

GICS: Appeal For Commentary Re GICS And OReCS

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Appeal for commentary about GICS and OReCS

Dear GICS team,

Recently the World Journal of Surgery accepted the OReCS (Optimal Resources for Children's Surgery) document as well as the overview paper on GICS for publication, and both are in press. The text of both are attached here for your reference. The full OReCS guidelines will be available on line, and the executive summary will be in print.

All of the listed GICS collaborators for both papers will be cited as authors in Pubmed.

Now that these publications are in press, **we want to take the opportunity to widely disseminate GICS work and especially the OReCS guideline document.**

One of the best ways to do this is to share the information through editorials and commentaries in global, regional, and local publications.

For example, these may be specialty specific or surgical/anesthesia journals of any kind, or local hospital or national publications.

Some journals require a formal invitation from an editor to submit an editorial or commentary (this would require an inquiry with the editors); almost all journals accept unsolicited short letters that reference any recent publications.

Our suggestion is to have working group leads discuss among their groups how best to pursue this –

For example, an editorial/commentary could highlight some of the biggest challenges and initiatives within your specialty and high priorities that should be tackled next.

Or individuals could share about their involvement with GICS and their thoughts about immediate next steps and priorities for things that need to happen locally or regionally to advance children's surgery.

To help with this we have also attached a brief description about GICS if you wish to use any of this information in any write-up you pursue.

As a reminder, anyone or group can compose and submit without review from the GICS Publication Committee, unless they wish to make their submission "on behalf of GICS," in which case it should be sent to the Publications Committee. In addition, the Publications and Organizing Committees can help with submissions in any way needed.

You may also wish to highlight the publications in any presentations you give. As a reminder, we have also included some powerpoint templates about GICS for your use.

The publications can be referenced as

- **Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS) Collaborators**
"Optimal Resources for Children's Surgical Care" World Journal of

Optimal resources for children's surgical care *World Journal of Surgery* 2018, in press; and

- **Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS) collaborators "Global Initiative for Children's Surgery: A Model of Global Collaboration to Advance the Surgical Care of Children"** *World Journal of Surgery* 2018, in press.

Many thanks,

GICS organizing committee

Click on the following links for attachments:

[GICS Overview \(Microsoft Word\)](#)

[GICS Submission to WJS](#)

[OReCS Submission to WJS](#)

[GICS Overview Powerpoint Standard Version](#)

[GICS Overview Powerpoint Widescreen Version](#)

GICS Quarterly Online Meeting **Thursday, 13 December 2018** ***Note updated times***

7:00am PST • 10:00am EST • 3:00pm GMT • 5:00pm WAT • 7:00pm EAT • 7:30pm
IST • 3:00am AEDT

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Agenda and link for the meeting will be provided as the date approaches

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