

February 2018 Newsletter

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Global Initiative for Children's Surgery

GICS Monthly Newsletter **February 2018**

Spotlight: GICS Committees and Working Groups

As the goal of the newsletter is not only to keep our members apprised of the happenings within the organization but also to continue our mission of fostering collaboration, this month's Spotlight will focus on the heart of GICS: The Committees and Working Groups. GICS has set some lofty goals, and in the

months ahead, the Committees and Working Groups will be a key component to our success. Additionally, the Chairs of the Committees and Working Groups should be viewed as resources and allies in all that you do. We have included a list with contact information, to encourage to you join the efforts that interest you, and we look forward to seeing the web of GICS collaboration continue to grow!

Working Groups (Facilitators)

Anesthesia ([Zipporah Gathuya](#))
Cardiac Surgery ([Eltayeb Ahmed](#))
Critical Care ([Rashmi Kumar](#))
Dental/Oral Surgery ([Sunday Ajike](#))
ENT ([Shazie Peer](#))
General Surgery ([Basil Leodoro](#))
Neurosurgery ([Anthony Figaji](#), William Harkness)
Ophthalmology
Orthopedic Surgery ([Vrisha Madhuri](#))
Pediatric General Surgery ([Soji Ademuyiwa](#))
Plastic Surgery ([Peter Nthumba](#))
Radiology ([Cicero Silva](#))
Trauma Surgery
Urology ([Bankole Rouma](#))

Committees (Facilitators)

Financing, Advocacy, Policy ([Lubna Samad](#))
Infrastructure, Standards, Verification (including OReCS) ([Emmanuel Ameh](#))
Research, Data, Quality Improvement ([Tahmina Banu](#))
Training, Human Resources, Education ([Neema Kaseje](#))
Website, Networking, and Communications ([Marilyn Butler](#))
Publications ([Naomi Wright](#))
Research Webinar ([Emily Smith](#), Dan Poenaru)
Newsletter ([Marilyn Butler](#), Sarah Cairo)
Core Operations and Logistics ([Naomi Wright](#))

Read More!

CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITIES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH: Global Surgery Day Workshop

The 9th annual CUGH conference is just around the corner! Happening March 16th – 18th in New York, CUGH has come to be the world's leading academic global health conference. Since its inaugural meeting in 2008, the number of registered attendees has grown from 327 to more than 1,800. This year's conference, entitled, "Health Disparities: A Time for Action," includes several different tracks/subthemes and satellite sessions. Some of the highlights include Global Health Law, Human Rights, and Conflict Prevention, Neglected Topics in Global Health, Social Determinants of Health and more.

GICS member Neema Kaseje and her colleagues Wesley Sequeira, Maria Lucia Espinosa, and Sara Estrada will be attending and are presenting an abstract on the Nicaragua partnership baseline assessment.

In addition, in association with CUGH, the 2nd annual [Global Surgery Day](#) will be held March 15, featuring a full day workshop on **Disparities in Global Surgery: Building Systems and Networks through Collaboration**. Dr Walt Johnson will be speaking about National Surgical Planning, and several other GICS members will be speaking as well, including Drs Miliard Derbew, Emily Smith, and Steve Bickler. See below for registration information, and for those who are able to attend, please share your experience and insight after the meeting!

The 9th Annual CUGH Global Health Conference
New York City, NY
Host institutions: Columbia University, Stellenbosch University, University of
Peradeniya
Main Conference March 16-18 | Global Surgery Day Satellite Session March 15

Conference Registration | [Register Now](#)

Satellite Registration: Global Surgery Day | [Register now](#)

Theme | Health Disparities: A Time for Action

Evaluation of the GICS III Meeting in Vellore

We received some great feedback on the evaluation forms from the GICS III attendees. Rather than sharing several pages of comments, we condensed it down to a few highlights and will be sure to let you know as we incorporate the feedback into GICS IV and overall process improvements.

- Make more free time for networking, brainstorming, and questions for presenters
- Develop more concrete mechanisms for mentorship and overseas partnerships
- Continue efforts towards focused communication with action items and contact information



Member resources: Powerpoint slides available for use

We would like to provide our members with 2 slide decks that can be incorporated into talks as you spread the word about GICS:

- **GICS_Overview** ([widescreen/standard](#))
- **GICS III summary** ([widescreen/standard](#))

As a reminder, the current GICS website will soon be enhanced with resources for members in a password-protected area. In the coming months we will be developing some standardized messaging regarding children's surgical needs including more GICS approved slide templates for use in presentations, printable fact sheets, and brochures.

Upcoming meetings, deadlines, events

Below are some upcoming deadlines for abstract submission and dates of conferences that might be relevant to this group. If you are going or presenting at one of these meetings (or one not listed), please let us know and we will try to help connect you with other GICS members who may be in attendance!

As a reminder, all presentations at conferences and all proposed publications about GICS needs to be approved by the GICS Publication Committee. Please email Publications Committee Member [Naomi Wright](#) for further information.

- Bethune Round Table 2018: Abstracts due February 28th | [Submission/Registration](#)

Check out the website for more information!

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Feel free to contact us with questions, concerns, comments, etc!

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