



We are pleased to share the May edition of the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS) newsletter.

We are pleased to include in this newsletter information about:

- May 12th is International Nurses Day
- GICS Stands with the people of Sudan
- Workshop Opportunity: Understanding the Fundamentals of Hypospadias Repair
- GICS Annual Conference Updates

Thank you for being a part of GICS.



International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every year on May 12th, and this year, the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS) joins in celebrating nurses everywhere, especially those who work with children. As we celebrate International Nurses Day, we recognize the important role that pediatric nurses play in the lives of children around the world. They are truly unsung heroes who work tirelessly to ensure that children receive the best possible care, and we are grateful for their dedication and commitment to their work. We salute them and say thank you for all that they do.

Pediatric nursing is a specialized field that requires a great deal of patience, skill, and compassion. Pediatric nurses work with children of all ages, from newborns to teenagers, providing a range of healthcare services. They play a critical role in caring for children who are sick, injured, or have complex medical conditions.

One of the exceptional pediatric nurses in Nigeria is Lawal-Aiyedun Olubunmi. As a Nurse Leader, Comrade Lawal-Aiyedun Olubunmi is focused on innovative ways of expanding Pediatric Surgery, Nursing/Midwifery education, Birth Defects Surveillance, and nutrition. She is a member of several professional associations, assisting in providing technical support in many technical groups. Comrade Lawal has been one of the Internal Council of Nurses (ICN) Global Abstract Reviewers since 2016 and is an alumna of the Global Nursing Leadership Initiative (GNLI) and one of the site coordinators for the University of Washington eLearning (USA). Continue reading [here](#).



Dear GICS colleagues,

In recent weeks we have been watching with great concern the increased violence in Sudan due to the ongoing power struggle between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces during a period intended to be a transition to a civilian government.

Innocent civilians, primarily in Khartoum, have again borne the greatest burden of the conflict with hundreds of people killed and thousands injured. The humanitarian consequences are dire and mounting rapidly as access to food, water, medicines, and health care are being cut off due to the impact on the conflict. An increasing number of refugees have fled or are fleeing to neighboring countries.

Numerous members of GICS and leaders of GICS have been directly affected and our thoughts are with their families and colleagues for their safety, and for hopefully a ceasefire and end to violence to protect the people, including innocent children and families, in Sudan.

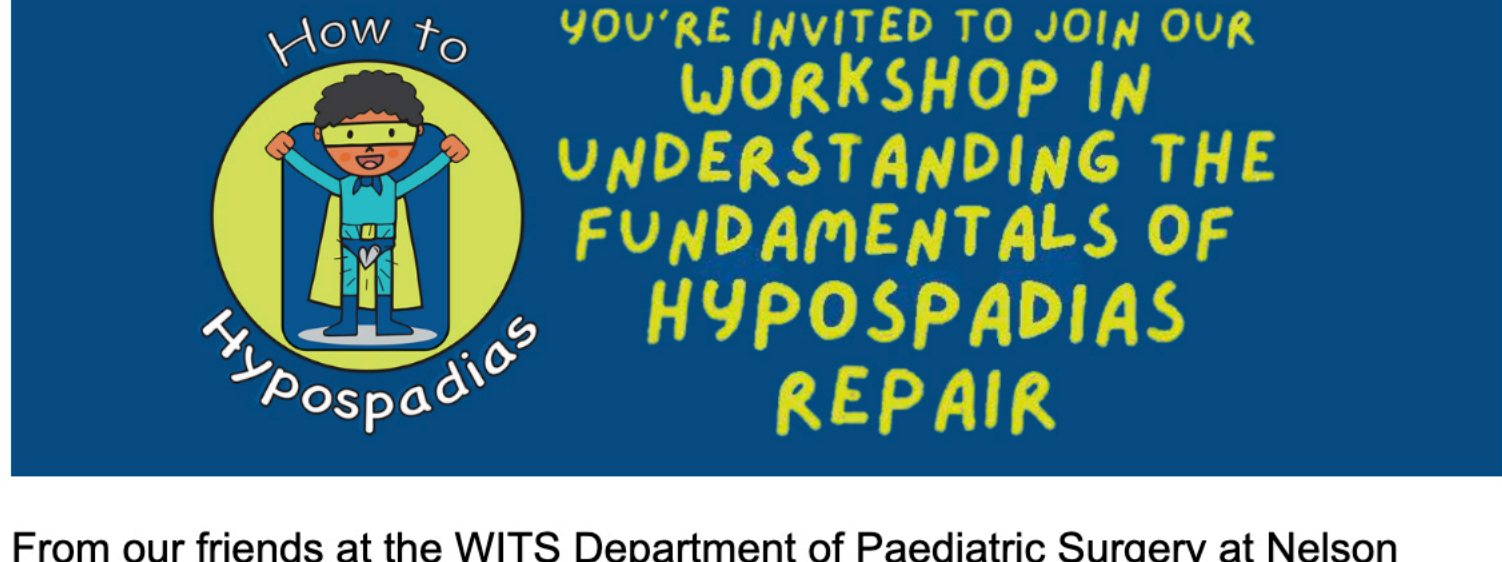
How to support the people of Sudan:

