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InterSurgeon (<https://www.InterSurgeon.org>) is a not-for-profit online site designed to facilitate and support sustainable global surgical collaboration for free. Our dynamic virtual mapping platform allows members to interact within the global surgical ecosystem: providing insights into existing activities, gaps in services, and partnerships opportunities, while facilitating immediate connectivity and concrete action. We believe that long term partnerships are critical to increasing access to safe, timely and affordable surgical, obstetric, trauma and anaesthetic care which we regard as an essential component of strengthening surgical systems and reducing health inequality.

Founded in 2018 by William Harkness and Jim Johnston, both paediatric neurosurgeons, InterSurgeon was designed to be an independent, free, and sustainable social network platform for individuals/institutions in global surgery to join and create partnerships.

Currently, InterSurgeon has over 1300 individual members and 110 organisations representing more than 118 countries (Figures 1 and 2).

Specialty	Members
General Surgery	161
Neurosurgery	564
Cardiothoracic Surgery	13
ENT	13
Ophthalmic Surgery	5
Oral and maxillofacial Surgery	8
Orthopaedic Surgery	25
Plastic, Reconstructive and Burns	82
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	9
Urology	104
Anaesthesia	12
Nursing	8
Allied Health Professionals for Surgery	16
Interventional Radiology	2
Students	187

Figure 1. InterSurgeon members per specialty.

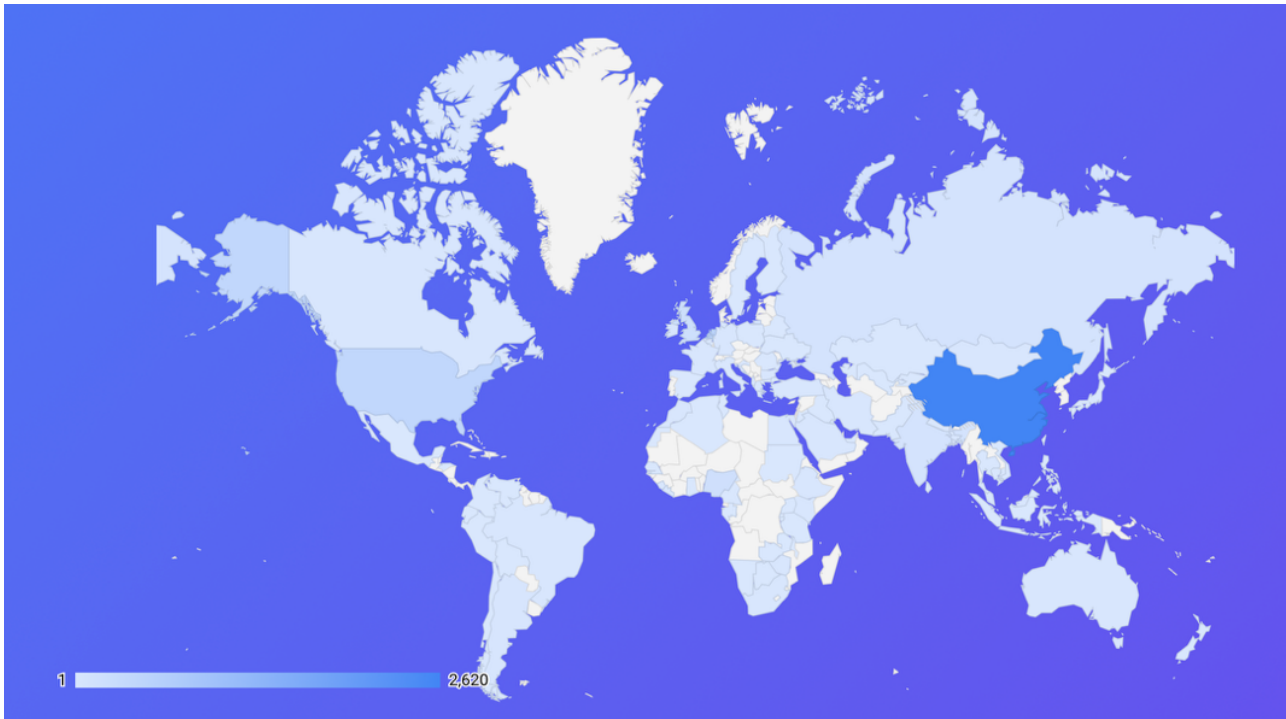


Figure 2. Countries with InterSurgeon Members

Neurosurgeons constitute 43% of the InterSurgeon membership and 40% of the registered organisations are neurosurgery focused, including FIENS, CURE International, NeuroKids, ISPN, Solidarity Bridge, and ReachAnother, amongst others.

