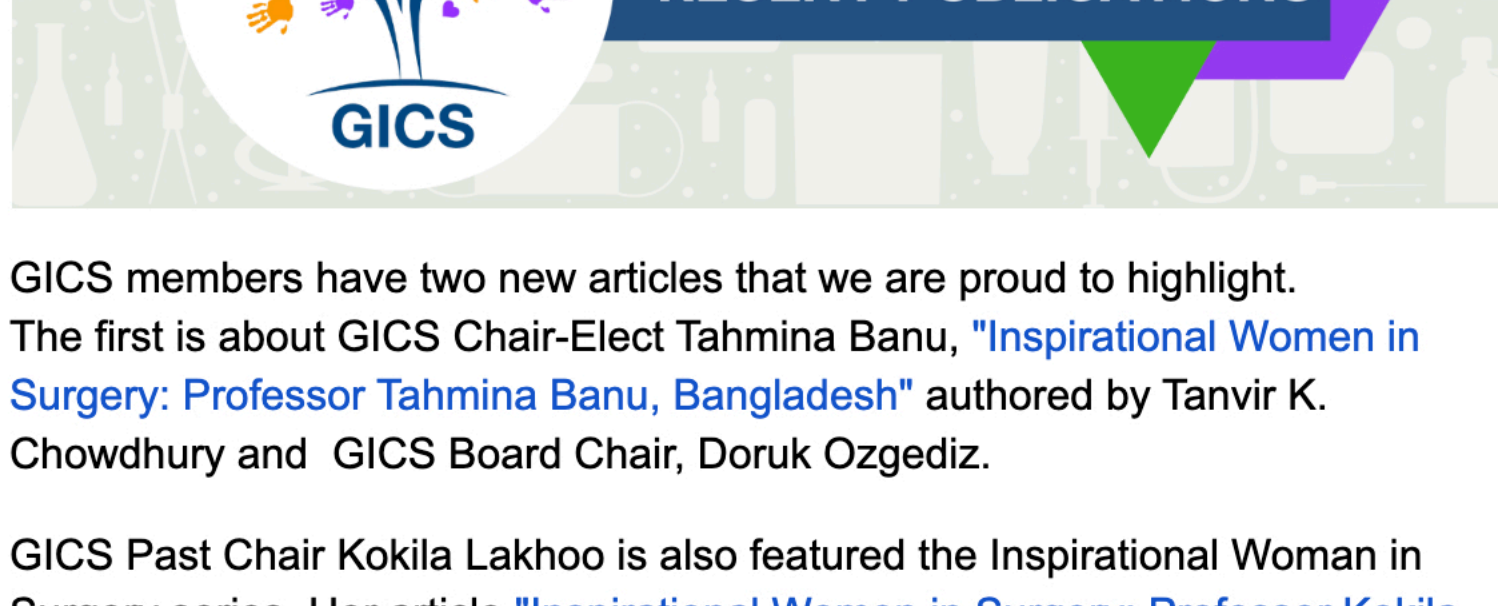




Welcome to the GICS Winter Newsletter. There is a lot happening at GICS, and we are excited to update you all.

Our Congenital Anomalies Group and Education Committee are planning two online events, which you can find details about below. Two GICS leaders were featured in the "Inspirational Women in Surgery" Series, and you can find those articles in the newsletter as well.

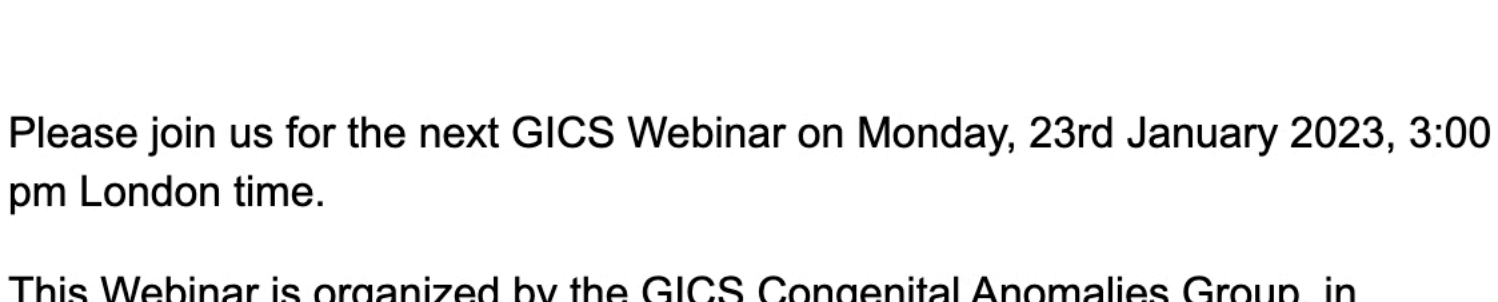
As the holidays are upon us, we want to wish you all a healthy and happy new year.



