

PASIFIKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION & TE MARAE ORA COOK ISLANDS HEALTH CONFERENCE 2023

6 – 8 September 2023 – Rarotonga, Cook Islands
11 September 2023 – Aitutaki, Cook Islands

"TE 'ĀKIRĀTA 'OU – THE NEW DAWN"

KEY THEMES:

BEST PRACTICE: Primary care and health system resilience

BOLD INNOVATION: Mental health access and integration

BEING BRAVE: Humanitarian assistance and responding to the climate crisis

BRILLIANT: Our future workforce

The Pasifika Medical Association celebrates 27 years of successful navigation this year and is proud to collaborate with Te Marae Ora Cook Islands Ministry of Health to host the 2023 conference.

You are invited to submit an abstract to present your research, models of care and best practice in relation to Pacific Health. We are accepting abstracts for oral papers. Please ensure your abstract demonstrates a connection to the conference themes. Submissions for abstracts close **Friday 16th June 2023**.

Our key themes are:

BEST PRACTICE: Primary care and health system resilience

Robust primary health care systems are essential to deliver universal health coverage and achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development goals by 2030. Abstracts are sought for innovative models of care that integrate across systems and consider the multiple challenges faced by Pacific communities.

BOLD INNOVATION: Mental health access and integration

Mental health needs have been identified by Pacific communities and families as a priority. Traditional mental health service delivery has failed to improve access or outcomes for Pacific people. We are seeking abstracts describing new innovations in mental health. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the innovative work undertaken in the region with the development of mental health services becoming a priority.

BEING BRAVE: Humanitarian assistance and responding to the climate crisis

Multiple health and extreme weather events have affected Pacific people disproportionately throughout the Pacific region. Efforts to mitigate the impact of the climate crisis require attention to food, water and land security. In response to these challenges, Pacific communities have led from the front with compassion and resilience. We welcome abstracts that highlight how these values have helped to rebuild as well as reshape our collective mindset towards preparedness, response and recovery.

BRILLIANT: Our future workforce

A future-ready workforce requires proactive health workers who have the skills and capabilities to act and respond to the present and future needs of our Pacific peoples. Measures to attract, grow and sustain the future Pacific workforce are critical. We invite you to share abstracts that celebrate our diverse workforce and Pacific-led training strategies.

Please submit an abstract of no more than 250 words of your presentation and ensure you include the title of your abstract, your chosen conference theme, and full names of all authors. Presentations are 10 minutes long with Talanoa to follow.

The link to submit your abstract is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7BC3WJ>

On receiving notification of acceptance, abstract presenters must register to attend the conference as a condition of acceptance. Please note that any costs of presenting, including conference registration fee, travel and accommodation will be the responsibility of the presenter.

Please note the questions below to help guide your abstract:

- Why was the programme or project initiated?
- What are your aims and objectives?
- What is your approach to achieve your aims and objectives?
- Were there any challenges?
- Were there any accomplishments?
- What are the impacts of your programme or project?
- How has your programme or project developed?
- How has it developed the workforce capacity and capability?

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