



The *Lancet Commission* on Global Cancer Surgery

4 Key Takeaways
1 Solution

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The results are shocking: we are far from meeting the immense demand for cancer surgery.

What are the key takeaways, and how can we SOLVE this challenge?

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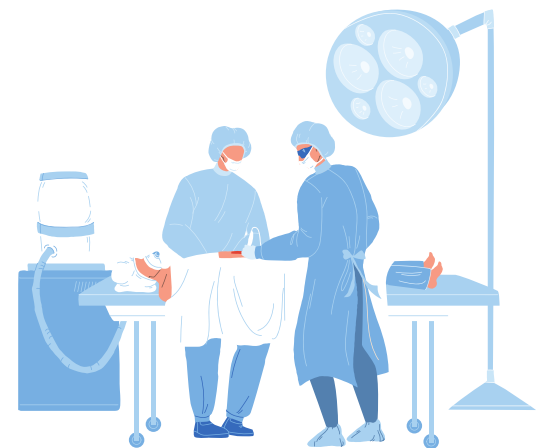
Surgical care is absolutely **KEY** in cancer care

An estimated **65–80%** of
incident cancers will **require**
surgical care.



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The workforce is not meeting the immense need



In 2040, there is a projected
**383% gap in LMICs and
a 25% gap in HICs**
in the surgical care workforce.



For the **anaesthesia** workforce
this gap is projected to be a
staggering **550% for LMICs and
31% in HICs.**



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Inequity between
countries is
particularly concerning

Low-income countries have less
than **one surgeon per 100,000**
population compared with HICs,
which have **57 surgeons per**
100,000 population



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Not investing in surgical care systems is costing us, big time

Global annual economic welfare losses are estimated at **\$7 trillion** from surgical mortality and **\$400 billion** from cancer surgical morbidity.



Provision of cancer surgery alone would **avert \$12 trillion** in direct economic losses worldwide from 2015 to 2030



The investment case for surgical care is clear.



Yet, surgical care systems
remain critically under-
funded

**So, how do we solve
this?**

Pooled financing
has revolutionised the global
health response to Malaria,
TB, HIV/AIDS, and other areas



**Surgical care
is next**





Leading stakeholders in global health all agree that **pooled catalytic funding for surgical care systems** is urgently needed to change these statistics.

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Only by **working together**,
can we tackle this **gross inequity**.

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**Don't read the shocking
numbers and move on.**

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