GICS members have two new articles that we are proud to highlight. The first is about GICS Chair-Elect Tahmina Banu, "[Inspirational Women in Surgery: Professor Tahmina Banu, Bangladesh](#)" authored by Tanvir K. Chowdhury and GICS Board Chair, Doruk Ozgediz.

GICS Past Chair Kokila Lakhoo is also featured the Inspirational Woman in Surgery series. Her article "[Inspirational Women in Surgery: Professor Kokila Lakhoo, South Africa](#)" was authored by Ruth Laverde, and Doruk Ozgediz.

GICS is fortunate to have such inspirational women as part of our leadership team.



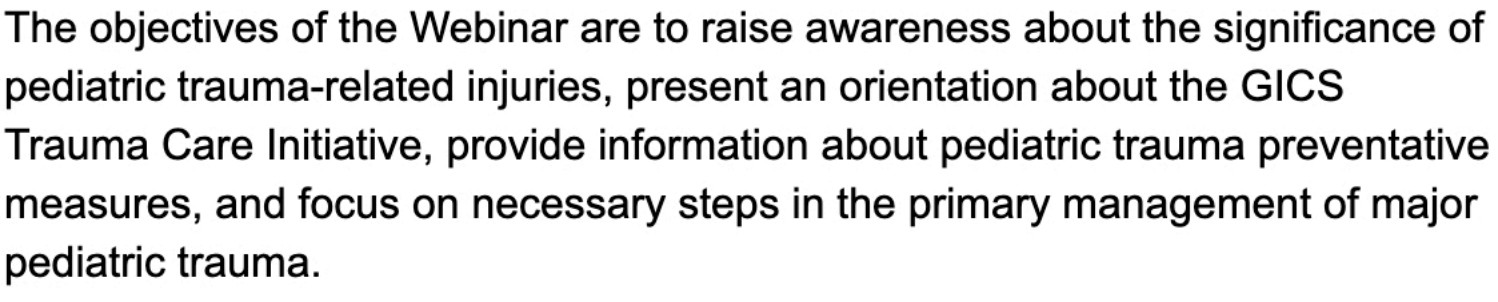
Please join us for the next GICS Webinar on Monday, 23rd January 2023, 3:00 pm London time.

This Webinar is organized by the GICS Congenital Anomalies Group, in Collaboration with the March of Dimes and MiracleFeet.

The moderators will be Professors Tahmina Banu and Kokila Lakhoo. Speakers will include:

- **Ms. Judith McCord**, Vice President of Global Impact, March of Dimes
- **Tijil Rao**, Indian Racing Driver
- **Dr. Norgrove Penny**, CM, MD, FRCS(C), Clinical Professor of Surgery, Branch for Global Surgical Care, University of British Columbia, Canada
- **Dr. Vrisha Madhuri**, Senior Professor, Department Paediatric Orthopaedics, Christian Medical College Vellore, India
- **Dr Salimah R. Walani**, Global Policy and Advocacy Advisor, MiracleFeet

[Click here](#) to read more, and [click here](#) to register for the webinar.

