

# Updated Useful Resources and Links for Orthopaedics Global Engagement (2026)

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## AID & EQUIPMENT SUPPORT

### Aid to Hospitals Worldwide (A2HW)

Collects, refurbishes, and redistributes surplus NHS medical equipment for reuse in low-resource hospitals. Volunteer engineers and device technicians historically supported safety checks and packaging, with operations centred in West Sussex. The UK charity entity has been dissolved, but legacy redistribution projects are referenced in public directories.

**Address:** Poplars, Yapton Lane, Walberton, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0AS. **Website/Logo:** [a2hw.org.uk](http://a2hw.org.uk) (legacy).

### Medical Aid International (MedAid)

Provides context-appropriate equipment packages and **biomedical engineering training** for LMIC hospitals; services span sourcing, refurbishment, installation, and after-care. They run a formal training academy to empower local technicians and enhance equipment lifespan.

**Email:** [tim@medaid.co.uk](mailto:tim@medaid.co.uk) | **Phone:** +44 (0)1234 930394 | **Website/Logo:** <https://medaid.co.uk>

### UK-Med

WHO-verified Emergency Medical Team (EMT) deployments to disasters, conflict, and outbreaks; multidisciplinary rosters include surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, rehabilitation, and public-health staff. Beyond response, UK-Med supports **preparedness training** and national EMT development. **Email:** [enquiries@uk-med.org](mailto:enquiries@uk-med.org) | **Phone:** 0300 140 9984 |

**Address:** Elliot House, 151 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3WD | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.uk-med.org>

## Lifebox Foundation

Improves peri-operative safety across three pillars: **anaesthesia safety, infection reduction, and teamwork**. Delivers pulse oximeters, capnography, headlights, and QI training with global partners (e.g., WHO/WFSA). **Email:** [info@lifebox.org](mailto:info@lifebox.org) | **Phone:** +44 (0)203 286 0402 | **Address:** 21 Portland Place, London W1B 1PY | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.lifebox.org>

## SIGN Fracture Care International

Designs/donates **intramedullary nail systems** for surgery **without fluoroscopy**, enabling safe trauma care where imaging is limited; maintains a large global trauma registry and provides training/mentorship. **Email:** [info@signfracturecare.org](mailto:info@signfracturecare.org) | **Phone:** +1 509-371-1107 | **Address:** 451 Hills St, Ste B, Richland, WA 99354, USA | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.signfracturecare.org>

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## TRAINING, EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIPS

### AO Alliance / AO Trauma Global

Delivers LMIC-specific fracture-care education, simulation, and **national trauma plan** support, emphasising sustainable capacity building and equity. **HQ:** Clavadelerstrasse 8, Davos, Switzerland. **General contact:** via website form. **Website/Logo:** <https://ao-alliance.org>

### COSECSA (College of Surgeons of East, Central & Southern Africa)

Regional postgraduate training, accreditation of hospitals, and competency-based fellowship exams across 14 countries; programmes include orthopaedics, plastics, ENT, neurosurgery, paediatrics and more. **Email:** [info@cosecsa.org](mailto:info@cosecsa.org) | **Phone:** +255 27 254 9362/5/6 | **Address:** 157 Olorien, Njiro Rd, Arusha, Tanzania | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.cosecsa.org>

### SICOT – The World Orthopaedic Organisation

Global society offering fellowships, congresses, diploma examinations, webinars, and research collaboration; active partnerships with WHO and MSF. **General Email:** [hq@sicot.org](mailto:hq@sicot.org) | **Phone:** +32 469 13 60 18 | **Address:** Da Vincilaan 1, 1930 Zaventem, Belgium | **Website/Logo:** <https://sicot.org>. (Fellowships: [fellowships@sicot.org](mailto:fellowships@sicot.org))

### World Orthopaedic Concern UK (WOC-UK)

Builds LMIC partnerships via visiting faculty, trainee exchanges, and courses on orthopaedic practice in low-resource settings; UK advocacy through BOA links. **Email:** [wocukoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wocukoffice@gmail.com) | **Phone:** +44 7951 166936 | **Address:** 15 Chapel Lane, Leicester LE2 3WF | **Website/Logo:** <https://wocuk.org>

