

## EXPLAIN THE SCIENCE -3 | In the iTaukei Language

### A Panel Discussion and Q&A on the COVID-19 Vaccine in Fiji

Date: Thursday June 17 | Time: 1pm-2pm

As Fiji battles the second wave of the COVID-19 infection, the Ministry of Health and Medical Services has also strengthened its efforts in the roll-out of the Astrazeneca (AZ) vaccination programme across the country. However, discussions across social media tell us that most of us in Fiji still have many questions about the AZ vaccine, the COVID test and the science behind them, given that there are endless sources of information that our people are referring to.

In this panel discussion, the Fiji Institute of Pacific Health Research (FIPHR) at the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences (CMNHS) brings together experts who will share their thoughts on these most-asked questions about COVID-19 and the AZ vaccine.



**Dr Salanieta Saketa**

*Panelist*

Dr Saketa is a public health physician and medical epidemiologist by background. She is currently the Senior Epidemiologist in the Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Programme of the Public Health Division of the Pacific Community (SPC). She is a member of the Vaccine Pillar of the COVID-19 Pacific Joint Incident Management Team.



**Dr Jemesa Tudravu**

*Panelist*

Dr Tudravu is an orthopedic surgeon by profession but has spent most of his recent years in health administration – as the Medical Superintendent for Lautoka Hospital, then also the MS for CWM Hospital, before his current role as the Chief Medical Advisor at the Ministry of Health Headquarters.



**Dr Eka Buadromo**

*Panelist*

Dr Buadromo is a former Specialist Pathologist at CWM Hospital. Is currently the Senior Adviser for laboratory services for the region, at the Pacific Community (SPC).



**Ms Ana Rokomokoti**

*Panelist*

Ana is a Lecturer in Law at the Department of Law, School of Accounting and Law, College of Business of Fiji National University. She has over 23 years of work experience as an army officer of the RFMF, lawyer, civil servant, adjudicator, diplomat and peacekeeper and is also an Accredited Mediator with the Fiji Mediation Center.



**Dr Donald Wilson**

*Moderator*

Dr Wilson is an epidemiologist and a public health physician by background. He is currently the Associate Dean Research and Director of the Fiji Institute of Pacific Health Research (FIPHR) for the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) at FNU.

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