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| **Title of Research Presentation** Health education in schools in the Cook Islands |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)****Background/Objectives**Although acknowledged as an important area in the Cook Islands Curriculum, there is currently a lack of information available regarding how health education is taught in schools in the Cook Islands. The limited anecdotal evidence that was available before this study suggested there was considerable variability in how and when students received health education, who delivered it and what topics were covered. Therefore, this research project aimed to redress this lack of information and thereby provides an initial step towards enhancing health education in schools. **Methods**Curriculum analysisInterviews with primary and secondary / high school teachers in the Cook Islands**Results*****This research project is currently underway and will be completed by the end of the year. Results will be completed by the end of January 2019.*** **Discussion**Providing some understandings how health education is enacted within schools, which are sites of entanglement with public health interventions by the Cook Islands Government, the findings offer sites of possibilities for what can ‘reasonably’ be expected of teachers and health education in one Pacific context (St Leger, 2006)**Keywords****Pacific, health education,**  |