

## **Chess In Medical Education**

A research paper on playing chess and its impact on medical education has been completed by Lecturers and students of the Umanand Prasad School of Medicine and Health Sciences (UPSM&HS), UniFiji.

Dr. Ricardo Corpuz, one of the researchers, said that the study's goal was to identify the link between chess and cognitive development in medical students, as well as the relationship between various game kinds and the multiple advantages the students received, and to correlate the level of chess players with their academic achievement.

“With the lockdown and quarantine in effect, we would like to know how the players play chess. This research shows if UPSM & HS students know the benefits of playing chess in their medical education,” he said.

The research was conducted in November 2021 and submitted to the FIDE Chess in Education Commission and the Armenian State Pedagogical University (ASPU) Chess Scientific Research Institute for their international online conference.

The paper was recently published in the International Online Conference Magazine.

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Another research project is currently being discussed by the team.