

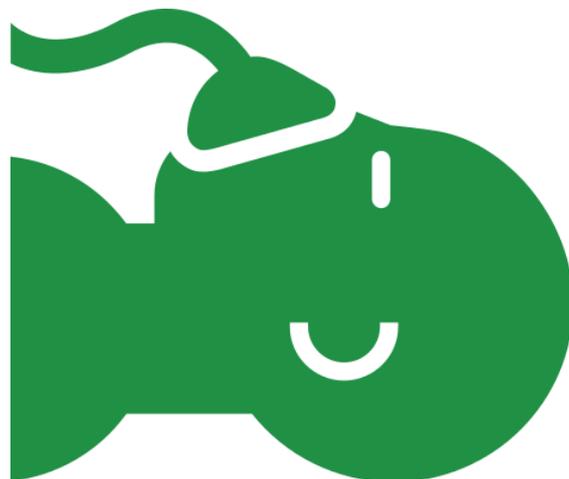


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# THE RIGHT STUFF!

## WORLD ANAESTHESIA DAY 2018

JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE  
OF EQUIPMENT IN PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING  
ANAESTHESIA CARE



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# WHAT IS THE CAMPAIGN ABOUT?

For **World Anaesthesia Day 2018** the WFSA will work with our Member Societies and Regional Sections to share [“The Right Stuff”](#) campaign with anaesthesia providers globally. Also starting this year the WFSA is part of the [World Restart a Heart Day](#) campaign to raise awareness of the importance of CPR.

**#TheRightStuff**      **#WorldRestartAHeartDay**

Last year, the WFSA used World Anaesthesia Day to highlight the need for adequate numbers of anaesthesia providers following the publication of our [‘Global Anaesthesia Workforce Map’](#) by asking anaesthesia providers to join in our ‘Count Me In!’ campaign.

**Anaesthesia-related mortality  
in low- and middle-income  
countries can be as high as  
one in 300.**

This year, alongside the World Health Organisation, the WFSA published the [WHO-WFSA International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anesthesia](#) for the first time. As well as workforce, the International Standards also highlight how important adequate facilities and equipment are to providing safe anaesthesia care.

Using WHO language, the International Standards describe equipment such as the **pulse oximeter and continuous waveform capnography** as **“highly recommended”** (the equivalent of mandatory) and **“recommended”** respectively, and will ideally elevate continuous waveform capnography to **“highly recommended”** when appropriately robust and suitably priced devices are available.

**This World Anaesthesia Day we would like your help in drawing attention to the vital role that equipment plays in providing safe anaesthesia by highlighting your favourite anaesthesia equipment.**

# WHY CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHT STUFF?

## THE GLOBAL CRISIS

The [Lancet Commission on Global Surgery](#) (2015) confirmed what we already knew; a large number of people do not have access to safe and affordable anaesthesia and are dying as a result. Specifically 16.9 million every year.

*Many of these 16,900,000 lives could be saved.*

This figure is four times higher than the number of people dying annually from malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis combined. It is only 600,000 fewer annual deaths than the number one global killer, cardiovascular diseases. Yet these facts are not well known.

## THE SOLUTION

A lack of appropriate equipment, including those deemed “highly recommended” and “recommended” in the [WHO-WFSA International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anesthesia](#), along with a lack of trained anaesthesia providers in low and middle income countries, contribute to this high number. In many countries anaesthesia and surgery are simply not safe and so national health systems must **prioritise anaesthesia and surgery as a core component of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in order to ensure the needs of the neglected surgical patient are met.**

## THE FINANCIAL BENEFITS

However, this area of global health is still relatively unknown and is drastically underfunded. Whilst around 30% of the global burden of disease stems from conditions that could be treated through surgical intervention, almost none of the international aid budgets of governments and NGOs seek to raise awareness or tackle the crisis.

What is also remarkable about the argument for scaling up safe anaesthesia and surgical care is that it makes such good sense economically.

