

PROFILE



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My journey in Obstetrics and Gynecology began in 2011. Trained in Fiji, where I also earned a Masters in Medicine in Obstetrics & Gynecology, I gained experience at CWM, Labasa, and Lautoka hospitals. Now, I contribute to the health of American Samoa at LBJ Tropical Medical Center. I have a particular interest in ultrasonography and laparoscopic surgery, and I actively promote family planning within reproductive health.

I hope to make doctors in American Samoa more aware of the role and value of PSRH and help promote their programs on the island. Reproductive health goes a long way to improving the quality of life for the population of any Pacific nation.

We invite professionals from other Pacific Islands and PSRH members to consider working and collaborating with us in American Samoa. We would be pleased to host research projects and workshops. Being part of PSRH is a privilege, particularly for the access it affords to CMEs and conferences.

American Samoa, like many of its Pacific Island neighbors, encounters health challenges such as high incidences of non-communicable diseases in reproductive-age women, unplanned pregnancies in women with multiple prior births, and adolescent pregnancies. Professional and Sexual Reproductive Health (PSRH) programs, such as PEMNET and ongoing CMEs for obstetrics and gynecology clinicians, offer a pathway to address these concerns with greater consistency.

Our prenatal clinic has a patient waiting area. Highlights from our Ob-gyn clinic include the 2024 introduction of prenatal classes (breastfeeding, nutrition, physiotherapy) and educational videos for the waiting area, where I assisted the unit chief. This year, I was pivotal in implementing RSV vaccination for pregnant individuals in American Samoa. Despite annual challenges, I appreciate being part of our Ob-gyn unit's teamwork in tackling them.