

GICS May Newsletter (Important Member Survey Enclosed!)

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Global Initiative for Children's Surgery

GICS Monthly Newsletter May 2018

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[GICS Member Survey](#)

We are eager for everyone to remain engaged with GICS and continue the work we have begun. Specifically, we want to develop plans for implementation

of the Optimal Resources for Children's Surgery (OReCS) in the time between now and our next meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2020.

With this in mind, please select the **Working Group** that most closely describes your field of expertise. We encourage you then to sign up to join at least one of the **Committees** that form the backbone of our organization.

As always, feel free to contact any of the working group or committee liaisons with questions!

Link to survey:

<http://eepurl.com/c0LoLD>

Questions? Want to get involved?

After completing the [member survey](#), feel free to contact the facilitators of the various Working Groups and Committees for more information and updates on their activities.

Of note, we have recently added a Nursing Working Group. Please let the [Edna Adan](#) know if your nursing colleagues are interested in joining GICS.

Working Groups (Facilitators)

Anesthesia ([Zipporah Gathuya](#))
 Cardiac Surgery ([Eltayeb Ahmed](#))
 Critical Care ([Rashmi Kumar](#))
 Dental/Oral Surgery ([Sunday Ajike](#))
 General Surgery ([Basil Leodoro](#))
 Neurosurgery ([Anthony Figaji](#), William Harkness)
 Nursing ([Edna Adan](#))
 Ophthalmology ([pendina](#))

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

Ophthalmology (pending)

Orthopedic Surgery ([Vrisha Madhuri](#))

Otolaryngology ([Shazie Peer](#))

Pediatric General Surgery ([Soji Ademuyiwa](#))

Plastic Surgery ([Peter Nthumba](#))

Radiology ([Cicero Silva](#))

Trauma Surgery (pending)

Urology ([Bankole Rouma](#))

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](#))

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 **May 15th, 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)

Link: <https://dukeuniversity.webex.com/dukeuniversity/j.php?MTID=mb11fd1073bcfae0169938a8491a05e0e>

Meeting number: 853 683 225

Meeting password: g8amRbAM

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!

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!

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!

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.

Check out the website for more information!

Website: <http://www.globalchildrenssurgery.org>

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

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