WE BELIEVE

in a world where everyone, everywhere has access to safe, essential and timely surgical care;

in saving and transforming lives through surgery;

in equity;

in advocacy;

in change. For all.
**5 Billion**
Neglected patients do not have access to safe surgical & anaesthesia care when needed.

**18 Million**
People continue to die each year from preventable surgical conditions.

**$12.3 Trillion**
Dollars in GDP losses by 2030 if we do not invest in surgical care.

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1/3
Of the population receives

6.3%
Of all surgical procedures

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**Surgeal Conditions Represent 28-32%**
Of the global burden of diseases.

90
G4 member organizations in 2017

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**2 Million**
Women around the world suffer from fistula.

**5.8 Million**
People die each year as a result of injuries from accidents.

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81 M
Are impoverished annually due to catastrophic healthcare costs.

$458 B
Dollars will be spent on global cancer cases in 2030.

830
Women die each day from pregnancy or childbirth complications.

94 M
Children are born with a disability resulting from congenital conditions each year.

90%
Of stillbirths occur in low- and middle-income countries.

25%
Of disabilities could be treated with surgical interventions.

$1 ➔ $10
For every dollar spent on strengthening local surgical capacity, $10 is generated in economic productivity.

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60
Surgery organizations

66
Educational organizations

11
Women’s health organizations

6
Biomed organizations

15
Anaesthesia organizations

8
Trauma organizations
Friends,

The G4 Alliance and our Member Organizations came together in 2014 to give voice to neglected surgical patients around the world. For years, our members, who represent the surgeons, doctors, nurses, midwives, and frontline health workers delivering care on the ground, saw firsthand the need for safe, timely and affordable surgical and anaesthesia care. Despite the recognition that this urgent health crisis was impacting millions, there was a persistent lack of collective action. To reach these neglected surgical patients and to ensure health for all, we knew that collective action and advocacy were needed. It is with this knowledge that we have come together under the auspices of The G4 Alliance to raise the banner for surgical patients and to represent this issue on a global level.

Advocacy is a long process with many paths to one goal. The conversations we are having, the messages we are bringing to policymakers, and the partnerships we are forging today are the continuation of a long-awaited process that will bring about a long-needed change within global surgery.

In 2017, we saw this change firsthand. Advocacy efforts and collaboration with country partners led to a new commitment from the WHO's Director General to share a biannual report on national progress to improve surgical care as part of the sustainable development goals. This development will help our network and surgical stakeholders to harness essential data and target our interventions and work more effectively. 2017 also saw the release of a G4 Alliance manuscript formally presenting a dashboard of 15 consensus indicators designed to track the health of the surgical ecosystem. We also introduced a shared global target: Safe surgical and anaesthesia care for 80% of the world by 2030. By the end of the year, our members had the opportunity to engage, for the first time, at the 2017 Universal Health Coverage Forum, where surgery was formally recognized as an essential component of universal health coverage. We partnered with the governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe, along with the WHO and G4 member organizations, to host an official side event that introduced global surgery to a new community of policymakers and political leaders. Our participation at this Forum also drew formal endorsements from leading health and development champions, including Dr. Jim Kim, President of the World Bank, and Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

The global surgical community has become a force that cannot be neglected, and it is thanks to the work of so many dedicated organizations and advocates. We thank you for your support of the G4 Alliance and we look forward to working with you to build on this momentum and accelerate global action for surgical, obstetric, trauma, and anaesthesia care.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Neil Parsan
The Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma, and Anaesthesia Care (The G4 Alliance) is committed to advocating for the neglected surgical patient and is driven by a mission to provide a collective voice for increased access to safe, essential, and timely surgical, obstetric, trauma, and anaesthesia care as part of universal health coverage.

We envision a world where everyone, everywhere has access to safe, affordable and timely surgical care. Tragically, this is vision is far from reality for 5 billion people around the world. Every year, there are 17 million preventable deaths due to treatable surgical conditions. The vast majority of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries, where access to safe, affordable care is scarce.

Where you live should not determine if you live. We represent over 85 organizations working in more than 160 countries to bring education, training, service, and innovation to build capacity for increased access to surgical care for everyone, everywhere.

In 2017, our Member Organizations came together to set a global target for safe surgical and anaesthesia care for 80% of the world by 2030.
Our network was launched in 2015 as a global coalition that provides a collective voice for increasing access to safe, essential, and timely surgical care. Surgical care, which historically has been perceived as a luxury, has been neglected on the global health agenda until quite recently - but in order to achieve health for all and fulfill the universal commitment to universal health coverage (UHC) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the billions of patients without access to safe surgery must be recognized as an urgent priority.