## Primary Trauma Care Foundation (PTCF)

Two-day **PTC course** + instructor cascade model for early trauma care with minimal equipment; delivered with Ministries of Health and WHO in >60 countries. **Email:** [chair@primarytraumacare.org](mailto:chair@primarytraumacare.org) | **Phone:** +44 7796 246599 | **Address:** PO Box 880, Oxford OX1 9PG | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.primarytraumacare.org>

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## MISSION & SERVICE-BASED ORGANISATIONS

### Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) – UK

Delivers emergency medical/surgical care in conflict, epidemics, and disasters; orthopaedic roles include trauma, fixation, infection control, and rehab support. **General Office (UK):** office-ldn@london.msf.org | **Phone:** +44 (0)20 7404 6600 | **Website/Logo:** <https://msf.org.uk> (Recruitment via website). Media: [media@london.msf.org](mailto:media@london.msf.org).

### Mercy Ships (UK)

Operates hospital ships providing orthopaedics, plastics, maxillofacial and general surgery plus anaesthesia/nursing/biomed training, primarily in West Africa. **Email:** [info@mercyships.org.uk](mailto:info@mercyships.org.uk) | **Phone:** +44 (0)1438 727800 | **Address:** The Lighthouse, 12 Meadway Court, Stevenage SG1 2EF | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.mercyships.org.uk>

### CURE International

Network of paediatric surgical hospitals delivering orthopaedics, reconstructive and neurosurgical care (e.g., clubfoot, deformities, burns); strong national surgeon training focus. **Email:** [info@cure.org](mailto:info@cure.org) | **Phone:** +1 616-512-3105 | **Website/Logo:** <https://cure.org>

### CBM (Christian Blind Mission / CBM Global)

Disability-inclusive programmes spanning orthopaedics, rehab, CBR, and humanitarian response; collaborates with governments/NGOs. **Email (Global):** [hello@cbm-global.org](mailto:hello@cbm-global.org) | **Phone (US office):** +1 800 937 2264; **Phone (Germany):** +49 6251 131 131 | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.cbm.org> / <https://cbm-global.org>.

### VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas)

Places experienced clinicians (surgeons, anaesthetists, physios, educators) in long-term, capacity-building roles with ministries, universities and hospitals. **General Enquiries (International):** [enquiry@vsoint.org](mailto:enquiry@vsoint.org) | **Phone (UK):** +44 (0)20 8780 7500 | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.vsointernational.org>

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## SPECIALIST ORTHOPAEDIC & SUB-SPECIALTY INITIATIVES

### British Society for Surgery of the Hand (BSSH) – Global Partnerships Committee

Supports sustainable hand-surgery education and service development in low- and middle-income countries through institutional partnerships, visiting faculty, and skills-transfer programmes. The committee prioritises long-term relationships aligned with local training needs rather than short-term missions. Opportunities exist for UK hand surgeons and trainees to contribute to teaching, mentorship, and curriculum development.

**Email:** [secretariat@bssh.ac.uk](mailto:secretariat@bssh.ac.uk) | **Website:** <https://www.bssh.ac.uk/overseas.aspx>

### British Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society (BOFAS) – Global Education Working Group

Delivers foot and ankle education tailored to low-resource settings through courses, visiting professorships, and partnership programmes. The group focuses on sustainable education, shared learning, and supporting local faculty development. UK members can engage through teaching, content development, and collaborative projects with partner institutions. **Email:** [global@bofas.org.uk](mailto:global@bofas.org.uk); [coo@bofas.org.uk](mailto:coo@bofas.org.uk) | **Website:** <https://www.bofas.org.uk/clinician/education/bofas-global>

### British Hip Society (BHS) – International Development Committee

Promotes global collaboration in adult reconstruction by supporting education, training exchanges, and service development with international partners. The committee works to improve hip surgery standards through mentorship, visiting fellowships, and knowledge exchange aligned with local priorities. Engagement is aimed at long-term capacity building rather than episodic outreach. **Email:** [admin@britishhipsociety.com](mailto:admin@britishhipsociety.com) | **Website:** <https://britishhipsociety.com/committees/international-development/remit>

### British Orthopaedic Oncology Society (BOOS)

Represents specialist interests in musculoskeletal oncology, with growing engagement in international education and collaboration. Activities include sharing guidelines, multidisciplinary learning, and supporting global partners managing bone and soft-tissue tumours in resource-limited environments. Opportunities mainly involve teaching, case discussion forums, and professional networking.

