

# FIMLS NEWSLETTER

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## Easter Celebrations

The month of April started with a blessing as easter was celebrated all across the country. Laboratories across Fiji celebrated this blessed day with easter tea and some fun activities such as easter egg hunts within the departments.



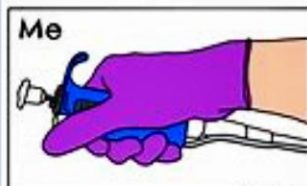
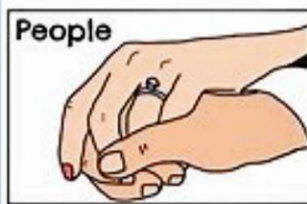
## ASPEN CELEBRATES 1 YEAR

Aspen medical celebrated its first-year anniversary as health care providers. The celebration was held at both its locations Ba and Lautoka. Staffs and departments were acknowledged on this day with awards and tea at both its locations.



## LABORATORY HUMOUR

**LAB TECHS**  
we'll touch  
anything  
as long as we have  
gloves on



I DON'T ALWAYS GET 8 HOURS OF SLEEP



BUT WHEN I DO, IT'S DURING DIFFS

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## LAB WEEK 2023

The Laboratory Week 2023 was celebrated on the 23rd April to 29th April. The theme for this year's laboratory week was "It's Alright, Cuz You're.. Saved By The Lab". Lab week is an annual celebration of medical laboratory professionals and pathologists who play a vital role in health care and patient support. Laboratory professionals around the country celebrated this week with fun activities, tea and lunch and displays for non-lab people.



## FIRST LAB CSN MEETING OF 2023

The members of the Pathology CSN met face to face after 9 years. Last face to face CSN was held in 2015. A virtual CSN in 2021 was held since then.

The objectives for this CSN were as follows:

- 1.1 Revive the Pathology Services Network
- 1.2 Review the terms of reference for Pathology CSN
- 1.3 Discussion on formation of Laboratory Technical Working Group
- 1.4 Review of laboratory management system
- 1.5 Review of laboratory services
- 1.6 Discussion on the National Laboratory Strategic Plan that includes decentralization plans for TB diagnostics as part of TB elimination strategy and other infectious disease diagnosis.



## FAREWELLING A DEAR FRIEND LATE LIGAVATU GUKISUVA

The Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science bid farewell with a heavy heart to late Ligavatu Guvinaka Gukisuva. Late Liga was a huge part of the FIMLS community as he was part of a group of sponsors that support the institute. Late Mr. Liga was present at the Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science Seminars, representing the sponsor group- BSP LIFE. A bubbly and cheerful Gukisuva, passed away in mid-April at the age of 47 years, leaving behind a legacy of love to all.



## CONTACT US

If you want to share ideas, news or stories regarding our field, feel free to contact your respective representatives in each division or email us at [info@fimls.org.fj](mailto:info@fimls.org.fj). Happy reading from the FIMLS newsletter team.

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**ONE SESSION PER MONTH, STARTING FROM MAY**

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**Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (FIMLS)**

Presents

**2023 FIMLS Mini Seminar**

**on the 20th of May, 2023**

**8am to 4pm**

**Venue: Holiday Inn, Suva**

**Registrations begin at 7.30am**

**Members only event**

**Theme: The Importance of Medical Laboratory Science in Medicine; Case Study Reflections**

**Registrations Fees: \$50**

**Zoom Registration Fees: \$25**

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Mini Seminar Registration closes on 12/05/23  
Registration forms are to be emailed to events@fimls.org.fj