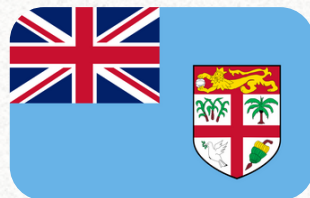


PROFILE: DR. SAIASI CAGINIDAVETA



Dr Saiasi Caginidaveta, originally from Muaivuso village in Rewa with maternal ties to Nabaka village also in Rewa. I currently serve as the Chief Medical Officer position and O&G Specialist for the Northern Division of Fiji Islands, based at the Labasa Hospital. Prior to this role, I worked as an O&G Specialist across several Pacific Island countries, gaining extensive experience in reproductive health.

As the PSRH Country Coordinator, my focus is on empowering Fijian midwives and emerging specialists through capacity building initiatives. I also strive to cultivate robust professional networks and facilitate enhanced knowledge exchange among them.

In Fiji the key reproductive health challenges I see are:

Obstetrics

- Late presentation for antenatal women
- Increasing rates of non-communicable diseases such as gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) and hypertensive disorders in pregnancy
- A rising number of HIV cases among pregnant women.

Gynecology

- Late Detection and diagnosis of Cervical Cancer.
- Infertility issues.

To further our local efforts, we recognize the vital role of PSRH in providing continuous professional development, such as training sessions and webinars. We would also appreciate PSRH's collaboration in facilitating overseas attachments for our postgraduate trainees and in streamlining the coordination of visiting international teams delivering in-house clinical, surgical, and research training at our major specialist hospitals. These avenues represent crucial support in overcoming our challenges.



The Prevention of Parent-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PPTCT) program has been a central part of my recent work. The program's success in ensuring HIV-negative births for children of positive mothers through early testing and prompt antiretroviral (ARV) treatment is notable. However, the alarming surge in HIV cases nationwide demands urgent attention. Our critical challenge now is to contain and, in the coming years, eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV.



To all PSRH members: Let's ensure our practice is rooted in respect for every woman, embracing diversity in race, age, and religion. Our collective aim is to provide the highest standard of care, leading to a better quality of life for all. For women living with HIV, maintaining their dignity and confidentiality, regardless of pregnancy status, is crucial to the care we provide as healthcare professionals. I am open to collaborating on the management of HIV-positive cases and welcome opportunities to share insights and offer mutual support.

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