

# Profile

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Following my graduation from the Latin American School of Medicine in 2015, I progressed to a medical officer role in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology (O&G) department in 2019. Furthering my education, I obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in O&G from the Fiji School of Medicine in 2024. I am now working as a Junior Registrar in the O&G department at Vila Central Hospital and intend to pursue a Master's degree in the near future.

Although this role is new to me, I am committed to learning extensively, particularly concerning reproductive health and the unique challenges it presents in the Pacific region, with a specific interest in the context of Vanuatu. I aim to identify pathways for addressing these challenges.



The fact that reproductive health is often considered a taboo subject in homes and public spaces in Vanuatu presents a major obstacle. This stems from a lack of understanding and widespread misconceptions. Overcoming this will be challenging, but I believe that through education and by empowering women with essential knowledge, we can enable them to make sound and safe choices regarding their health.

My work has been predominantly clinical, occupying almost all of my time on the clinical floor, so I haven't had direct involvement in any projects, I look forward to further opportunities.

Reproductive health is a challenge in our society but together let's empower our women with the necessary knowledge so they can make right and safe decisions for their health.

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