

Glossary Page for Global Health

COSECSA	College of Surgery for Southern, Eastern and Central Africa, established between participating countries and the RCSI, supported by Irish Aid
ESTHER	The European ESTHER Alliance is a network of countries working in partnership to tackle major diseases and improve healthcare in less developed countries. It involves the twinning of European health institutions with counterparts in less developed countries to strengthen healthcare services by building expertise and sharing experience.
EQUALS	EQUALS is a collaboration between the RCPI and The HSE based on the supply and associated training in relation the provision of essential healthcare equipment, largely to Zambia.
Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies	The Forum is a collaboration of 14 Postgraduate Medical Training bodies in Ireland, each of which is designated by the Irish Medical Council as having a statutory responsibility for postgraduate (specialty) training within its own discipline. The Forum includes representatives from The ICGP, RCSI, RCPI, the College of Anaesthetists. The Forum exists for the dissemination of improved medical education, and also for formal engagement between the constituent bodies and the Medical Council, with particular emphasis on professional competence.
Global Healthcare	Development & delivery of essential health services for individuals who need them, particularly in LMICs
Irish Aid	Irish State Agency with responsibility for the use of Irish Government Aid
International Fellowships	These are structured organised exchanges for students undertaken between educational agencies, for the purpose of transferring clinical knowledge and skills. The Irish College of Anaesthetists has been running such a program for Anaesthetic Trainees from several countries during the last decade.
Lifebox	An NGO formed in 2011 with the objective of providing safer anaesthesia for surgery in LMICs, this now includes a partnership of many medical educational agencies internationally, including the Irish College of Anaesthetists. Lifebox is strategically focused on the provision of robust / appropriate equipment and training with a view to safer anaesthesia in LMICS (see www.Lifebox.org)
LIMCs	Low and Middle Income Countries
North South Partnerships	North South Partnerships in this context mean engagement between agencies from Northern (usually well-resourced / well developed) societies and Southern (usually relatively deprived/developing societies). Apart from this important difference, there is a convenience in time zones, which is a minor practical consideration.
NCDs	Non Communicable diseases, of which chronic diseases are now the single largest emerging group in LMICs

The ICGP Global Healthcare SIG is one of three ICGP SIGs (the others include GP Point of Care Ultrasound, and Nursing and Care Home Medicine). ICGP SIGs reflect sustained and serious interest of groups of ICGP members and their Practice Teams in specific clinical interests.