InterSurgeon works through an open-access, free registration, validation mechanism. The registration forms have detailed information stratified by specialty which facilitates both broad and specific searches for clinicians and organisations working worldwide. After InterSurgeon validates the profile information of clinicians/organisations, members can immediately start using all the features of the platform. These include free use of augmented reality collaboration software, facilitating immediate connectivity, and tools to build long term partnerships. As a dynamic virtual mapping platform, it can also be modified over time to reflect global surgical community needs. Partnerships are facilitated in 3 ways; our global dynamic maps (Figure 3), an enhanced search function, and a member offer/request system. The member offer/request system has an automatic algorithm which uses preset parameters to match offers and requests and provide member emails straight to personal inboxes (Figure 4).

Providing information about events and training/education opportunities:

InterSurgeon also facilitates communication among clinicians and organisations, aiming to avoid silos and duplicated efforts. All members can contact all other members (using the ‘Contact’ buttons on profiles, offers, and requests) and can post events like webinars, international conferences, etc, shared with other members. InterSurgeon can also serve as a hub for recruiting members for a surgical team, showcase training, scholarship, and fellowship opportunities worldwide. The InterSurgeon team also contacts members to learn more about their work in global surgery, publicize events, and highlights them in our social media channels news page and monthly newsletters. InterSurgeon is active on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram - reaching a further 2000 members of the global surgery community.

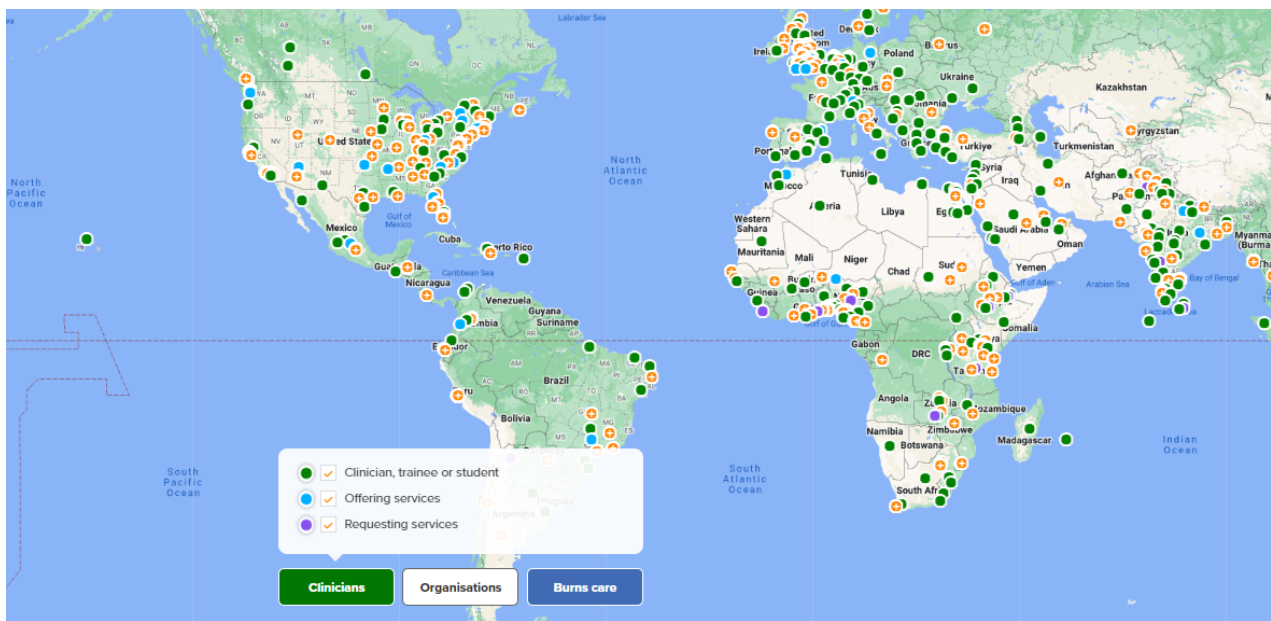


Figure 3. Dynamic mapping of unmet need



Figure 4. Types of offers/requests.

InterSurgeon annual review

In 2025, we had many highlights including a 10% growth in membership and look forward to increasing our membership and engagement rates (see Figure 5).

In addition to member activities, in 2025 3 platform enhancements were released, informed directly by member feedback: expanded allied health professionals' profile, changing name of members to individuals from clinicians, and increasing matching analysis within our offer and request system.

We look forward to growing in 2026 with some exciting projects currently being planned including finalising data collection for our global surgery survey, open to all healthcare professionals (<https://redcap.link/InterSurgeon>). It takes 2-7 minutes. This will help us understand the communities needs and how to serve the community best. QR code is below (Figure 6).





Figure 5. 2025 Infographic



Figure 6. QR code – survey link

Questions about how to get involved in InterSurgeon?

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