

Cross Cultural Interest Group Presents  
**“The need for ‘Assertive Community Treatment’ for persons with severe mental illness in ethnic minority groups”**

Conference Room, Independent Living Service Auckland  
14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak

**Tuesday 24 September 2019, 6.00pm – 8.30pm**

Topic: *“The need for ‘Assertive Community Treatment’ for persons with severe mental illness in ethnic minority groups”*

**Content outline:**

- Why the need for quality, clinical and cultural mental health services for Pacific people.
- The usefulness of incorporating the ‘Assertive Community Treatment’ with the Fonofale model for people with severe mental illness in ethnic minority groups

**AUDIENCE:** Members, mental health workers, clinicians, managers of services and interpreters are welcome. The session is relevant to attendees who work across different parts of the health system. The topic will include discussion of cultural issues in the mental health domain.

**NB: This session will only be available for in-person attendance, there will be no live broadcast and no recording of the seminar.**

**Speaker:** *Leota Dr Lisi Petaia, Consultant Psychiatrist, Mason Clinic, Regional Forensic Services*

**Facilitator:** *Dr Han Chung Lim, Consultant Psychiatrist, Counties-Manukau DHB*

**Catering sponsored by:** Janssen Pharmaceuticals

*See next page for abstract and bios.*

**RSVP**

Please direct all enquiries and RSVP before Thursday 19 September 2019 to [cald@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:cald@waitematadhb.govt.nz)  
\* Limited seats available

If you have enrolled and unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can adjust our catering numbers.

**PROGRAMME TIMING**

Free supper provided 6 - 6.30pm  
Presentation 6.30 – 8.30pm including discussion

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**Abstract**

The Ministry of Health New Zealand reported that Pacific people used community mental health services less; but had higher rates of admission to adult acute inpatient mental health units and forensic services. Pacific patients have been identified as presenting late to mental health services. The delay in the identification of Pacific patients with mental health problems can be catastrophic, as evidenced by high suicide attempts amongst Pacific people compared to the general population. According to the New Zealand Medical Council, *“The New Zealand health-care system does not always meet the needs of Pacific patients and their families. Despite seeking care appropriately, Pacific people often don’t receive the high quality and timely services they need.”* Culture is fundamental to the causes, course and care for those with mental health problems. Assertive Community Treatment incorporating Pacific models of care such as the Fonofale Model, should be considered in the designing and delivery of high-quality clinical and cultural mental health services that are responsive to the needs of Pacific people.

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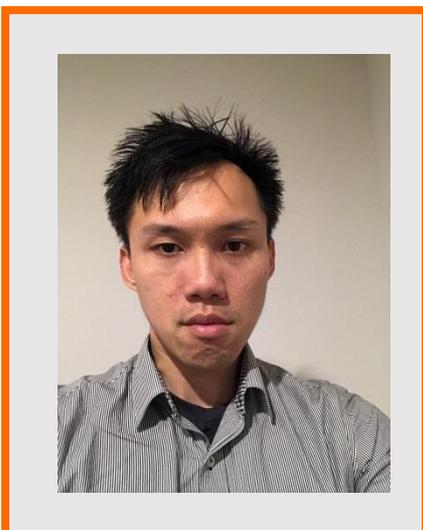
**Speaker & Facilitator**



**SPEAKER: Leota Dr Lisi Petaia**

Dr Lisi Petaia, is a consultant psychiatrist at Mason Clinic, the Regional Forensic Psychiatry Services in Auckland. She is a strong advocate for mental health patients’ rights to access appropriate mental health care that integrates both clinical and cultural concepts. She has taught on the relevance of culture to mental health and illness to medical students and junior doctors at the University of Auckland (as honorary senior lecturer since 2013); the University of Otago; and the University of Samoa. The prefix to her name, Leota, is a traditional Samoan chiefly title bestowed upon her in recognition of her achievements, and as a community leader. She and her lawyer husband of 25 years have two teenage sons.

She is Samoan-Tongan and can speak both languages. She sings in her church choir; plays the guitar; and had represented Samoa internationally in netball in her younger years.



**FACILITATOR: Dr Han Chung Lim** is a consultant psychiatrist working at the Home Based Treatment South Team based in Counties Manukau District Health Board.