

## Pacific Emergency Medicine Leadership Workshop

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Emergency Medicine (EM) in the Pacific has taken a momentous step forward with the first ever regional Leadership Workshop held in Fiji less than two weeks ago. New and experienced EM leaders from around the Pacific Islands met together to learn from each other, build skills and knowledge for effective leadership and create a regional peer-support network.

Funded through the Strengthening Specialised Clinical Services in the Pacific (SSCSiP) Australian government program, the Fiji National University and the St. Vincent's Pacific Health Fund, representatives from Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji attended the workshop. These talented EM clinicians gained a deeper understanding and increased confidence for leadership tasks as a result of the three day program, with many departing for their home countries re-invigorated and with practical ideas for improving emergency care in their own environments. They will support each other through the new 'Pacific EM Network', formed as a result of this meeting.

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) provided their Leadership Framework and associated resources towards the workshop program, and Australian emergency physicians (FACEMs) generously donated their time and travel as facilitators and participants.