You can donate to organizations such as [UNICEF](#) and [Save the Children](#). In the USA you can support the [Sudanese American Physician Organization \(SAPA\)](#)

If you are working with organizations and-or efforts to address the crisis in Sudan please let us know and we will be happy to share more information.

In gratitude and on behalf of the GICS Board,


Doruk Ozgediz, MD
Chair, GICS



From our friends at the WITS Department of Paediatric Surgery at Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital we are pleased to share the following:

2023 Workshop in Understanding the Fundamentals of Hypospadias Repair. Hosted by the WITS Department of Paediatric Surgery at Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital. Supported by Surgeons for Little Lives.

Click [here](#) to register. Registrations closes on 7 June 2023.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR WORKSHOP IN UNDERSTANDING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF HYPOSPADIAS REPAIR

HOSTED BY THE WITS DEPARTMENT OF PAEDIATRIC SURGERY AT NELSON MANDELA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. SUPPORTED BY SURGEONS FOR LITTLE LIVES

JUNE 14 & 15, 2023

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R3500 FOR CONSULTANTS

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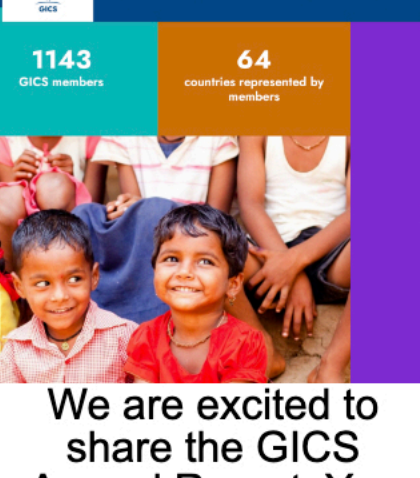


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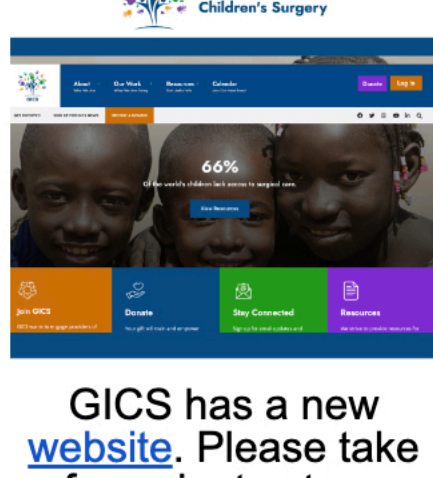
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GICS will hold our next in-person meeting in Manila, Philippines, February 25-26, 2024; please note a slight shift in the conference dates. We are pleased to share that the conference will be held at the Manila Hotel, in collaboration with our colleagues in the Philippines Society of Pediatric Surgery. In the coming weeks we will be announcing the conference theme, call for presentations, sponsorship opportunities, agenda, and travel information. Stay tuned for updates on a GICS VI!



We are excited to share the GICS Annual Report. You can read it [here](#)!



GICS has a new [website](#). Please take a few minutes to see all the new content.



If you are not already a GICS member, you can [join today](#)!

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