



The G4 Alliance Global Action Plan

Starting in July 2015, the G4 Alliance and its partners will begin rolling out a global consultation process designed to collect input and build consensus for a Global Action Plan that will guide the G4 Alliance's advocacy, policy, and fundraising strategy in support of global surgical, obstetric, trauma and anaesthesia care around the world. The consultation process will include a series of monthly [webinars](#), an online consultation process, as well as [regional launches and consultative meetings](#).

Our goal is to build a common platform for international and local stakeholders to contribute to the development of a civil society response and global accountability framework to support the implementation of the recently passed WHO resolution on surgical care and anaesthesia, as well as country-level efforts to integrate surgical care as part of health systems strengthening efforts.

Why Now?

On May 22, 2015 WHO resolution 68/31 on "[Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage](#)" was unanimously approved during 68th World Health Assembly. This historic resolution represents an important step towards opening the door to national capacity building, health systems strengthening and overall greater prioritization of essential surgical and anaesthesia care for those in need, often at the community and district hospital level.

Civil society actors (i.e. non-governmental organizations and private sector) will play an important role in supporting efforts to adopt this resolution at the country-level, and will contribute important knowledge and expertise to the development of guidelines and targets as well as a global accountability framework. The G4 Alliance is supportive of these efforts and seeks to provide a platform for experts and stakeholders from around the world to come together to develop a plan for supporting global advocacy and policy efforts.

What is the Process?

Regional meetings are being organized to obtain input from a broad range of global organizations. The consultative process will be open to global surgery stakeholders who will be invited to submit feedback online, via Webinars and through in-person representation during regional consultations. Regional meetings and launches are also designed to raise awareness about the G4 Alliance and most importantly to facilitate engagement with regional and national health authorities and political dignitaries to set the stage for future G4 Alliance engagement.

The G4 Alliance team has proposed five (5) framework elements to serve as focal points and specific action items for the consensus building process. The recommended framework elements will be reviewed and updated throughout the consultative process. Proposed key framework elements include:

- 1) Key Messages
- 2) National Goals, Targets and Metrics
- 3) International Standards and Guidelines
- 4) Monitoring and Evaluation: Developing a Platform to Collect Operative Case Log Data
- 5) Monitoring and Evaluation: Developing a Platform to Track Training, Activities and Partnerships

Key framework elements reviewed throughout the consultative process will be used to develop a policy and advocacy platform as well as an implementation and global accountability framework supported by G4 Alliance member organizations and partners.

Figure 1. Laying the Groundwork for a G4 Global Action Plan: Key Framework Elements



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5 Key Framework Elements to be Considered During the Consultative Process

<p>1 Key Messages</p>	<p>G4 Alliance organizations need to develop a targeted messaging strategy to impact:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="401 370 884 505"> <p>The Public Redefine public perception of 'surgery' e.g. <i>Surgery is a human right; Surgical care saves lives; Surgical care strengthens health systems</i></p> </td> <td data-bbox="884 370 1346 505"> <p>Policymakers/Governments Affect policy e.g. <i>Investing in essential surgical services in LMICs is cost-effective; Surgery saves lives and promotes economic growth</i></p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p>The Public Redefine public perception of 'surgery' e.g. <i>Surgery is a human right; Surgical care saves lives; Surgical care strengthens health systems</i></p>	<p>Policymakers/Governments Affect policy e.g. <i>Investing in essential surgical services in LMICs is cost-effective; Surgery saves lives and promotes economic growth</i></p>	<p>Internally G4 Member Organizations can customize messaging for promotional purposes Messages can be adopted to fit local context and supplemented with relevant statistics</p>	<p>Externally Consistent messaging to the Public from G4 Members and external sources Consistent messaging from G4 Alliance Organizations to Policymakers & Governments</p>	
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<p>2 Goals, Targets & Metrics</p>	<p>Directing prioritization of resources, informing health policy and service provision, and operationalizing a G4 Global Action plan through the definition of:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="401 597 590 711"> <p>Goals Purpose and Direction</p> </td> <td data-bbox="590 597 842 711"> <p>Targets Concrete, Measurable, Time-bound Objectives</p> </td> <td data-bbox="842 597 1346 711"> <p>Metrics Standards for Evaluation, Performance Assessment, Accountability Frameworks</p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p>Goals Purpose and Direction</p>	<p>Targets Concrete, Measurable, Time-bound Objectives</p>	<p>Metrics Standards for Evaluation, Performance Assessment, Accountability Frameworks</p>	<p>Internally Synchronous & coordinated data gathering by Member Organizations at the country level Member organizations remain focused on measurable programs that support collective goals Support of G4 Member Organization efforts to secure funding</p>	<p>Externally Focused advocacy efforts to facilitate incorporation of surgical care into other global health metrics and targets Measurable national targets to drive country-level health plans Greater country-level accountability through transparency of results</p>
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<p>3 International Standards & Guidelines</p>	<p>Document optimal resources necessary for stratified levels of surgical and anaesthesia care within a healthcare system. Standards will serve as a metric to assess improvements of the health system</p> <p>For each facility level there will be standards for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific procedures Specific equipment and facility needs Specific clinical protocols & expertise (preoperative, postoperative, anesthesia, critical care, trauma, nursing, etc.) Training & education standards (defined at the national level) 			<p>Internally Align G4 Member Organizations to focus on specific healthcare system elements in their own work</p>	<p>Externally Concrete framework for governments and multilateral partners to build, strengthen, or reorganize surgical systems Principles of safety and quality at the forefront of health system strengthening</p>			
<p>4 Data Platform to Capture Operative Case Data*</p>	<p>Long-term effort to build a data platform capitalizing on widely accessible global technology platforms and expanding global connectivity</p> <p>Global Data Platform to Capture Operative Case Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build multidisciplinary consensus around basic procedural case registry Promote transparency and access to data Support reporting of de-identified data at the hospital on a regional and national level Provide real data instead of estimates Build on existing case-based registries Support quality and safety reporting Registry needs to be build with end-user as a primary consideration 			<p>Patient-Level Capture basic patient data elements Inform assessments of national surgical workforce Champion surgical quality improvement efforts</p>	<p>System-Level Capture basic patient data elements Inform assessments of national surgical workforce Champion surgical quality improvement efforts</p>			
<p>5 Data Platform to Track Training, Activities, & Partnerships*</p>	<p>Data platform to facilitate training, collaboration and scaling of efforts</p> <p>Health system guidance and development requires coordination at the global level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data platform to track training, activities, and partnerships Integrate existing data platforms Track training initiatives, partnerships & other educational efforts Sustainable: Designed to grow and stay relevant with scale up 			<p>All Key Framework Elements proposed to be included in the G4 Global Action Plan should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful Achievable Sustainable & Scalable Collective Acceptable Simple, Easily Conveyed, Fundable 				

