



As the year winds down, we have some exciting updates to share with you!

**First up, GICS V Registration is Now Open!** Don't miss out – secure your spot early! Remember, prices will rise after January 1st, so let's get moving!

**Mark Your Calendars for February 26th, 2024!** It's Global Children's Surgery Day, and we're eager to hear your heartwarming patient stories. Your experiences inspire us all!

**Exciting News for Innovators!** We're thrilled to announce the low-cost surgical simulator competition at GICS V. It's a chance to showcase your brilliance and make a real impact.

**Recent Publication Highlights Challenges of Children's Surgery.** Several GICS members contributed to this special issue of Seminars in Pediatric Surgery.

**Attention Nurses!** An enriching workshop is on the horizon, designed just for you. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn, grow, and connect.

**Manila Awaits!** We're counting down the days to see many of you in Manila. It's going to be an unforgettable gathering of minds and hearts.



[Registration](#) is now open for the much-anticipated GICS V Conference: "Children's Surgery as an Essential Component of Global Health: Eliminating Disparities." Whether you're near or far, we've got you covered with both in-person and virtual options to join this transformative event. But hurry – prices will rise after January 1st.

Hotel reservations at our conference rate are only available through our registration process (please do not reserve directly with the hotel). [Click here](#) for the preliminary program. Please check the [GICS website](#) for information and updates, including links to obtain Philippine visas. [Contact us by email](#) if you need an introduction letter to obtain your visa.

Abstract acceptance letters have been sent, and information about applications for travel subsidies will be coming soon. Funds will provide airfare, but participants will need to pay for their registration and accommodation, through discounted rates for shared rooms obtained at The Manila Hotel and only available through our registration website. All participants are encouraged to raise funds from friends, family, and colleagues, and you can [click here](#) for tips on how to do so.

[Register Today!](#)



In order to raise awareness of the importance of achieving safe surgical care for all children of the world, GICS is thrilled to announce the launch of the inaugural **Global Children's Surgery Day** on February 26, 2024 during our GICS V meeting.

We call on all stakeholders in children's surgery, anesthesia, and perioperative care to participate during the GICS meeting in Manila. What can you do? First, we would like GICS members and stakeholders to share any brief testimonials or videos from children and their families, or stories about accomplishments of their teams with us so we can add it to a special session at GICS V. Second, be prepared on February 26 to share the event on social media so we can spread the word widely. We will share more information as we get closer to the event.

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**GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN'S SURGERY CONFERENCE MANILA PHILIPPINES 25-26TH FEB 2024**

We are excited to announce a low-cost surgical simulator competition that will occur during GICS V, in collaboration with the WHO Safe and Affordable Surgery Group and the WHO Academy. **Submissions are due January 5th.** Please submit applications by email to [Ram Nataraja](#), [Click here](#) for further information and guidelines for submissions.

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**SEMINARS IN PEDIATRIC SURGERY**

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In case you missed it, the latest issue of Seminars in Pediatric Surgery is dedicated to the theme of Global Children's Surgery. This edition is particularly close to our hearts, as it features a diverse array of voices from the GICS community. It's a rich tapestry of insights, experiences, and groundbreaking ideas, all converging to illuminate the vital field of children's surgery on a global scale. You can access it through the [GICS website](#) or by [clicking here](#).

**Global Initiative for Children's Surgery**

**Nursing Workshop**  
20th Dec. at 4 pm WAT

Join Nurses Working Group Chair Comrade Lawal-Aiyedun Olubunmi for an informative workshop this week on Thursday, December 20th at 4pm WAT. The focus will be on the Global Strategic Direction for Nursing and Midwifery: Paediatric Surgical Nursing Application. [Click here](#) for more information, and [Click here](#) to join the workshop.

And remember to spread the word to your nursing colleagues to complete the wound care survey by [clicking this link](#).