

PEDIATRIC CARDIAC INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL PCICS COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2018

- NUMBER OF MEMBERS:** The number of members may vary with time but will be limited to a maximum of 20. Whenever possible, these members should be drawn from different geographic locations, eg. Europe, Africa, Latin America, West Asia and the Middle East, East Asia, Oceania. Members may be based in North America if they have significant international links and current professional commitments.
- METHOD OF APPOINTMENT:** The current IC members and committee Co-Chairs shall appoint Committee Co-Chairs representing nurses and doctors. The remaining members will be selected from a list of nominees or volunteers by the Co-Chairs with input from the committee. It is expected that committee members will include not only senior physicians but nurses and junior members as well. All committee members must be active members of the PCICS.
- TERM OF OFFICE:** Members shall serve four-year terms beginning May 1st 2015 and shall be staggered for continuity. Half of the founding members will serve 3 years to facilitate this process.
- FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The Committee shall meet face-to-face biennially in conjunction with the PCICS conference. Conference calls will be every third month.
- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Committee Responsibilities:
1. Establish an international network of pediatric cardiac ICU colleagues to facilitate education, resource-sharing, training and mentoring. Particular attention shall be given to finding international training positions for suitable candidates from low- and medium-income countries.
 2. Collaborate with other PCICS committees, both to help expand their missions outside of North America, as well as expand the International Committee's mission to a wider group using web-based resources.
 3. Provide content expertise to PCICS regarding the constraints, challenges, and value inherent in providing pediatric cardiac ICU services in international settings, particularly in low- to middle-income countries.
 4. Provide liaison with other relevant groups which undertake mission trips to provide pediatric cardiac intensive care in lower-income countries.
 5. Support the biennial scheduling of a PCICS meeting outside North America.
 6. Establish a global research network.
- Chairpersons' Responsibilities:

Select committee members for approval by the PCICS board. Attend PCICS board meetings. Coordinate activities of the committee. Draft agenda and chair the conference calls and biennial meetings.