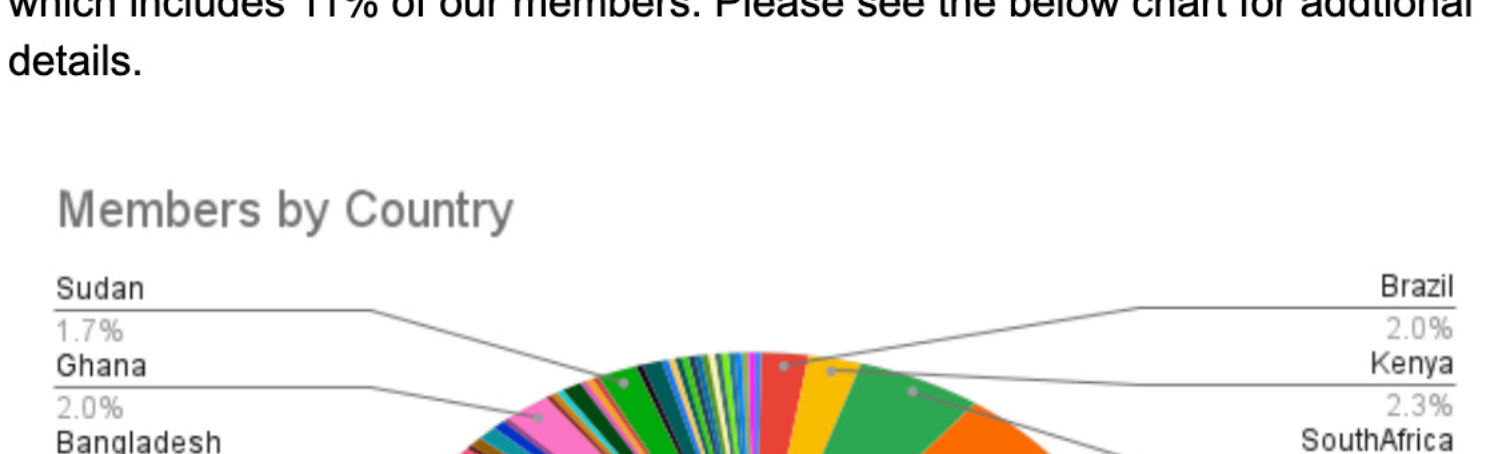


Save the Date! On February 4th at 12:00 GMT the Education Committee of GICS will present a Trauma Symposium moderated by Professor Kokila Lakhoo.

The objectives of the Webinar are to raise awareness about the significance of pediatric trauma-related injuries, present an orientation about the GICS Trauma Care Initiative, provide information about pediatric trauma preventative measures, and focus on necessary steps in the primary management of major pediatric trauma.

Presenters will include Drs Adesoji Ademuyiwa, Abdelbasit E Ali, Simone Abib, and Warwick Teague.

Look for a webinar invitation in early January.



As we come to the end of another year, we wanted to offer you a brief snapshot of the GICS membership as it stands today.

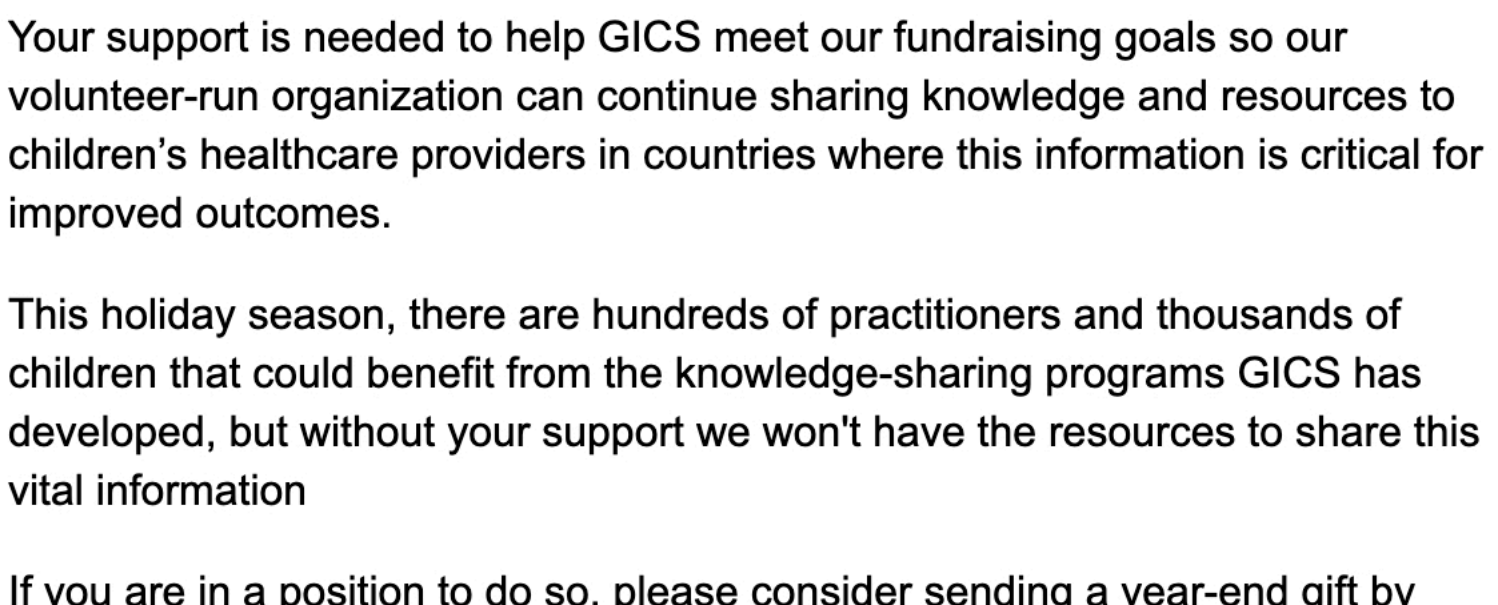
We count just over 1,100 individuals and 49 organizations as members. GICS members represent 64 countries, and that number is growing! Over 20% of our membership is from the U.S and the next most represented country is Nigeria which includes 11% of our members. Please see the below chart for additional details.

