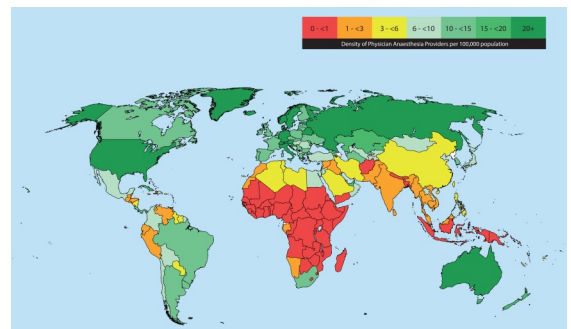




The WFSA works tirelessly to close the gap in anaesthesia and surgery provision that has left 5 of the world's 7 billion people without access to safe and affordable care when needed. 2017 was a year of successful education and training, and increased international advocacy. The scale of the crisis is so huge that it is impossible for one organisation working alone to make a difference and so the WFSA is extremely grateful for the support of our network of 130+ Member Societies, and of our other partners, who contribute to our projects around the world.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

- **The WFSA launched the Global Anaesthesia Workforce Map and published a related article in *Anaesthesia & Analgesia*.** The map and data highlights the crisis in anaesthesia workforce density and shows, that more than 136,000 physician anaesthesia providers are needed *today* to achieve, as an interim target, a density of 5 per 100,000 population in all countries, especially in LMICs.
- **The WFSA contributed at the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva.** The WFSA co-hosted *What's next for surgery & anaesthesia? Civil society & global solutions*, alongside Lifebox and the InciSiON student network, which focused on the surgery and anaesthesia workforce as well as the WFSA Global Position Statement on Anaesthesiology and Universal Health Coverage which highlights the need for WFSA and anaesthesiologist leadership in addressing the crisis. Additionally, we were integral in ensuring the decision to report on the implementation of WHA Resolution 68.15 every 3 years.
- **As part of the scale-up of SAFE courses around the world with over 2,500 anaesthesia providers now trained, the WFSA launched "Happy Birth Days", a short film about the impact of SAFE Obstetric anaesthesia courses in Tanzania.** The film followed nurse anaesthetist Prosper Protas as he visited a former obstetric patient and her baby, while reflecting on the impact of the SAFE course.
- **43 fellows undertook fellowships in 20 institutions, across 12 countries and 8 specialties during 2017.** The WFSA also announced a new Cardiac Anaesthesia Fellowship in Bangalore!
- **With support from Baxter, Diamedica, Gradian, and Masimo, the WFSA sponsored 31 scholars from 19 countries to attend 6 congresses in Sri Lanka (SAARC-AA), Switzerland (Euroanesthesia), the USA (ASA's Anesthesiology), Uruguay (CLASA), Gabon (SARANF), and Nigeria (AAAC).**



2017 TIMELINE



WFSA
WORLD FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OF
ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

JANUARY

WFSA launched a new **Cardiac Anaesthesia Fellowship** in Bangalore, India

FEBRUARY

Baxter Scholars attended the **SAARC-AA Regional Congress** held in Colombo, Sri Lanka

ICRC published an **Anaesthesia Handbook** with the support of the ICRC/WFSA Liaison Group

MARCH

WFSA response to **WHO Global Guidelines For Prevention of Surgical Site Infection** published on WHO website

WFSA partnered with **The Change Exchange (TCE)** to analyse behaviour change after SAFE courses

APRIL

WFSA signed an **MOU with the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO)**

MAY

WFSA co-hosted a side event at **70th World Health Assembly** with Lifebox and the InciSioN student network

WFSA released a **Position Statement on Anaesthesiology and Universal Health Coverage**

Dr Alan Jay Schwartz was named new **Editor-in-Chief of Update in Anaesthesia (UIA)**

JUNE

Baxter Scholars attended **Euroanesthesia conference** in Geneva, Switzerland

WFSA **Board and Council meetings** held in London, UK

JULY

WFSA **Fresenius Kabi Anaesthesia Innovation Awards 2017** were announced

The first 2017 **Palestine Anaesthesia Teaching Mission (PATM)** volunteer began teaching

AUGUST

Update in Anaesthesia (UIA) Volume 32 was published

Article about the WFSA Global Anaesthesia Workforce Map was published in NPR Goats & Soda section

SEPTEMBER

The **WFSA Global Anesthesia Workforce Survey** research paper was published in *Anesthesia & Analgesia*

Registration opened for the 1st ever SAFE-T Summit, co-hosted by the WFSA and the Royal Society of Medicine in London on 13th April 2018

A new **University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Research Fellowship** was announced

OCTOBER

World Anaesthesia Day was celebrated across the world with many national events and on WFSA social media

WFSA **Baxter Scholars** attended **3 events** - the American Society of Anesthesiologists meeting in Boston, USA; the CLASA congress in Montevideo, Uruguay; and the SARANF congress in Libreville, Gabon

NOVEMBER

WFSA Council Member **Philippe Mavoungou** gave statement to the **WHO Executive Board**

WFSA launched **Happy Birth Days**, a short film about the impact of SAFE obstetrics courses in Tanzania

An amazing **10 scholars** attended the **All Africa Anaesthesia Congress (AAAC)** in Abuja, Nigeria

DECEMBER

Ethiopian Ministry of Health ran a **SAFE Obstetrics course** in the Oromia region, Ethiopia

WFSA published **25 Anaesthesia Tutorials of the Week (ATOTW)** throughout 2017, with a new self directed CME/CPD quiz and more versions also published in Spanish, French and Chinese than ever!

