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## GICS

Global Initiative for Children's Surgery

## GICS Monthly Newsletter March 2018

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### GICS IV Announcement:

Mark your calendars and join us in South Africa for GICS IV!

**Johannesburg, South Africa  
6-8 February 2020**

Stay tuned for more information including registration, themes, volunteer opportunities, and more!

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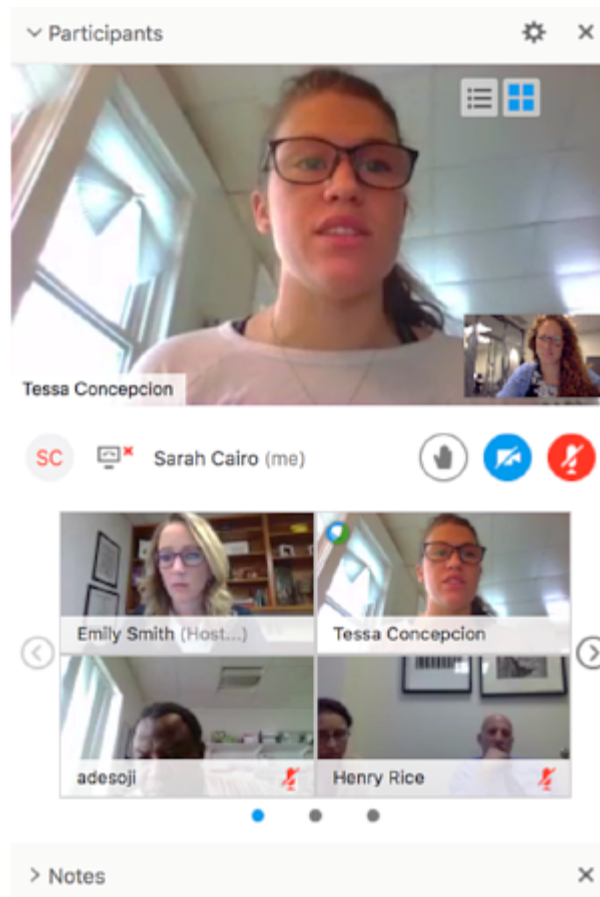
## Spotlight: Monthly Research Webinars

Don't miss the monthly research webinars where GICS members from around the world share ideas and data on research studies in various stages of completion. Whether you are just getting started or are looking for advice in the final stages of analysis, these webinars are a great resource for GICS members.

The next meeting will be held **17 April 2018**

EST - 9am (09:00); WAT - 2pm (14:00); EAT - 4pm (16:00); GMT - 1pm (13:00); PT - 6am (06:00);  
CT - 8am (08:00)

Contact [Emily Smith, PhD](#) for more information, to be added to the Research Webinar mailing list, and to propose your ideas for discussion at the next meeting!



Tessa Concepcion discusses her work in Somaliland assessing hospital capacity for pediatric surgery and the community burden of disease.

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## **Call to Action: Volunteers Needed!**

Did you attend GICS III and wonder how it all came together? Do you ever wonder where the emails come from? Or how you manage to stay on all the right list serves? Are you a surgical trainee with an interest in improving the health of children around the world?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider getting involved in the GICS Core Operations and Logistics (COL) group. This group of dedicated trainees works closely with the GICS Board of Directors to help the organization not only function but thrive. COL membership and responsibilities range from updating contact lists to helping orchestrate international meetings and collaborations.

If you are interested, please contact GICS member [Naomi Wright](#) for more information!

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## **Global Surgery Course:**

### **University of Oxford 10-14 September 2018**

GICS member Kokila Lakhoo wishes to announce a course on global surgery being offered at the University of Oxford, which will include external faculty Nobhojit Roy and GICS member Tahmina Banu. The 5-day course can be taken for credit toward a masters degree and includes a half-day session on practical preparation for surgery in LMICs. Application deadline is 30 April 2018. Information can be found at:

<https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/global-surgery>

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# McGill University-GICS Jean-Martin Laberge

## Fellowship in Global Pediatric Surgery

This fellowship is a unique new training program for surgeons and surgical trainees from both high- and limited-resource settings interested in global pediatric surgery. It is offered in conjunction with the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS), the MUHC Centre for Global Surgery and McGill Global Health. Activities take place at the Montreal Children's Hospital and other sites within the McGill University Health Centre, on the McGill University campus, and at global sites depending on the individual projects and existing partnerships. The fellowship is primarily research-focused and lasts 1-2 years. It can lead to either a Master's or a PhD degree in Experimental Surgery. Pursuing an academic degree is recommended but not mandatory.

Fellows can select their main research topics from a wide range of available global surgical research areas, including burden of disease, access to surgical, human and material resources for surgery, global surgical training, health care policy, and others. Besides their main project, the fellows will be active participants in the divisional research team, pursuing and supervising a variety of other clinical and public health surgical research projects.

Fellows have access to a broad range of research support services through McGill University, including epidemiological, statistical, and medical librarian support. Travel to low-resource settings is optional but encouraged. The JML Global Research Laboratory benefits from several international academic partnerships through the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS).

Funding in the form of a modest salary and tuition support is available, and the fellow will be encouraged and guided in seeking various research grants and awards.

A link to the application can be found [here](#). Please contact GICS member [Dan Poenaru](#) for further information.

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**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.

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**As always, feel free to contact the facilitators of the various working groups and committees to be added to the mailing lists and to get involved!**

#### **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 ([Keith Oldham](#))  
Research Webinar ([Emily Smith](#), Dan Poenaru)  
Newsletter ([Marilyn Butler](#), Sarah Cairo)  
Core Operations and Logistics ([Naomi Wright](#))

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