

## EXPLAIN THE SCIENCE - 6 In the Hindi Language (a focus on the laboratory sciences)

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

Date: Tuesday June 22 | 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 Rachel Devi**

*Panelist*

Dr Devi is a public health physician who is currently Fiji's National Advisor for Family Health, and the national co-ordinator for the current COVID-19 vaccination programme. She is passionate to see the vaccination programme succeed, and hopes to address the common questions around the vaccination programme in Fiji.



**Dr Amos Zibran**

*Panelist*

Amos is a public health physician and is employed by the Ministry of Health & Medical Services as the Sub-divisional Medical Officer for Nadroga/Navosa. He is passionate about public health and is currently involved with COVID-19 Vaccination and Quarantine/Isolation in the Nadroga/Navosa medical subdivision.



**Dr Ravi Naidu**

*Panelist*

Ravi is an Internal Medicine physician with special interest in Infectious Diseases. He works at the CWM hospital with the COVID team currently looking after admitted patients with COVID 19. He is also a member of the National COVID 19 taskforce.



**Dr Lavinesh Raj**

*Moderator*

Lavi is an emergency physician and is currently employed as assistant professor in the emergency medicine discipline at the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at FNU.

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