

# GICS October Newsletter

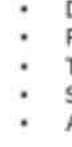
Hello Rachel,


Welcome to the October edition of the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS) newsletter.

We are pleased to include in this newsletter information about:

- Global Children's NCDs Virtual Research Capacity-Building Course
- GICS Organizational Membership information
- GICS Annual Conference Updates
- Invitation to participate in the International ARM Survey
- A webinar on "The Political Argument for Equitable Surgical Care: A Conversation with Champions and Experts."

Thank you for being a part of GICS.

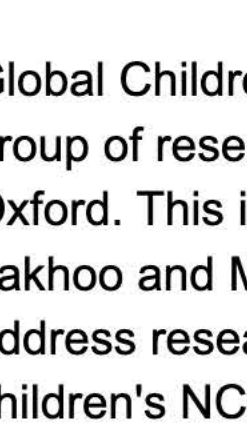
 Global Children's NCDs

 GLOBAL SURGERY, ANAESTHESIA & OBSTETRICS

**Virtual Research capacity-Building Course**  
**November 2023 to October 2024**

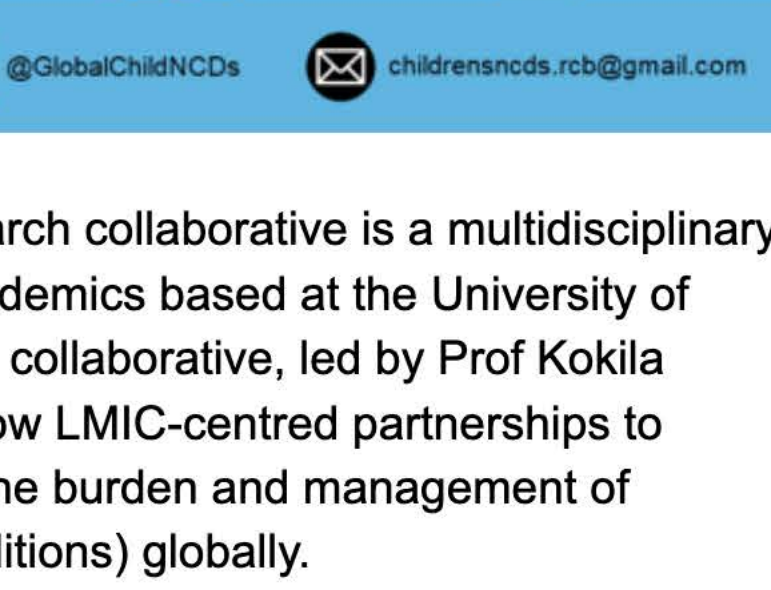
Learn from experienced researchers

- Basic research methods
- Data collection and analysis
- Presentation and writing up
- The publication process
- Systematic reviews
- And more...



**Eligibility**  
Early career researchers in LMICs including:

- Medical students
- Interns
- Surgical trainees
- Recently qualified graduates
- Nurses
- Nursing trainees



**Registration and details**  
Scan the QR code or email [@GlobalChildNCDs](mailto:childrensnccds.rcb@gmail.com) [childrensnccds.rcb@gmail.com](mailto:childrensnccds.rcb@gmail.com)

