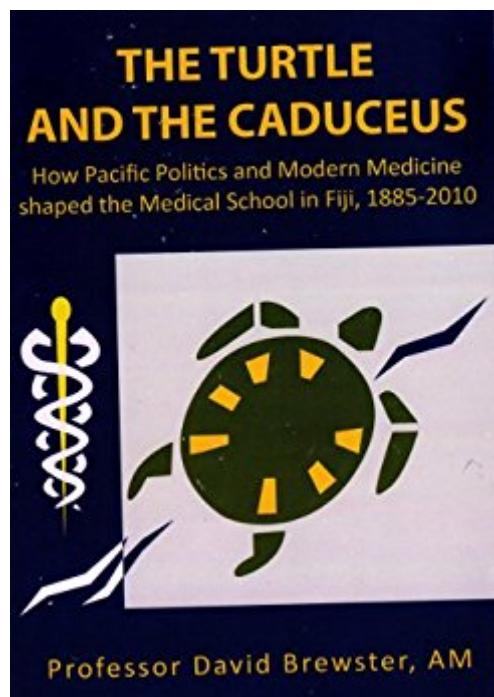


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# The Turtle And The Caduceus: How Pacific Politics And Modern Medicine Shaped The Medical School In Fiji, 1885-2010.



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The Turtle and the Caduceus is the history of a regional medical school in Fiji which was founded in 1885. Rather than just an institutional history, it deals with the influence of developments in Western medical education (the caduceus) upon traditional Pacific island culture (the Turtle). It also recounts the story of how political and health developments, such as a measles epidemic, colonialism, philanthropy, migration and military coups, have affected the medical school.

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Brewster was the dean of the medical school for 2+ years in 2007-2009. This historical review, written in a rather dry medical journal style, gives a thorough overview of the Fiji School of medicine. It starts in 1885 with the native doctors and goes on to the current school, which graduates 60-70 MB BS students per annum. He gives an excellent overview of modern medical teaching theory, with emphasis on problem based learning. Worth reading if you are coming to Fiji for a medical stint and you want a background including politics and historical facts.

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