

The Global Anaesthesia Mapping Project

UK-based anaesthetists are currently working on many different collaborative anaesthetic projects in the resource-poor environment. Projects with the same aims of improving safe anaesthetic delivery by using educational resources and programmes, could be geographically close but not know of each other's existence. In 2012 we became concerned that there was a lack of information to alert fellow anaesthetists to these projects; reports of partnerships taking place in neighbouring towns but remaining unknown to each other were prolific. As overseas partnership work continues to grow it not only made sense, but seemed vital to increase the collaboration between projects, and we set out to develop a way to share knowledge between projects, as well as sharing experience.

The **Global Anaesthesia Collaboration Mapping Project** was created with the following *project aims*:

- Optimise project coordination locally with overseas partners and within the UK
- Provide mentoring expertise and resources for all to share
- Provide a contact point for future partners
- Continue the 'professionalisation' of UK-overseas anaesthesia links

The following **Global Anaesthesia Collaboration Maps** indicate the locations of anaesthetic UK global partnerships and projects that are current or have been recently carried out worldwide. The original data for the mapping project came via the Survey of Anaesthesia Global Collaboration carried out by the AAGBI and THET (<http://www.thet.org>) in 2012 but this data has continued to be updated and expand. The aim is for the mapping project to be an up-to-date representation of UK Global Anaesthesia links and all AAGBI projects amongst others (e.g. SAFE/ PTC) continue to be added to the database.

The project has continued to expand and now also includes non-UK based partnerships as well as pain medicine. Collaboration with other specialities (e.g. ICM/ Surgery) and other countries is underway. The **Global Anaesthesia Collaboration Resource Library** linked to the above projects is underway and will be hosted by the World Federation of Society of Anaesthesiologists (<http://www.wfsahq.org/resources/resource-area>) in collaboration with the AAGBI.

For further details of the project please see-
http://www.aagbi.org/sites/default/files/FEB_ANews_web_1.pdf

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