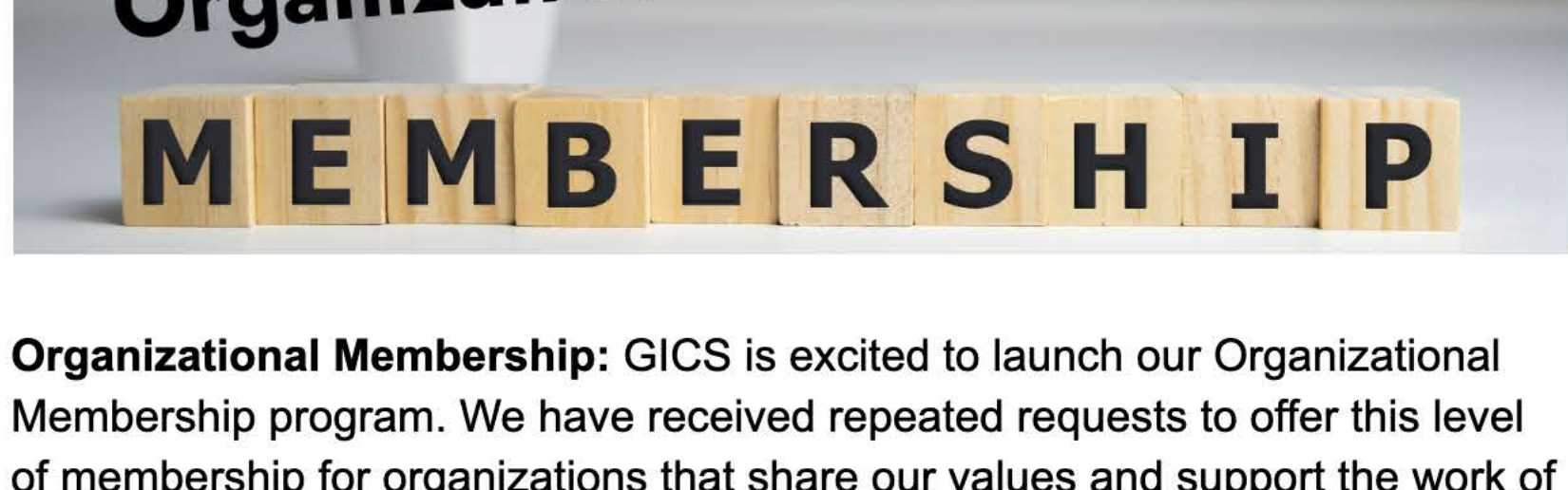
Global Children's NCDs (GCNCD) research collaborative is a multidisciplinary group of researchers, surgeons and academics based at the University of Oxford. This is an international research collaborative, led by Prof Kokila Lakhoo and Mr Noel Peter, aiming to grow LMIC-centred partnerships to address research questions relating to the burden and management of children's NCDs (including surgical conditions) globally.

The group is focused on building research capacity skills in LMICs, to help address the prevailing inequities in global health and global surgery academia.

All early-career researchers from low- and middle-income countries are encouraged to apply. Register [here](#).

To be added to the mailing list, please send an email to [childrensnccds.rcb@gmail.com](mailto:childrensnccds.rcb@gmail.com).

For inquiries, please contact [Dennis Mazingi](#), with the subject line: Research capacity building course.



**Organizational Membership:** GICS is excited to launch our Organizational Membership program. We have received repeated requests to offer this level of membership for organizations that share our values and support the work of GICS. Organizations that join GICS will need to have similar values and a commitment to the GICS mission, which is to ensure that every child has access to safe, quality, timely, and affordable surgical, anesthetic, and nursing care. **Organizational memberships allow up to eight individuals from the organization to be active members of GICS (with their individual membership dues waived).** Like individual memberships, organizational memberships will renew annually. **The organizational membership fees will be on a sliding scale based on the size/budget of the organization.** If an organization you are associated with is interested in becoming an organizational member, the first step is to fill out the [Organizational Membership Application](#).

For those organizations considering sponsoring the upcoming GICS V conference in Manila, Philippines, many of the sponsorship packages include Organizational membership as part of the package. If you would like to learn more about Sponsoring GICS V and obtaining Organizational membership, please [email us](#) and review the sponsorship packet [here](#).



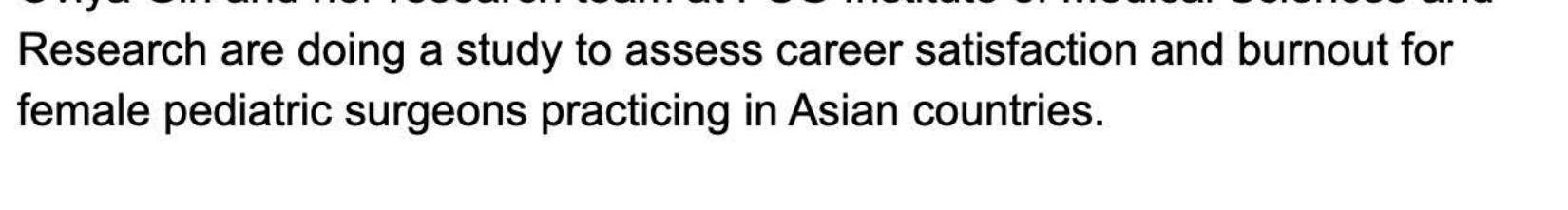
**GICS will hold our next in-person meeting in Manila, Philippines, February 25-26, 2024.** We are pleased to share that the conference will be held at the Manila Hotel, in collaboration with our colleagues in the Philippines Society of Pediatric Surgery.

The theme for this year's conference will be: **Children's Surgery as an Essential Component of Global Health: Eliminating Disparities.**

The call for abstracts is open until November 15th, and you may submit your proposal [here](#).

