



Until We Heal Key Messages

The Issue

- Lack of access to safe surgery is major problem that affects billions¹ of people worldwide. It is an essential component of universal health care and a universal human right.

Safe Surgery

- The majority of people who lack access to safe surgical care are often the poorest in their countries, excluded from care due to economic and social barriers and residing in remote locations far from surgical sites.
- The truth is, more people die each year from the lack of access to safe surgery than from AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined,² but very few people are talking about surgery as a global health priority.
- Safe surgery means providing patients with the highest quality of care, based on the highest medical standards, no matter where they live.

Barriers to Care

- Operation Smile strives to help patients overcome the barriers to care, whether they are geographical, economic or social, so that they are able to fully access and benefit from health services.

A Global Movement

- Until We Heal* is a global movement uniting like-minded advocates who will influence global health and world leaders to advance access to safe surgery for all people with cleft conditions. We achieve this by creating platforms for activism, government engagement and the establishment of medical programs.



The Pledge and a Call to Action

- Every day, children worldwide suffer from cleft conditions because they do not have the access to the safe surgery they need to live a healthy and fulfilling life.
- *I pledge to advocate for safe surgery and its access worldwide, until we heal every child with a cleft.*
- Visit untilweheal.org, take the pledge and commit to action – whether that's through sharing the pledge with others, community outreach or raising money.

Until We Heal Vision

- We envision a world that recognizes safe surgery as a fundamental human right; where everyone works together to make sure every person with a cleft condition has the opportunity for a healthy and fulfilling life.

Until We Heal Mission

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¹Funk LM, Weiser TG, Berry WR, et al. Global operating theatre distribution and pulse oximetry supply: an estimation from reported data. *Lancet*. 2010; 376: 1055-1061.

² Meara JG, Leather AJM, Hagander L, et al. Global surgery 2030: Evidence and solutions for achieving health, welfare, and economic development. *Lancet*. 2015; published online April 27. Accessed March 7, 2016: <http://bulletin.facs.org/2015/06/global-surgery-2030-the-lancet-commission-on-global-surgery-report/>

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