Members by Country



GICS membership comprises 47% High-Income Countries and 54% Low- and Middle-Income Countries. Our membership is made up of Physicians, Nurses, Midwives, and Students. As we look to 2023 we will be encouraging more organizational membership and we will look to see how we can be inclusive of other types of practitioners.

Thank you for being a part of GICS in 2022!



Your support is needed to help GICS meet our fundraising goals so our volunteer-run organization can continue sharing knowledge and resources to children's healthcare providers in countries where this information is critical for improved outcomes.

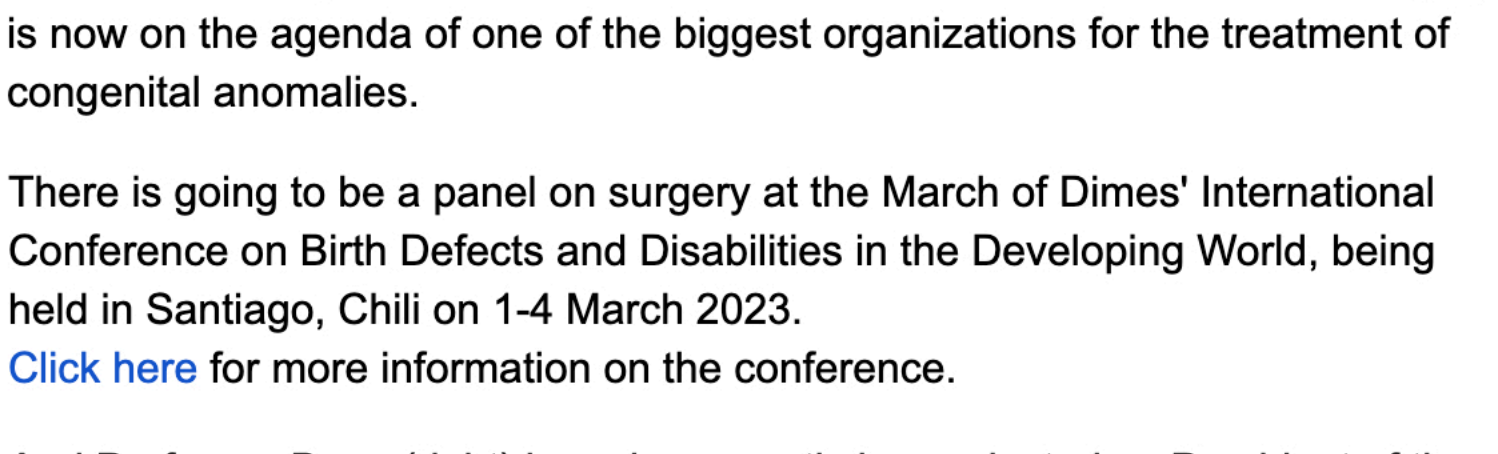
This holiday season, there are hundreds of practitioners and thousands of children that could benefit from the knowledge-sharing programs GICS has developed, but without your support we won't have the resources to share this vital information

If you are in a position to do so, please consider sending a year-end gift by midnight, December 31st to support the providers and the patients who depend on GICS. Your gift, of any amount, will help by ensuring practitioners in low- and middle-income countries have access to ongoing support and training. Thank you for your consideration!

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We are still planning to hold our next in-person meeting in Manila in the first few months of 2024. We will keep you updated as plans develop.



Due to the strong efforts of GICS Chair-Elect Professor Tahmina Banu, surgery is now on the agenda of one of the biggest organizations for the treatment of congenital anomalies.

There is going to be a panel on surgery at the March of Dimes' International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World, being held in Santiago, Chili on 1-4 March 2023.

[Click here](#) for more information on the conference.

And Professor Banu (right) has also recently been elected as President of the Asian Association of Pediatric Surgeons. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!

