

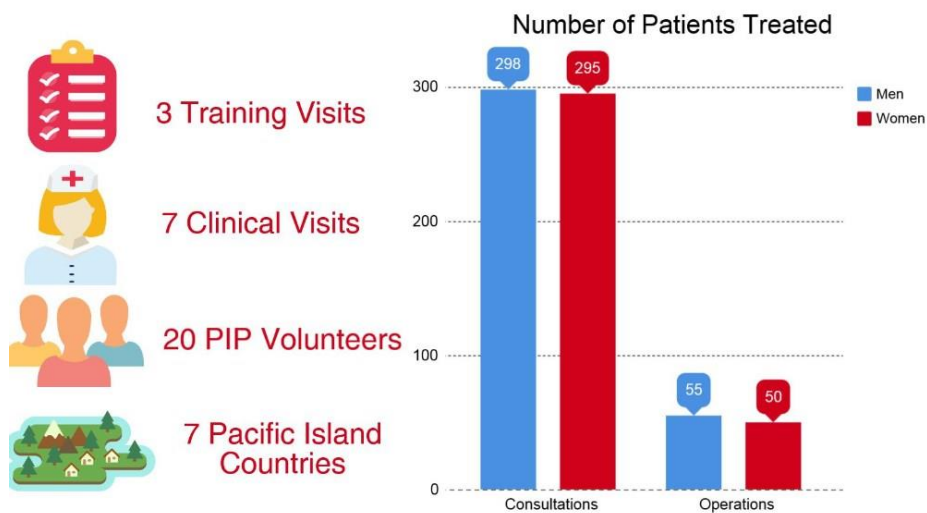


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PACIFIC ISLANDS PROGRAM (PIP)

We are pleased to announce our first PIP e-newsletter. Throughout the year we hope to update you on activities and achievements of the Program, implemented on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and in collaboration with the South Pacific Community, Pacific Ministries of Health, Specialist Colleges and Associations, and of course, our volunteers.



PIP UPDATE

In 2016, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) entered into a new 5- year grant agreement with DFAT to extend the PIP until 2021. Activities are now covering all specialised clinical services including but not limited to surgery, anaesthesia, cardiology, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, nephrology, psychiatry, radiology, dermatology, endocrinology, nursing and more. All activities to be funded under the PIP will be evidence-based needs from the Pacific Island Countries. RACS looks forward to this new era of the PIP, where change across all levels, from the individual level of the clinician, to the systems level are anticipated.



ENDOSCOPY TRAINING VISIT IN SAMOA, FEBRUARY 2017

The National Health Service (NHS) Samoa liaised with PIP and Gastroenterologist Dr Chris Hair (ANZGITA, board member) and Nurse Mrs Cathy Conway (GENCA, President) to conduct an Endoscopy Training Visit in Samoa. This visit combined clinical teaching and mentoring activities, tutorials, lectures and one grand round.



Samoan nurses with their completed *Competencies for Reprocessing Flexible Endoscopes* certificate from left to right Alla, Pattie, Molly and Latama.



Dr Hair instructing on Colonoscopy to Dr Rosanna (left) and Folutoto (medical registrar).



FIJI - PAEDIATRIC SURGERY VISIT, APRIL 2017

A New Zealand-based Paediatric Surgery medical team visited the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva, Fiji in April under the PIP. The team comprised Paediatric Surgeon Mr Phil Morreau (FRACS), Anaesthetist Dr David Linscott (FANZCA) and OT Nurse Ms Rachel Wilson. They were joined by two Fijian registrars, Dr Shem Bavou (anaesthesia) and Dr Save Rusaqoli (surgery) who are currently on formal training attachments in Christchurch Hospital and Starship Hospital in New Zealand, respectively. The national counterparts for this visit were Consultant General/Paediatric Surgeon Josese Turgava and Anaesthetic Registrar Dr Emily Urvaru. The trip combined service delivery objectives with a caseload of complex cases as well as workforce development and training activities.



Fijian and New Zealand VMT clinicians all taking a well-earned break for dinner.

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