Our mission is carried out by focusing on three main pillars:

**Advocacy**
We galvanize collective action through our member network. The G4 Alliance seeks to educate and build awareness among multilateral agencies, policymakers, funders, media and the public about the impact of the disparity in access to surgical care and the cost effectiveness of investing in surgical systems.

**Policy Engagement**
We enable country-level implementation of national surgical plans and advocating for policies that prioritize surgical, obstetric, trauma, and anaesthesia care.

**Resource Mobilization**
We work to ensure that sufficient resources and funds are mobilized to support safe surgical and anaesthesia care for all. Financing safe surgical care will require collaboration by global & regional stakeholders to mobilize funding from multiple sources, including donor & domestic governments, multilateral organizations, corporations, philanthropies, foundations, and international financing institutions.
Advocacy and Policy Engagement

The G4 Alliance works at the country level to advocate to policymakers on the essential need for safe surgery as part of national health systems strengthening. With a member presence in more than 160 countries and a vast network of surgical stakeholders, the Alliance is uniquely positioned to offer contextual, localized support for the integration of surgical care into existing health systems.

Health and Human Services Listening Session

On May 5th, 2017, G4 Alliance members convened in DC for the annual Health and Human Services Listening Session. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the department charged with leading the United States delegation to the 70th World Health Assembly (WHA), holds these informal sessions to facilitate a dialogue with all stakeholders in the global health community in order to collect input on what items will be on the agenda at the World Health Assembly. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to influence the global health development agenda for the upcoming year.

Country-Level: NSOAP Draft Launch in Tanzania

In April 2017, The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) in Tanzania partnered with Safe Surgery 2020, GE Foundation, Jhpiego, Assist International, the Harvard PGSSC and the G4 Alliance to initiate the process of drafting a National Surgical, Obstetrics and Anesthesia Plan (NSOAP).

It is developed with the aim of including surgical and anesthesia care as a component of Universal Health Coverage, in line with the World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution 68/15 on strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anesthesia.

Engaging with Multilateral Organizations

The WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO), the directing and coordinating authority on international health within the United Nations’ system, is a critical leader in strengthening surgical systems around the globe and a key partner for The G4 Alliance and our member organizations.

The annual World Health Assembly, a convening of the decision-making body of WHO attended by delegations from all WHO Member State, is an unparalleled opportunity for advocacy to policymakers and influencers. The G4 Alliance leverages the World Health Assembly to host side events, coordinate delegations of member organizations to advocate and make statements, and ensure global surgery is represented in meetings and discussions.

The United Nations

The G4 Alliance engages with intergovernmental organizations to support greater prioritization of surgical care as part of global and regional development agendas.

In collaboration with member organization the International Federation of Surgical Colleges and UN Major Groups, the G4 Alliance has delivered official statements on behalf of our network at several UN summits and meetings. The G4 Alliance has also hosted various side events to call attention to the urgent need to integrate surgical care as part of universal health coverage and the SDGs.

UHC Forum 2017

The high-level forum on universal health coverage, jointly organized by the Government of Japan, the World Bank, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and UHC2030, aims to spur the health sector, countries, development partners, civil society, and the private sector towards the common goal of universal health coverage.

In 2017, The G4 Alliance partnered on an official side event to represent global surgery as an essential part of the dialogue on UHC. Attendees included high-level policy makers (heads of State, Ministers of Health and Finance) and experts including representatives from Ministries of Finance and Health from low- and middle-income countries, experts from bi- and multi-lateral institutions, civil society organizations, private sector institutions, and academic institutions.
2017 AT A GLANCE

Member Organizations: 90

Countries in which our Members Work: 163

Growth in Membership Since 2016: 25%

Represented at events in 6 countries: 26

Hosted events worldwide: 6

People convened at events to hear the Global Surgery Message: 2000+

Followers on Facebook and Twitter: 8850

Visits to the G4 Website: 6000

Email Subscribers: 1000+
Highlights From 2017 include:

