

We are currently working with the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) on three research projects it is funding, and which are being undertaken at CWMH Fiji and in co-operation with Fiji National University.

One project is the implementation of an endoscopy reporting system to gather research and case management data. It makes use of the Provation software product which has been provided by the company at no cost for the project. A small team of Provation-experienced Queensland Health staff, primarily Sheldon Mialkowski and Angela Hamilton, working in their own time with Dianne Jones, is configuring and testing the system for CWMH. They are also planning how to install it at CWMH and provide training for a couple of super users – all done remotely in these no-international-travel times. Planning and co-ordination at CWMH are being handled by Dr Aminiasi Rokocakau. Commissioning is planned for December. John Lares and his colleagues at Provation have been very supportive. Prof Des Leddin of Canada is leading for WGO.

A second project is for helicobacter pylori antibiotic resistance testing. Peter Katelaris and Chris Hair are working with Dr Vikash Sharma of CWMH and Fiji National University to get this project underway. Test analysis will be conducted in Sydney. Work is also being done in Portugal on the project.

Thirdly a project investigating ATP monitoring of endoscope cleaning & disinfection has been underway for some time now. Catherine Conway worked with Mark Topazian of the WGO during the 2018 Fiji program on this project. Dianne Jones has been to Africa and Costa Rica and Melissa Jennings to Thailand also assisting WGO on this project.