

GECCoP Meeting Communique – 5 December 2024

The Global Emergency Care Community of Practice (GECCoP) meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting on 5 December 2024 at 12-2pm AEDT. There were approximately 55 attendees.

1. Introduction

The GECCoP chairs, Sarah Bornstein, and Donna Mills, after initial standing proceedings, acknowledgement of country and housekeeping, introduced themselves and welcomed all attendees to the final GECCoP meeting of 2024. The theme of this GECCoP meeting reflected on events, updates and developments in Global Emergency Care in 2024. Several speakers, organisations and initiatives shared learnings and updates from the year, as well as upcoming activities for 2025.

2. Speakers

- Dr Deepak Sharma, who provided a summary about **Primary Trauma Courses (PTC)** in Fiji and the Pacific region
- Sarah Bornstein and Dr Rob Mitchell, who introduced the **Regional Emergency and Critical Care Systems Strengthening Initiative (RECSI)**, which will include activities across the Pacific and Timor Leste over the next three years
- Dr Garry Nou, who shared his experience attending the **WHO Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) Global Meeting** in Abu Dhabi in November
- Dr Haddy Hughes, who discussed the topic of **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**, the importance of raising awareness and understanding of the issue, and her efforts to create a standard for FGM care within Australian Emergency Departments
- Dr Mafa Lokenga, who provided an update about the **Pacific Island Society for Emergency Care (PISEC)**, it's official registration and anticipated upcoming inaugural conference
- Dr Vincent Atua, who discussed his experiences and challenges in **Emergency Care in Nauru**
- Beth Price, who provided an update from the **National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC)**, and the success of NurseTok, which facilitates regular webinars and now has about 600 members across the Pacific
- Ali Crowe, who gave an update from the **Global Emergency Care Desk at the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM)**, and provided an overview of the projects ACEM has been involved in across the region in 2024, as well as upcoming activities
- Dr Posing Posanau, who shared his experience attending the **ACEM Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)** in Adelaide
- Barbara Daufanamae and Dr Basil Leodoro from Respond Global, who discussed their plans to strengthen **health infrastructure and emergency response capabilities in Vanuatu** via the HELPR-1 ship in 2025

3. Meeting closing

Overall, the meeting highlighted growing collaboration opportunities across the region for emergency care training, research and service delivery. Thank you to all the incredible presenters, as well as all those who joined the meeting and participated in discussions. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

4. Next GECCoP Meeting

2025 GECCoP Meeting dates and themes are to be confirmed and will be advised early 2025.

If you have suggestions or requests on themes or agenda items for future meetings, please make sure you are a GECCoP Member, and email gecnetwork@acem.org.au with the relevant information.

With much gratitude and well wishes for the festive season,

Donna Mills and Sarah Bornstein
GECCoP co-chairs