a special section filled by doctors sharing their experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic. Fiji's also faces a dire battle with non-communicable disease, and in this edition, there are a number of articles pertaining to diabetes. Our Anaesthesia colleagues have always been active contributors to the FMJ and there are three articles this edition from their specialty.

The medical profession faces a new horizon with the migration of nurses and doctors to greener pastures off island and private practice. In the same vein, this year shows a record of new graduates from medical school entering the workforce as interns of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services. The task now is to keep the

machine rolling forward, and for young doctors to up-skill themselves in a timely manner to meet the challenges faced by the health system today.

Over the years FMJ has also transitioned to the digital age. Whilst it is an ongoing process, a large number of editions have been scanned and put online for others to download at their whim. The sharing of the FMJ is the way forward to keeping it a vital repository of medical information for the professionals in Fiji. Reading previous editions show the cyclical nature of events and ideas, and learning from the past can really enrich the journeys we take through our medical careers.

This is the last edition I shall be the editor of, and it was an honour to be part of this journal. The future will see a renewal of the partnership between FMA and Fiji National University (FNU) in taking the FMJ forward. I am forever thankful to my fellow executives and the FMA president, Dr. Basharat Munshi for his leadership, and giving me the opportunity to be a part of the FMJ.



Hon. Manoa Kamikamica (5th from left), Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji, and FMA president **Dr. Basharat Munshi** (far left), with FMA executives and esteemed colleagues at the Fiji Medical Association 62nd Annual Scientific Conference (29 September, 2023)