

GICS June 2018 Update: Quarterly Meeting Announcement

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Global Initiative for Children's Surgery

GICS Update Newsletter June 2018

GICS Quarterly Meeting

Join us for our online meeting for updates on activities and goals of
the working groups and committees

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Monday, 11 June 2018

USA: PST - 7 am (07:00); CT - 9 am (09:00); EST - 10 am (10:00);

GMT - 2 pm (14:00); WAT - 3 pm (15:00); EAT - 5 pm (17:00);

Chennai, India - 7:30pm (19:30); PNG, East Australia - 12 midnight (24:00)

To calculate the time if not listed above, go to <https://www.worldtimebuddy.com>

Link: [Click to join meeting online](#)

Meeting ID number: 626 625 621

Phone dial-in numbers:

[+1.408.740.7256](#) (United States)

[+1.888.240.2560](#) (US Toll Free)

[+1.408.317.9253](#) (Alternate number)

[Click for global numbers](#)

Global PaedSurg Collaborators needed

Naomi Wright, member of the GICS Core Operations and Logistics team, is currently seeking collaborators for the upcoming Global PaedSurg research project and would like to encourage all GICS members to join. Currently there are 260 collaborators from 130 hospitals in 77 countries, and she aims to enlist collaborators in every country of the world.

Global PaedSurg is a multi-centre research collaboration of surgeons, anaesthetists and allied health professionals caring for neonates and children requiring surgery across the globe. This aims to be the first large-scale, geographically comprehensive prospective cohort study on the management and outcomes of congenital anomalies in low-, middle-, and high-income countries across the globe.

Participation in the study should not be time consuming for each individual collaborator and centre – it will involve collecting data on 7 conditions over a minimum period of 1-month (longer duration optional).

Data is to be entered into a pre-designed, user friendly, free of charge database – REDCap.

If you'd like to get involved as a collaborator with Global PaedSurg, please [visit the website](#) and click on the [Join the Team page](#) for a full set of collaborator roles and instructions. If you've got any questions, Naomi would be delighted to hear from you by email at paedsurg.research@gmail.com.

InterSurgeon website launched

Pediatric neurosurgeon and GICS member William Harkness introduces the successful launch of InterSurgeon, an internet based platform where individuals and institutions can establish a dialogue with a view to creating partnerships for clinical treatment, education, training, exchange of personnel and donation of equipment. The website currently supports the work of pediatric neurosurgeons, and GICS members are encouraged to spread the word to their neurosurgery colleagues. In the future, the website might expand to include other subspecialties. [Click here](#) to visit the website for more information.



- Member offering services
- Member requesting services
- Member offering and requesting services
- Member with partnership experience
- InterSurgeon Member
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WOFAPS Scholarships available for pediatric surgeons

The [WOFAPS Foundation](#) of the World Federation of Associations of Pediatric Surgery offers International Guest Scholarships to competent young pediatric surgeons (less than 40 years old) from developing countries who have demonstrated strong interests in teaching and research. The Foundation will cover economy class travel expenses and additional support. The scholarships provide the recipients with an opportunity to visit well recognized and established pediatric surgical teaching centers in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa for a clinical observership. The host institution will provide lodging and sustenance. WOFAPS is able to offer two additional fellowships this year thanks to the sponsorship received from [Karl Storz Australia](#) for successful applicants from Asia/Pacific region.

Deadline is today 30 May 2018! Visit the [WOFAPS website](#) for more information, and [click here to apply](#).

GICS Member Survey

For those of you who did not complete it already, please complete the member survey to stay involved as we 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.

As a reminder, 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>

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 (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](#))

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](#))

Monthly Research Webinars

Monthly research webinars are on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the fall. With that in mind, please contact [Emily Smith, PhD](#) for more information, to be added to the Research Webinar mailing list, and to propose your ideas for discussion at upcoming meetings!

As a reminder, these are an informal opportunity for you to discuss new ideas, ongoing research, or upcoming presentations and gain valuable insight from a

ongoing research, or upcoming presentations and gain valuable insight from a tremendous group of people with experience from around the world!

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!

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](#))

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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