### British Orthopaedic Trainees Association (BOTA)

National representative body for UK orthopaedic trainees, with an increasing focus on global surgery exposure and advocacy. BOTA supports trainee involvement in overseas education, research collaborations, and capacity-building initiatives, often in partnership with senior specialty societies. It provides a platform to share opportunities, experiences, and guidance for trainees exploring global orthopaedics. **Website:** <https://www.bota.org.uk/>

## Global Clubfoot Initiative (GCI)

Coalition coordinating national Ponseti programmes, training materials, and monitoring frameworks; runs delayed-presenting clubfoot (DPC) training and mini-grants for rehab groups. **Email (training):** [training@globalclubfoot.org](mailto:training@globalclubfoot.org) | **Exec Contact:** [rosalind.owen@globalclubfoot.org](mailto:rosalind.owen@globalclubfoot.org) | **Phone (UK):** +44 7792 067277 | **Website/Logo:** <https://globalclubfoot.org>

## Feet First Worldwide

UK orthopaedic charity focused on limb deformity correction and disability prevention with training and equipment support, notably in Malawi and other LMICs. **Email:** [info@feetfirstworldwide.com](mailto:info@feetfirstworldwide.com) (alt: [feetfirstworldwide@gmail.com](mailto:feetfirstworldwide@gmail.com)) | **Phone (UK):** +44 7973 766891 (alt: +44 7565 922609) | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.feetfirstworldwide.info>

## Kenya Orthopaedic Project (via Future Health Africa Trauma Team)

Long-term UK–Kenya collaboration delivering trauma/orthopaedic surgical camps, training, curriculum support, and continuous rehab follow-up under **Future Health Africa**. **Email:** [info@futurehealthafrica.org](mailto:info@futurehealthafrica.org) | **Phone (UK):** +44 7725 071441 | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.futurehealthafrica.org>

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## PLASTIC, RECONSTRUCTIVE & CROSS-SPECIALTY LINKS

### BAPRAS – International & Humanitarian Work

Supports reconstructive education, fellowships, and global partnerships; provides guidance and event programmes. **Email:** [secretariat@bapras.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@bapras.org.uk) | **Phone:** +44 (0)20 7831 5161 | **Address:** 38–43 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.bapras.org.uk>.

### British Foundation for International Reconstructive Surgery & Training (BFIRST)

UK-based charity supporting sustainable reconstructive and orthopaedic surgical care in low- and middle-income countries. BFIRST works through long-term institutional partnerships to deliver training, mentorship, and service development—particularly in trauma, limb reconstruction, and complex musculoskeletal conditions. Emphasis is placed on local capacity building, multidisciplinary team development, and education rather than short-term mission work. Opportunities are available for UK surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, and allied health professionals to contribute to teaching visits, curriculum development, and collaborative projects. **Email:** [info@bfirst.org.uk](mailto:info@bfirst.org.uk) | **Phone:** [020 7831 5161](tel:02078315161) | **Address:** BFIRST c/o UK Registered Charity Office, London, UK | **Website:** <https://bfirst.org.uk/>

## ReSurge International

Builds reconstructive capacity in LMICs through surgeon training and free patient care across burns, cleft and complex reconstruction. **Email:** [info@resurge.org](mailto:info@resurge.org) | **Phone:** +1 408-737-8743 | **Address:** 756 N. Pastoria Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94085, USA | **Website/Logo:** <https://resurge.org>.

## ENT services/partnerships in Zambia (example: CURE Zambia ENT)

Regular ENT surgery, screening, and rehab for children; partnerships with MoH and CBM to expand ENT capacity nationally. **Website/Logo:** <https://zambia.cure.org/surgery/ent/> (contact via CURE Zambia).

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## BOOKS, LEARNING MATERIALS & KNOWLEDGE ACCESS

### Health Books International (formerly TALC)

Provides **low-cost textbooks and training materials** for LMIC clinicians (formerly Teaching Aids at Low Cost). Orders and support via website; legacy TALC contacts remain referenced in public directories. **Website/Logo:** <https://healthbooksinternational.org> | **Legacy Email:** [info@talcuk.org](mailto:info@talcuk.org) | **Legacy Phone (UK):** +44 (0)1727 853869.