*Steps 4 & 5 Designed to support existing World Health Organization and Country-Level Efforts

<p>PHASE 1: Consensus-Building and Endorsement (2015-2016)</p>				<p>PHASE 2: Advocacy & Collaboration (2016-2020)</p>	<p>PHASE 3: Scale-up & Maturation (2020-2030)</p>
<p>July-December 2015 Monthly global online consultative meetings & webinars Regional Consultations in coordination with G4 Regional Launches</p>	<p>December 2015 G4 Board Meeting Finalization of select Key Framework Elements with voting and adoption by Permanent Council Development of remaining Key Elements</p>	<p>January-June 2016 Monthly global online consultative meetings & webinars, Regional Consultations in coordination with G4 Regional Launches</p>	<p>May-June 2016 Board Meeting, Presentation of final draft of remaining framework elements with voting and adoption by Permanent Council</p>	<p>Disseminate G4 Action Plan to Policymakers & Governments to directly influence national health plans to build surgical capacity & to promote effective metrics & strong accountability frameworks</p>	

Upcoming Regional Consultations

September 11, 2015 | 10:15 am – 3:00 pm

G4 Regional Launch Event and Consultative Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic

Corinthia Towers Hotel | Prague, Czech Republic

Co-Hosted by ICS and the G4 Alliance

During the International College of Surgeons 80th Anniversary Jubilee World Congress



JUBILEE WORLD CONGRESS TO 80th ANNIVERSARY
OF FOUNDING OF ICS IN PRAGUE AND IN PILSEN

September 9th – 12th 2015

www.icsczech.cz

Register for the G4 Consultative Meeting in Prague [HERE](#)

Or visit <http://goo.gl/forms/F4djrEt6kO>

G4 Participants will also receive a pass to attend the Jubilee World Congress including scientific sessions and the opening banquet in Prague.

Lunch and refreshments will be served.

More information about the ICS Jubilee World Congress [here](#).

September 22, 2015 | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

G4 Regional Launch Event and Consultative Meeting, Lima, Peru

Hotel Westin | Lima, Peru

Co-Hosted by CLASA, WFSA, Operation Smile and the G4 Alliance

During CLASA 33rd Regional Congress



Register for the G4 Consultative Meeting in Peru [HERE](#)

Or visit <http://goo.gl/forms/BCyjR9benW>

Lunch and refreshments will be served.

More information about the CLASA 33rd Regional Congress [here](#).



G4 Alliance Webinar Series

As part of the G4 Alliance global consultative process, we have been hosting a series of webinars designed to contextualize the work of the G4 within the global development landscape and to introduce global surgery stakeholders to the Key Elements that will provide the basis for the G4's Global Action Plan.



Join us for Our Next G4 Webinar!

Developing a Global Surgery Advocacy Plan: Goals, Targets & Metrics

Monday September 21, 2015 | 10:30 am EDT / 4:30 pm CEST

Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/G4Webinar3>

More Information

Video and slides from previous webinars, along with further information about upcoming webinars can be found online:

www.theg4alliance.org/webinars/