

GICS Newsletter August 2018

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GICS has been busy! Since we have so much to share, we divided the newsletter into a few sections to help you navigate!

1. Upcoming events
2. Ongoing work
3. Member resources, contacts, etc.

1. UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Quarterly Online Meeting

The quarterly online meetings are great opportunities to stay connected with GICS and register your input regarding the direction GICS is going. Please [contact us](#) if there is something you would like to add to the agenda.

20 September

Agenda:

- Developing training modules for the District Hospital in all specialties
 - GICS status with the WHO
 - Nicaragua Project update
 - NSOAPs update
 - OReCS update
 - KidsOR update
 - Comments from Members

Calls will be at 3:00pm UK time

10:00am EST • 3:00pm WAT • 8:00pm BST • 12:00 midnight AEST

Details to follow regarding call in information

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 informal opportunities for you to discuss new ideas, 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!

2. ONGOING WORK

Summary of Quarterly Meeting June 2018

Organizational Updates (Keith Oldham)

- In order to support the running expenses and ongoing programs of the organization, formal GICS membership dues will be introduced, scaled based on income of the member's home country (HIC \$100, MIC \$50, LIC \$25, trainees \$25). More details to come.
- The new GICS leadership was introduced (see below).

Update on Global Paedsurg (Naomi Wright)

- GICS member Naomi Wright presented a summary of the forthcoming Global PaedSurg study on congenital anomalies. Enrollment is still open in this ambitious project, which will collect data on outcomes of congenital anomalies. All GICS members are encouraged to participate. Please email Naomi Wright (paedsurg.research@gmail.com) or visit the website www.globalpaedsurg.com if you are interested. Data collection begins in October 2018.

KidsOR updates (David Cunningham)

- David Cunningham gave an update on KidsOR (see details in newsletter below).

Pediatric sedation practices in LIMCs (Faye Evans)

- Currently GICS anesthesia colleagues are developing a survey regarding current sedation practices in LMICs. Once developed, the Anesthesia Working Group will appeal to the GICS community to distribute the survey. Please [contact Faye Evans](#) if you are interested in helping.

Update on OReCS and training modules at the District Hospital (Steve Bickler)

- The OReCS manuscript has been submitted to the World Journal of Surgery and is under review. Next steps include distribution and implementation. Steve suggests that each Working Group should create a training module for experienced children's surgical teams to go to the District Hospitals and train general surgical teams how to manage children in rural environments. This will be discussed in more detail at the next Quarterly Online Meeting on September 20.

Nursing Working Group (Bunmi Lawal-Aiyedun)

- A new Working Group has been formed under the leadership of Bunmi Lawal-Aiyedun. Please [contact her](#) if you are interested in joining this very important group.

New Leadership

July 1 marked the beginning of new leadership within GICS. We thank Diana Farmer as she ends her highly productive term as Inaugural Chair. Kokila Lakhoo will serve in that position for the next two years.

The remaining Officer and Directors are as follows:

Officers

Diana Farmer (Past Chair): USA

Kokila Kakhoo (Chair): UK

Emmanuel Ameh (Chair Elect): Nigeria

Neema Kaseje (Secretary): USA

Doruk Ozgediz (Treasurer): USA

At Large Directors

Tahmina Banu (2017-2019): Bangladesh

Dan Poenaru (2017-2019): Canada

Stephen Bickler (2017-2019): USA

Sabina Siddiqui (2017-2019): USA

Michael Cooper (2017-2019): Australia

Zipporah Gathuya (2017-2020): Kenya

Lily Saldana (2017-2020): Peru

Patrick Kamalo (2017-2020): Malawi

Rashmi Kumar (2017-2020): Kenya

Bertille Ki (2017-2020): Burkina Faso

Marilyn Butler (2017-2021): USA

Vrishna Madhuri (2017-2021): India

John Sekabira (2017-2021): Uganda

Benjamin Yapo (2017-2021): Papua New Guinea

Keith Oldham (2017-2021): USA

Associate Members (Core Operations and Logistics)

Sarah Greenberg

Laura Goodman

Guy Jensen

Etienne St. Louis

Jamie Anderson

Naomi Wright

Workforce Survey

The Training, Human Resources , and Education Working Group is currently working on collecting pediatric surgical and anesthesia workforce data from as many countries as possible to define optimal pediatric surgical and anesthesia workforce densities for safe pediatric surgical care provision. We believe this information will be important for countries as they develop National Surgical Anesthesia & Obstetric Plans.

We would be grateful if you took the time to complete this short survey (especially if you practice in a LMIC) by clicking this link:

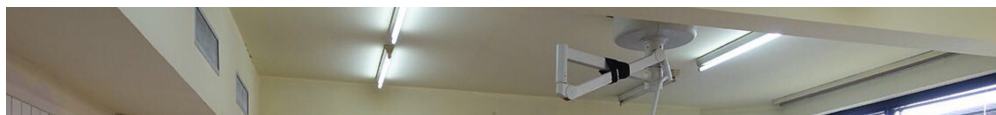
<https://goo.gl/forms/oXuFs8WKrYemoEK23>

KidsOR Update

Since the last GICS meeting, projects have been completed in Rwanda, Tanzania and Malawi (Lilongwe). We are working closely with partner hospitals to deliver projects already approved for installation in Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Malawi (Blantyre), Nepal, Ethiopia, Zambia, Kenya and Uganda. We have met with teams from, and now agreed to visit, hospitals in Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, The Philippines and Malaysia with a view to investment from KidsOR in 2020. Finally, later this year we will visit hospitals in Haiti, Nicaragua and Peru as we look to identify how we can best support partners in that region.

In the UK we have opened our warehouse and appointed our first Biomedical Engineer, Joy Davies. Joy will participate in installations to hand over equipment, provide day-to-day remote assistance and be available to deploy to hospitals should they have more significant problems.

Finally, our research and data collection program is nearing completion of its design phase and will be implemented in all KidsOR facilities. We expect to recruit a data manager at every hospital we support and to collate an exceptional data set to allow us to show the true impact and value of investing in children's surgery.





Before and after pictures in Kigali, Rwanda

Grant Support

The GICS leadership has recognized the need for assistance with grant and funding applications, and as such it has created a new Grants and Funding Advisory Group, led by Dan Poenaru and Emily Smith. Please [contact them](#) if you need assistance.

Liaison with other organizations

Steve Bickler has been appointed by the GICS leadership to serve as a liaison with leading societies in children's surgical care. Please [contact him](#) if you would like him to connect GICS with your local organization.

Spotlight on GICS members

Our own Core Operations and Logistics member, Naomi Wright, won the Presidents' Prize at the Annual Congress of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons in Liverpool, England in July 2018! Her winning presentation was entitled "[NEONATAL AND PAEDIATRIC SURGERY ACROSS SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: A MULTI-CENTRE PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY.](#)" Congratulations, Naomi!

3. MEMBER RESOURCES, CONTACTS, ETC.

We encourage all GICS members to contact the facilitators of the following Working Groups and Committees for information on their activities and to learn how you can participate.

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 ([Olubunmi Lawal-Aiyedon](#))
 Ophthalmology (pending)
 Orthopedic Surgery ([Vrisha Madhuri](#))
 Otolaryngology ([Shazie Peer](#))
 Pediatric General Surgery ([Soji Adeniyi](#))

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 Deegan)

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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](#))

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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