• Coordination of a cross-partner campaign in parallel with the release of a manuscript in the World Journal of surgery detailing our 15 consensus indicators and the announcement of our global target
• Support of a successful amendment to Resolution 68.15, calling upon Member States to report back on surgical indicator data every 2 years
• The formal declaration of the G4 Alliance consensus indicators and the announcement of our ambitious Global Target: safe surgery and anaesthesia care for 80% of the world by 2030.
• Convening the community through awarding The G4 Alliance Collaboration Prize
• Advocating for the importance of safe surgery and anaesthesia to policymakers at international forums and assemblies - including, for the first time ever, the Universal Health Coverage Forum
• Launch of the international #SurgeryUHC campaign in parallel with UNGA72
The G4 Alliance and our member organizations seek to increase the political prioritization of global surgery by advocating to policymakers, and funders through a variety of campaigns, events, and publications. We convene our community and work across sectors to reach new allies and leverage the power of an ever-growing network of global surgery champions.

April

CUGH Global Surgery Satellite Session

The G4 Alliance co-hosted CUGH 2017, which featured 120 attendees and 214 viewers to explore the current landscape of global health, the challenges of providing surgical and anaesthesia care worldwide, and the practices and emerging technology that can strengthen global health systems in low- and middle-income countries.

A Plan for All

NSOAP Draft Launch in Tanzania

The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) in Tanzania has partnered with Safe Surgery 2020, GE Foundation, Jhpiego, Assist International, the Harvard PGSSC and The G4 Alliance to initiate the process of drafting a National Surgical, Obstetrics and Anesthesia Plan (NSOAP) - an essential part of ensuring that surgical care is prioritized within national health planning!

May

G4 Members Speak Out Health and Human Services Listening Session

On May 5th, 2017, G4 Alliance members convened in DC for the annual Health and Human Services Listening Session. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to influence the global health development agenda for the upcoming year. Our member network was well-represented this year, with our delegates delivering nine separate statements throughout the session focusing on various WHA agenda topics that relate to surgical and anaesthesia care.
The Global Surgical Community All Atwitter
Safe Surgery Twitter Chat
In advance of the 70th World Health Assembly, The G4 Alliance co-hosted a Twitter chat on safe surgery with Seed Global Health, Jhpiego, Johnson & Johnson and Crowd 360. We came together to elevate the conversations, needs and potential collaborative solutions to support #SafeSurgery - and gained over 1 million impressions for global surgery!

Commitment to Action at WHA70
G4 Alliance members attended the 70th World Health Assembly to advocate for global surgery on the international stage and to convene in our first Permanent Council Meeting.

On May 22nd, in partnership with GE Foundation and Safe Surgery 2020, we hosted a standing-room-only advocacy side event entitled: “From Commitment to Action: Partnerships to Strengthen Surgical and Anaesthesia Care For All.” This side event featured special remarks from ministers of health taking action to implement national surgical and anaesthesia care plans, as well as the civil society partners who are helping to strengthen surgical and anaesthesia care. Over 150 people joined and 25+ country representatives were in attendance.

Advocacy Success at WHA70
The G4 Alliance launched a campaign to advocate for an amendment calling for the Director General to report back every 2-years until 2030 on progress towards Resolution 68.15. With Member State leadership from Zambia, Morocco, and Thailand, the amendment was approved. Kenya also delivered a statement on behalf of the African region, supported by Zambia and Namibia, calling for a Global Action Plan to support implementation of Resolution 68.15 to strengthen surgical and anaesthesia care.

WHA High-Level Health Policy Surgical Side Event
The official WHO side event entitled “Global Public Health Surgery: WHA High Level Health Policy Surgical Side Event” addressed progress towards WHA Resolution 68.15. This meeting was well-attended by Member States, civil society and WHO representatives, with several G4 Alliance members represented and delivering statements. Following discussions at this meeting, Member States requested the G4 Alliance’s assistance to seek country support for the development of a Global Action Plan for surgical and anaesthesia care.

The G4 Alliance Collaboration Prize
In 2017, The G4 Alliance held a competition for the G4 Alliance Collaboration Prize, a grant sponsored by the Henry Family Advised Fund. Member organizations and partners proposed collaborative projects that would advance the cause of global surgery and increase collaboration among implementing organizations and practitioners.

