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Letter to global health agency leaders on the importance of surgical indicators

We are writing to Margaret Chan (WHO), Jim Yong Kim (World Bank Group), and Raj Shah (USAID) on behalf of 100 global surgical, obstetric, trauma, and anaesthesia federations, societies, academic institutions, and non-governmental organisations, representing more than 400 organisations and 2 million members from more than 150 countries, with regards to the

and anaesthesia care when needed. In recognition of the essential role of surgical care in health systems, we urge you, as global health leaders, to consider inclusion of the following surgical indicators (in order of priority): first, perioperative mortality rate (collection of total annual surgical volume and all-cause mortality rate before discharge among post-operative patients as an indicator of realised access and surgical safety); second, surgical workforce density (number of trained and licensed surgical, anaesthetic, and obstetric providers who are working, per 100 000 population), which informs the availability and accessibility of

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