We have a number of sponsorship opportunities available. Attached is the sponsorship packet for your review: [GICS Annual Meeting Sponsorship](#).

In the coming weeks we will be sharing the agenda, and travel information. Stay tuned for updates on a GICS V!



Oviya Giri and her research team at PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research are doing a study to assess career satisfaction and burnout for female pediatric surgeons practicing in Asian countries.

Please consider filling out our [survey](#) and inviting your female pediatric surgery colleagues to do so as well.



**CUGH Virtual Global Health Week: The Political Argument for Equitable Surgical Care: A Conversation with Champions and Experts**

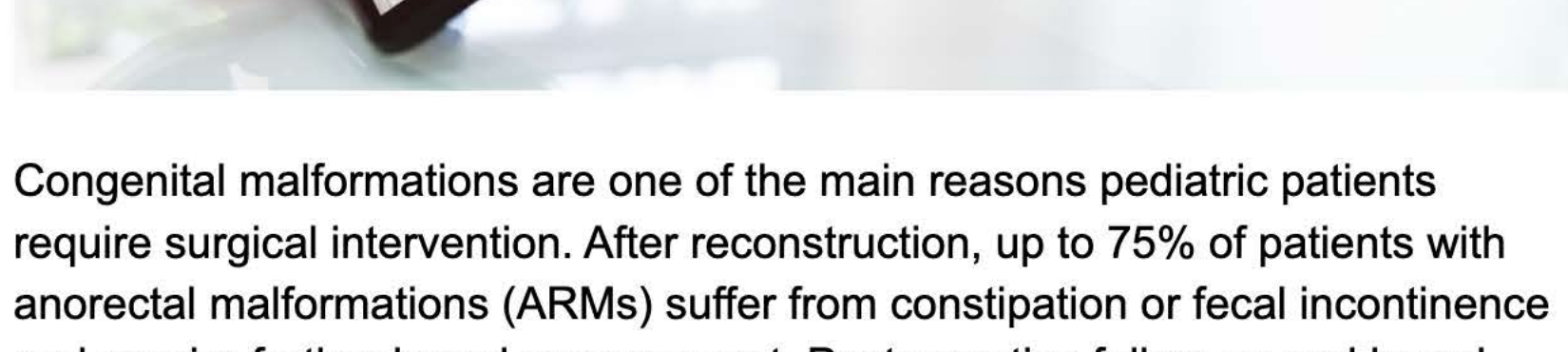
Harvard PGSSC and the G4 Alliance are holding a virtual event entitled "The Political Argument for Equitable Surgical Care: A Conversation with Champions and Experts," [Register here](#). **GICS's own Comrade Olubunmi Lawal-Aiyedun is a panelist.**

This half-day event will take place on November 1, 9 AM-12 PM EDT / 1300-1600 GMT during the Consortium of Universities for Global Health Virtual Global Health Week. A full schedule of events is attached.

Many G4 Alliance champions and experts are represented on this program. Please join and bring your questions for the Q&A session!

Moderators: Dr. Gail Rosseau, G4 Alliance Board of Directors and Dr. Kee Park, Harvard PGSSC

- Confirmed Panelists:
- Comrade Olubunmi Lawal-Aiyedun, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Care Foundation and GICS
  - Keith Miles, Safe Surgery Initiative
  - Dr. John Sampson, Institute for Global Perioperative Care and G4 Alliance Board of Directors
  - Dr. Renae Stafford, EngenderHealth
  - Dr. Iferemi Waqainabete, former Minister of Health, Fiji
  - Dr. Teri Reynolds, Integrated Clinical Services, WHO
  - Amb. Jimmy Kolker, G4 Alliance Board of Directors
  - Dr. Keith Martin, Executive Director for the Consortium of Universities for Global Health



Congenital malformations are one of the main reasons pediatric patients require surgical intervention. After reconstruction, up to 75% of patients with anorectal malformations (ARMs) suffer from constipation or fecal incontinence and require further bowel management. Postoperative follow-up and bowel management have unique features in each country and department and may be challenging due to resource availability (medications, insurance, or equipment).

To better understand the current challenges faced by surgeons in post-surgical care and bowel management for children with anorectal malformations worldwide, we created a brief anonymous survey. We would appreciate your participation in this study by taking 5-10 minutes of this survey. The results will allow us to identify areas needing future research and collaborative efforts to improve care for children with anorectal malformations.

You may open the survey via [this link](#).





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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