



PSRH Newsletter April 2025

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It's that time again that your membership to PSRH is now due.

Your membership will help support important PSRH initiatives:

- Pacific Emergency Maternal & Neonatal Training
- Family Planning
- Gynaecology Oncology
- Midwifery Leadership
- Clinical Governance, MPDSR

and much more!



WHY JOIN OR RENEW?

- ✓ Access to the Members lounge
- ✓ Monthly FREE Webinars
- ✓ Monthly e-Newsletter with resources & clinical information
- ✓ Assist in advancing and advocating for reproductive health initiatives in the Pacific

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VULVAR CANCER WEBINAR WITH PROF NEVILLE HACKER

24th April 2025

PSRH Panel: Nanise Sikiti and Dr. Ai Ling Tan

Registration is Essential.

Click on the link below
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5pm AU (AEST)
6pm AU (ADST)
5pm Port Moresby
6pm Vanuatu
7pm Fiji,
8pm NZ, Tonga & Samoa



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Vulvar Cancer Awareness

A must-read for clinicians and educators across the Pacific

Global Burden of Vulvar Cancer: GLOBOCAN 2020 Analysis

International Journal of Cancer (2023). This important study presents the first global estimates of vulvar cancer incidence and mortality based on GLOBOCAN 2020 data. With over 45,000 new cases and 17,000 deaths annually, the highest burden falls on Southern and Eastern Africa and some Pacific regions. The findings highlight significant disparities in access to care, calling for strengthened prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment efforts—particularly in low-resource settings.



Use the QR code to read the article or use the URL:
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ijc.34655>

Management of Patients with Vulvar Cancer: A Comparison of International Guidelines

Published in Cancers (2025)

This comprehensive review analyses the main European and American guidelines for managing vulvar cancer, highlighting significant variations in diagnostic and therapeutic approaches. The study emphasizes the necessity of a multidisciplinary treatment strategy and calls for updates to align guidelines with the latest scientific evidence—aiming to standardize care and improve patient outcomes.



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<https://www.mdpi.com/2072-6694/17/2/186>



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Local leaders, Pacific-wide impact.

Each month, the PSRH newsletter highlights a Country Coordinator, dedicated leaders strengthening reproductive health, services and networks across the Pacific.

Meet Relmah and Leila from the Solomon Islands!



Relmah Harrington PSRH Coordinator Solomon Islands



Relmah's background

I'm a nurse-midwife and mother of four, with qualifications in General Nursing (1995, Solomon Islands), a Bachelor of Midwifery (2001, Massey Uni), and a PhD in Health (2023, JCU). Since August 2024, I've been serving as Associate Professor in Nursing at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Solomon Islands National University

Relmah's vision

I want to see midwives and RH nurses supported to grow as researchers. There's so much innovation in how we respond to challenges—we need to share those stories. I see PSRH as our Pacific RH family home—a space to reconnect, learn from one another, and shape locally driven, culturally relevant solutions together.

Health challenges in my country

We need stronger reproductive health leadership and more culturally appropriate services for our youth, who are often underserved. We must rethink service delivery and utilize PSRH support effectively.

Recent initiatives

One grassroots project I led in East Kwaio focused on menstrual hygiene. We provided reusable sanitary pads, which helped reduce school absenteeism among girls and empowered communities through local solutions.

Message to colleagues and members

Let's use PSRH to strengthen our professional connections and support one another. Together, we can grow the next generation of Pacific RH leaders and researchers, rooted in our unique contexts.





Leila Ross PSRH Coordinator Solomon Islands



Leila's background

Hello PSRH colleagues, my name is Leila Ross. I'm from the Solomon Islands and have been a midwife for 23 years. I currently serve as a Senior Lecturer in Midwifery at the Solomon Islands National University

Leila's vision

As one of the PSRH Country Coordinator for Solomon Islands, I hope to strengthen my networks with my fellow PSRH colleagues, learn new skills and knowledge in Midwifery that will help me improve reproductive and midwifery training in Solomon Islands.

Health challenges in my country

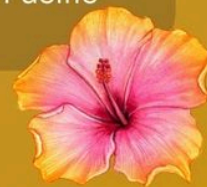
In my country Midwifery leadership is a key challenge—we need strong advocates to drive reproductive health forward. There's also a need for clearer national priorities and a stronger midwifery association. With the right support, we can improve reproductive health services.

Recent initiatives

I helped convert a storage building into a Midwifery Simulation Laboratory after attending a training workshop in Samoa in 2024. This will strengthen hands-on midwifery training locally.

Message to colleagues and members

As PSRH colleagues, let us continue to network and support each other in providing the necessary education training for our midwifery students so they can effectively provide reproductive health services for women in the Pacific Region.



2025
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SPACE PROJECT | STRENGTHENING PACIFIC WOMEN'S ACCESS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY



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health or community workers
delivering care and support in
Pacific countries

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Wed 2.00-3.00	Wed 3.00-4.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-2.00	2.00- 3.00

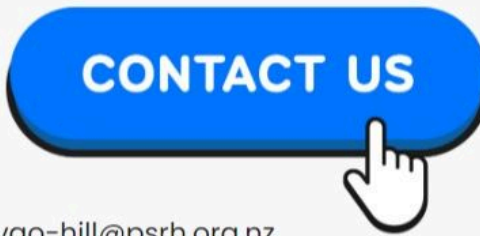


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