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## BISC NEWS

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*"It is an exciting time to be in the field of global surgery. Finally, the world seems to have woken up to the problem and is working to improve disparities in global access to surgical care. The Master of Global Surgical Care will be a welcome resource for practitioners in the field."*

- Dr. Brian Westerberg, Director

### Chung Research Day

#### A raised profile for global surgical care at this year's WB & MH Chung Research Day.

It excited us immensely to see the UBC Department of Surgery's annual research day filled with such a focus on global surgery this October. Following keynote speaker and president of Médecins Sans Frontières Canada Dr. Wendy Lai, plenary presentations delivered by the BISC's very own Drs. Brian Westerberg, Joseph Margolick, Annie Lalande, Kimberly Luu, and Nicole Jedrzejko (pictured) swept the morning session stage. We're proud to see UBC representing global surgical care!



### New Course for 2018!

#### SURG 516: Program Planning and Evaluation in Surgical Care Low Resource Settings launching January 2018!

Throughout the course, students will explore key concepts, ethical approaches and practices, and practical skills development for planning and evaluation in the surgical care context.

SURG 516 will challenge students to examine and assess evaluation approaches, understand the importance of community engagement, adhere to professional and ethical guidelines, apply health program planning models, and develop assessment plans and logic models.

We are pleased to be offering this online graduate course as part of our Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (GCGSC) program. For more information, please visit our website [curriculum](#) page.

### Our Project Awardees



**Annie Lalande**  
General Surgery  
Gondar University Hospital, Ethiopia

In response to the global burden of trauma and lack of standardized data collection in many countries, general surgery PGY-1 resident Dr. Annie Lalande helped deliver training to local registry archivists in Gondar. By re-establishing Gondar University Hospital's trauma registry, she is examining the distribution and determinants of injury to characterize the trauma population of the area.



**Kristin DeGirolamo**  
General Surgery  
Gondar University Hospital, Ethiopia

General surgery PGY-5 resident Dr. Kristin DeGirolamo co-delivered the fourth offering of the primary trauma care (PTC) training course at Gondar University Hospital. For the first time, the course reached surgical officers and general practitioners from primary and district hospitals, opening the doors of sustainability to improve injury surveillance and to expand the PTC program.

More information on BISC Project Travel Awards is available [online](#).

### Partnering with Women for Women

#### The BISC is excited to be kicking off its partnership with the IPRAS Women for Women Organization.

Dr. Nancy Van Laeken (pictured right), an invaluable member of the BISC advisory committee, works with the *Women for Women* and has for the past two years held fundraisers to help support work in India. This September, we were able to join in co-hosting the Women for Women 3rd Annual Fundraiser. An evening of food and entertainment, the event was a success! Funds raised will go towards providing plastic surgery in India, where Dr. Van Laeken is headed this coming February 2018.



BISC's Dr. Nancy Van Laeken (R), with New York-based Dr. Andrea Pusic (L)



### An Evening to Bring Back Hope

#### An Evening to Bring Back Hope Gala raised \$2 million for spinal patients in support of the humanitarian work of Dr. Rick Hodes and a building partnership with the BISC.

The 2017 Bring Back Hope gala brought together 850 attendees at the Vancouver Convention Centre this past June. Gary Segal launched the Bring Back Hope Initiative for Ethiopia after meeting Dr. Rick Hodes in order to support Rick's mission and BISC surgical research and training in partnership with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV), creating hope for the hundreds of spinal cord patients without access to treatment in Ethiopia.



Now, thanks to the initiative, more residents are able to emulate Dr. Hodes' global commitment. "Our deepened partnership with Dr. Hodes will enrich training and research opportunities," BISC Founding Director Dr. Taylor says. "Together, we will prepare tomorrow's global health leaders to continue delivering life-changing surgical care for the poor and marginalized in Ethiopia and around the world."

