



GICS NEWSLETTER

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GICS welcomes new Board Members and Officers

GICS would like to thank Dan Poenaru, Stephen Bickler, and Tahmina Banu for their extraordinary service on the GICS Board for the past 3 years, and would like to welcome the following new Board Members and Officers:

Board Members:

Beda Espineda (Philippines)
Lubna Samad (Pakistan)
Udo Rolle (Germany)
Justina Seyi-Olajide (Nigeria)
Sabina Siddiqui, reappointed for a second term (US)

We welcome our new Chair, Doruk Ozgediz from the US



And congratulations to our new Chair Elect, Tahmina Banu from Bangladesh



In addition, Richard Stewart will assume the position of Chair of our very active Publications Committee, following in the footsteps of Keith Oldham.



**Dues Renewals 1 August,
including new Organization Membership opportunities**

GICS Members will soon be receiving an email asking them to renew their dues for the coming year. Please consider this modest contribution toward administrative expenses, including access to platforms that allow us to hold webinars and meetings for our Members. As always, we never want money to be an obstacle for engagement in GICS, so there is always an option to waive your dues if they are prohibitive for you.

This year, we are offering new categories of membership for Organizations, including options for very small and LMIC-based organizations. With this membership, your organization can identify 8 individuals whose individual membership fees will be waived. [Email us](#) if you wish more information, or [check the website](#) for more details.



GICS Publication on Treatable Deaths within First 20 Years of Life

Stephen Bickler and several other GICS Members were authors in the paper recently published in the World Journal of Surgery, in which they estimated that 314,609 deaths per year in the under 20 year age group could be averted if surgical care were scaled up at first-level hospitals in LMICs. They found that most of the avertable deaths in the under 5 year age group were from neonatal asphyxia and trauma, whereas injuries were the leading cause of treatable deaths after age 5 years.

[Click here](#) to read the article.

Education Committee holds first Virtual Grand Rounds on Anorectal Malformations

The Education Committee of GICS held its first Virtual Grand Rounds this month on Anorectal Malformations, featuring Professors Long Li from China, Tahmina Banu from Bangladesh, and Marc Levitt from the US. Each speaker gave a brief presentation, and then they commented on cases presented by Drs Danelle Erie from South Africa and Rovine Naluyimbazi from Uganda. Moderators Dr Phyllis Kisa from Uganda and Phillip Hsu from the US fielded questions in the chat from many of the 277 people attending the session. It was truly an educational and inspiring session.

[Click here](#) for a link to the recorded session.

Join us for the next Virtual Rounds on surgical oncology, scheduled for 18 October 2022. Please let us know if there are topics you would like to suggest for future sessions.

Phyllis Kisa
Sabina Siddiqui
Co-Chairs, Education Committee

Reminder: Survey on Global Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS)

Dear GICS Member,

We hope you will help us by completing this short 5min questionnaire regarding point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) use in Paediatric Surgery.

Definition: Point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) is the use of ultrasound by non-radiologists to assess or treat patients. It is typically practiced by paediatricians, intensivists, emergency physicians, surgeons, etc.

We want to find out whether you already use POCUS in your practice, or whether you would be interested in learning this skill.

We would be very grateful for your help!

[Click here](#) to access the survey.

Thank you,

Gerlin Naidoo, Kokila Lakhoo, and Judith Lindert

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