### HINARI (WHO / Research4Life)

Offers free/low-cost access to thousands of journals and textbooks for eligible institutions; central helpdesk available for access issues. **Programme Info:** <https://www.research4life.org/about/programs/hinari/> | **Support Email:** [hinari@who.int](mailto:hinari@who.int).

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## GLOBAL SURGERY NETWORKS & ADVOCACY

### GlobalSurg / NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Global Surgery

Large collaborative network and trials unit improving surgical outcomes through multicentre studies, trials (e.g., FALCON, CHEETAH), and hubs across LMICs. **General Email:** [enquiry@globalsurg.org](mailto:enquiry@globalsurg.org) | **More contacts:** [cheetah@trials.bham.ac.uk](mailto:cheetah@trials.bham.ac.uk); [falcon@trials.bham.ac.uk](mailto:falcon@trials.bham.ac.uk) | **Website/Logo:** <https://www.globalsurgeryunit.org>.

### The G4 Alliance (Surgery–Obstetrics–Trauma–Anaesthesia)

International advocacy network building political priority for surgical care as part of UHC and health security agendas. **Email:** [info@theg4alliance.org](mailto:info@theg4alliance.org) | **Alt Email:** [contact@g4alliance.org](mailto:contact@g4alliance.org) | **Phone:** +1-888-383-0343 | **Address:** 1050 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036, USA | **Website/Logo:** <https://theg4alliance.org>.

## Royal College of Surgeons (England) – Global Surgery & Policy

RCS England supports global surgery through education, policy (with LSE GSPU), and partnerships. **General Enquiries:** [reception@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:reception@rcseng.ac.uk) | **Phone:** +44 (0)20 7405 3474 | **Address:** 38–43 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE | **Policy unit:** RCS England–LSE Global Surgery Policy Unit.

*Additional: RCSI Institute of Global Surgery (Dublin) – programme enquiries:*  
[globalsurgery@rcsi.com](mailto:globalsurgery@rcsi.com).

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## How to get involved

### For consultants and senior trainees

- **Deploy in emergencies with UK-Med:** Join the UK-EMT roster (surgery, anaesthesia, critical care, rehab, public health). Start via UK-Med’s website or email [enquiries@uk-med.org](mailto:enquiries@uk-med.org).
- **Apply for orthopaedic fellowships via SICOT:** Explore short/long fellowships; initial enquiries to [fellowships@sicot.org](mailto:fellowships@sicot.org).
- **Teach trauma with PTCF:** Volunteer as faculty or help seed national PTC programmes; contact [chair@primarytraumacare.org](mailto:chair@primarytraumacare.org).
- **Support fracture care capacity with AO Alliance:** Engage as faculty/partner institution (contact via website form).
- **Serve on Mercy Ships or with MSF:** Explore clinical volunteer roles and deployment requirements (Mercy Ships [info@mercyships.org.uk](mailto:info@mercyships.org.uk) / MSF recruitment via website, general office [office-ldn@london.msf.org](mailto:office-ldn@london.msf.org)).
- **Mentor and partner with WOC-UK:** Share expertise through LMIC institutional links; email [secretary@wocuk.org](mailto:secretary@wocuk.org)

### For core trainees, registrars, and students

- **Join GlobalSurg studies:** Contribute data collection and earn collaborative authorship; contact [enquiry@globalsurg.org](mailto:enquiry@globalsurg.org).
- **Clubfoot programmes (GCI):** Access Ponseti training resources or support DPC initiatives; [training@globalclubfoot.org](mailto:training@globalclubfoot.org).
- **Resources for learning/teaching:** Low-cost books from **Health Books International (TALC)**; programme access to journals via **HINARI** (helpdesk [hinari@who.int](mailto:hinari@who.int)).
- **VSO professional placements:** Explore health systems roles and education positions via [recruitment@vsoint.org](mailto:recruitment@vsoint.org) / [enquiry@vsoint.org](mailto:enquiry@vsoint.org).

### Practical tips

- Obtain **professional indemnity** that covers overseas work; clarify NHS/Trust approval for OOP or study leave.
- Prioritise **context-appropriate training** (e.g., external fixation without image intensifier, safe anaesthesia with pulse oximetry/capnography) before deployment; many providers above offer free online modules.
- Align with **host-defined priorities** (twinning, curricula, audit/QI) to ensure sustainability; build in audit and follow-up.