The World Bank’s Disease Control Priorities 3 (2015) report on Essential Surgery tells us that ***low income countries could gain \$10 worth of health benefits for every \$1 invested.***

# ON THE DAY

16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

There are many ways that you can join in **#TheRightStuff** campaign to raise awareness of the need for appropriate anaesthesia equipment

## BE VOCAL

To take part, simply print out the poster in this pack and fill it in with the name of your favourite anaesthesia equipment (see on the next page for suggestions) and the name of the country where you work.



[@WFSAorg](https://twitter.com/WFSAorg)

## ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Take a photo of you or your team with the poster and ideally with the piece of equipment and share it on social media with the hashtag **#TheRightStuff**. You can also use the following hashtags:

#WorldAnaesthesiaDay #WAD2018  
#SafeAnaesthesiaSavesLives



[@WFSAORG](https://www.facebook.com/WFSAORG)

And tweet and share your support with us at [@WFSAorg](https://twitter.com/WFSAorg)

## AND SPREAD THE WORD!

Challenge other anaesthesia providers in your country or region to take part in The Right Stuff campaign by sharing our promotional materials (available on the [WFSA website](https://www.wfsa.org)).

# #THERIGHTSTUFF EXAMPLES

The [WHO-WFSA International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anesthesia](#) suggests standards for equipment which you could use in your #TheRightStuff poster.

Examples of anaesthesia equipment that you could write on your poster, taken from the International Standards, are:

Tilting operating table	For plenum systems:
Oxygen concentrator, cylinders or pipeline for supply of oxygen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inspired oxygen concentration monitor<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anti-hypoxia device</li></ul></li><li>• System to prevent misconnection of gas sources (e.g., tank yokes, hose connectors)</li></ul>
Oropharyngeal airways	Automated ventilator with disconnect alarm
Facemasks	IV pressure infusor bag
Laryngoscope and laryngoscope blades	Device for warming IV fluids and blood
Endotracheal tubes	Continuous waveform capnography
Intubation aids (e.g., Magill forceps, bougie, stylet)	Temperature monitor (intermittent)
Suction device and suction catheters	Temperature monitor (continuous electronic)
Self-inflating bags	Peripheral neuromuscular transmission monitor
Equipment for IV infusions and injection of medications	Supraglottic airways
Equipment for spinal anesthesia or regional blocks	Infusion pumps
Defibrillator	Warming blanket
Stethoscope	Overhead heater (for neonates)
Pulse oximeter	Infant incubator
Carbon dioxide detector	Intensive care ventilator
Non-invasive blood pressure monitor with cuff	Inhalational anesthetic concentration monitor
Electrocardiogram	Intra-arterial blood pressure monitor
System for delivering inhalational anesthesia (draw-over or plenum)	



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# OTHER ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

## WORLD RESTART A HEART DAY

World Restart a Heart Day, also on 16th October, is a global initiative to increase awareness about the importance of bystander CPR and to also increase actual bystander CPR rates worldwide. You can find materials and more information on how you can get involved with the World Restart a Heart Day campaign by visiting the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) website [here](#), or by emailing [comms@wfsahq.org](mailto:comms@wfsahq.org).

## READ AND LEARN

There are many interesting publications which discuss anaesthesia and its role within global health. Two of the most important publications from The Lancet and The World Bank are great starting points to learn more. Global Surgery 2030: evidence and solutions for achieving health, welfare, and economic development, The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery (2015)  
Disease Control Priorities 3: Essential Surgery, The World Bank (2015)

Please also take a look at our fact sheets on global health and anaesthesia and global health financing on our advocacy page [here](#).

## ENGAGE YOUR MEMBER SOCIETY

The WFSA works with many of our Member Societies on advocacy issues throughout the year. However, if you would like to help raise awareness about a certain issue within your country, we have resources available to you. Additionally, we are able to offer Member Societies additional tools and resources to help them engage with the Ministry of Health in individual countries. For more information please email

[comms@wfsahq.org](mailto:comms@wfsahq.org).





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