The G4 Collaboration Prize grant was awarded to International College of Surgeons and their partner organizations for The G4 Alliance Empowerment Database, a Single Open-Source Registry of Available Surgery Resources. This interactive platform is designed to connect health workers, organizations, and patients in order to bring safe surgery to those who need it most!
**September**

### #SurgeryUHC Thunderclap

G4 members and partners came together to generate a resounding Twitter Thunderclap on Monday, September 18th. Using the hashtags #SurgeryUHC and #SafeSurgery, participants called upon world leaders to recognize the essential role of surgical care as part of universal health coverage (UHC). This campaign was timed in advance of a high-profile UNGA event entitled “World Leaders for Universal Health Coverage: A High-Level Discussion at the United Nations on Achieving the SDGs Through Health for All.” Online advocacy reached 59,724 people directly over social media, raising the profile of global surgery and world leaders.

### Standing for Global Surgery at UNGA 71

The G4 Alliance coordinated a delegation of members to participate at the 2017 UN General Assembly. Over 20 delegates attended a high-level event at the UN bringing together world leaders to discuss progress towards achieving universal health coverage (UHC). In addition to promoting our #SurgeryUHC campaign, our delegation had the opportunity to engage directly with a number of key leaders including Dr. Tedros Adhanom (Director General of the World Health Organization) and representatives from the World Bank, Rockefeller Foundation, UHC 2030, UHC Coalition and various UN Agencies.
Maternal Health & Global Surgery

To shed light upon the critical role of safe surgery in supporting maternal health and preventing maternal mortality, The G4 Alliance, in partnership with Jhpiego, GE Foundation and Safe Surgery 2020, co-hosted an advocacy side event entitled, “Accelerating Progress in Maternal + Newborn Health: The Role of Surgical Innovations to Catalyze Change”.

Speakers and panelists highlighted the critical role of surgery in averting preventable maternal and newborn deaths and focused upon the strategies and tools that are making an impact. Special remarks were shared by Mr. John Rice, Vice-Chairman of GE and President & CEO of GE Global Growth and Operations, Dr. Tim Evans, Senior Director of Health, Nutrition & Population, World Bank and Dr. Leslie Mancuso, President and CEO, Jhpiego. The event was moderated by Ambassador Dr. Neil Parsan, G4 Alliance Board Chair & Special Advisor to the World Bank.

December

G4 Alliance Permanent Council Meeting

The 2nd G4 Alliance Permanent Council Meeting, hosted in parallel with the annual COSECSA conference in Mozambique, convened over 60 members, observers, and partners to network, attend break-out sessions, and hear from an array of leading global surgery speakers.

UHC Forum 2017

This official UHC Forum side event, entitled “The Power of Surgical Care to Catalyze Universal Health Coverage”, was hosted by the World Health Organization, and the governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe, in partnership with the G4 Alliance and the Harvard Program in Global Surgery and Social Change, and with generous support from Johnson & Johnson.

The event featured an engaging discussion with a multi-disciplinary panel explored the essential role of surgical care as part of UHC. Speakers shared their first-hand experience working to develop national strategies that integrate surgical care as a cost-effective and life-saving strategy to support robust health systems. Our panelists explored the cross-cutting nature of safe surgical care which is integral for maternal and newborn health, emergency preparedness and response including trauma care, and the treatment and management of non-communicable diseases, as well as congenital issues. The discussion will highlighted innovative financing strategies to integrate safe, affordable surgical care as part of strengthened health systems to ensure health for all. This event drew endorsements for global surgery as part of UHC from world leaders including Dr. Tedros, Director-General of the WHO.
I am an advocate for the integral and essential role of surgical care as part of Universal Health Coverage.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom
Director General, WHO
UHC Forum 2017

UHC is simply incomplete without access to surgery...it is essential that we pay attention to the huge unmet surgical need in the developing world.

Dr. Sania Nishtar
Chair, WHO High-Level Global Commission on NCDs
UHC Forum 2017

Surgical care is critical to saving lives, strengthening health systems, growing the economies of nations, and achieving UHC.

Dr. Jim Yong Kim
President, World Bank
UHC Forum 2017
GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR SURGICAL, OBSTETRIC, TRAUMA, AND ANAESTHESIA  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
December 31, 2017 and 2016

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GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR SURGICAL, OBSTETRIC, TRAUMA, AND ANAESTHESIA
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Lack of access to surgical, obstetric, trauma, and anaesthesia care is not about numbers and statistics. It's about saving and transforming the lives of people impacted by disease, injury and life circumstance. It's a family that is unable to travel the long distance required to access the surgical care that could save the life of a loved one. It's a child who is unable to attend school due to a disability that should have been corrected at birth. It’s a bereaved mother, facing pain and isolation when she should be celebrating the birth of a child.

Join us and save lives.