Challenges in Global Surgery

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• None
Clinical Challenges

• Access to care
• Quality of care
• Records and Follow-up

• Scope of practice
• Different resources
• Limited anesthesia resources
Clinical Challenges
Solutions to Clinical Challenges

- Partnership
  - Long-term relationships
  - Multidisciplinary

- Listen, listen, listen
- Humility
Research Challenges

- Data quality
- Time for research
- Contextual relevance
- Publication bias

- Publication equity
- International IRBs
Addressing Research Challenges

• Partnership
  – Addresses time limitation
  – Contextual relevance
• Prioritize equity and capacity building

• Plan for extra time
• Making the case to your chair
Funding Challenges

• Limited grant funding in HIC

• Limited departmental support

• Extremely limited resources for local partners
Addressing Funding Challenges

• Start with project which need limited funds
  – Quality improvement
  – Education
• Synergies between HIC and LMIC

• GlobalSurg and other multinational projects
• Philanthropic funding
Ethical Challenges

• Unintentional harm
• Patient vulnerabilities
• Situational standards of care
• Cultural competency
• Extractive Research
Addressing Ethical Challenges

- Partnership
- Needs assessments
- Vigilance
- Patience
Thank you!

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