Help spread the word about our GICS publications!

We announce the publication of two exciting GICS articles:

**Optimal Resources for Children’s Surgery Care: Executive Summary** has been published by the World Journal of Surgery!

[Click here](https://us16.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=852469) to view the article online:
A Global Collaboration to Advance the Surgical Care for Children has also recently been published by the World Journal of Surgery! Click here to view the article online:

We encourage all GICS members to share these publication widely.

All co-authors are PubMed citable (author list at the end of the articles). They are both open access, which makes sharing them so much easier. They has also been added to ResearchGate, along with all author names.

Many thanks to Steve Bickler and Naomi Wright for coordinating the edits and input of the GICS authors in these two landmark publications!

Reminder to pay member dues

As we discussed last year as a group and shared in the newsletters, a dues structure was agreed upon to defray operational costs of the organization.

Membership will allow the following benefits:

- Access to member-only content of the website
- Certificate of recognition as a member of GICS
- Ability to serve as an officer or on working groups and committees
- Receipt of periodic newsletters and other internal communications
- Possibility of LMIC member sponsorship for meeting attendance

Dues will be stratified by income level of the member’s home country (as determined by the World Bank). Please see below link to determine country status:

World Bank Country Groups

- $100 High-income country
- $50 Middle-income country
- $25 Low-income country
- $25 Trainee
- $10 Nurses
For those GICS members who wish to stay involved but for whom dues are a hardship, they can be waived by writing a letter to the GICS treasurer, Doruk Ozgediz.

If you wish to pay dues as a group, or have other inquiries, please inform the GICS treasurer.

Please submit dues through Paypal at the following link on the GICS website:

Paypal dues payment

We recognize that Paypal may not be the most convenient mechanism for all members. If you are unable to submit dues through Paypal, please inform the GICS treasurer.

Please submit dues by February 28, 2019 for the 2019 calendar year.

GICS Leadership

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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](#))

**Committees (Facilitators)**

Financing, Advocacy, Policy ([Lubna Samad](#))
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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 Ademuyiwa)
Plastic Surgery (Peter Nthumba)
Radiology (Cicero Silva)
Trauma Surgery (Charles Carapinha)
Urology (Bankole Rouma)

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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)

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!

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](http://www.globalchildrenssurgery.org)

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