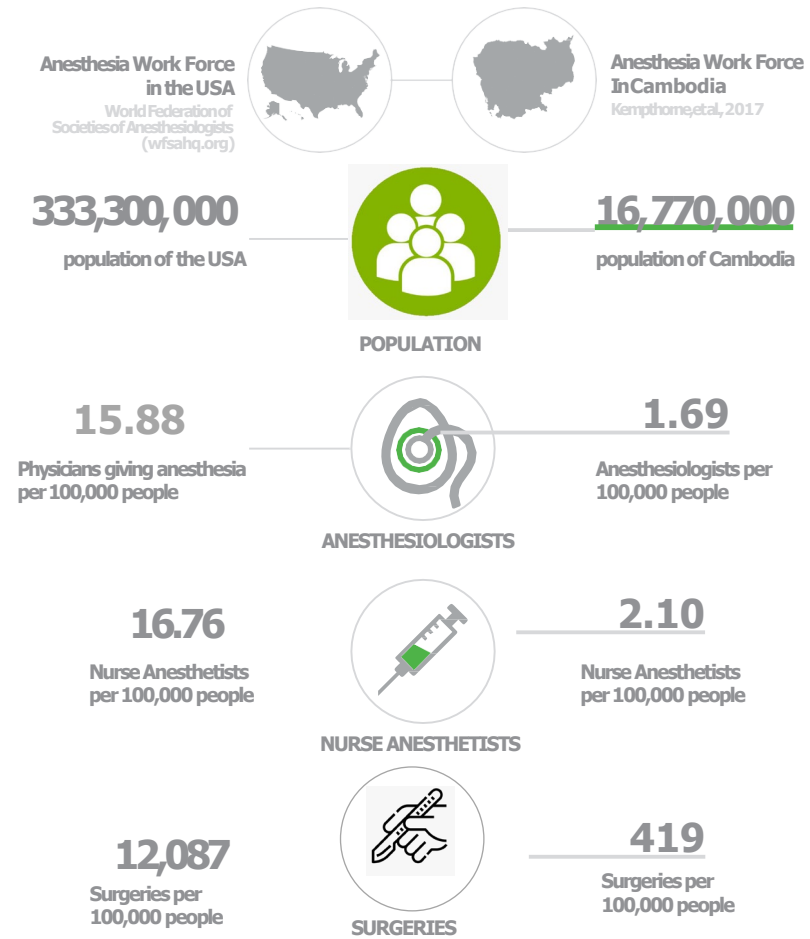




# A Model for Sustainable Anesthesia Care in a Scarce Resource Setting: Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap Cambodia

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## Literature Review

### ACCESS TO SURGICAL CARE IN LMICS

- Five billion do not have access to surgical care in low and middle income countries. (Meara & Greenberg, 2015)
- Only 6% of all surgical procedures occur in LMICs. (Meara et al., 2015)
- 81 million face catastrophic expenditures to access or pay for access to surgery. (Meara et al., 2015)

### RECENT HISTORY OF CAMBODIA

- Two million victims of the civil war from 1975 to 1979
- Decreased health care work force due to civil war
- Educated people in Cambodia, including health care providers, targeted by Khmer Rouge
- Less than 50 physicians remaining after the Khmer Rouge lost power. (McGrew, 1990)

## Methods

### OBJECTIVE

- Provide high-quality, cost-efficient anesthetics in a scarce resource setting, i.e., regional anesthesia
- Increase quantity of nurse anesthetists to improve access to surgical care
- Develop the didactic and clinical instruction skills of nurse anesthetists
- Provide a sustainable system to increase quality and access to anesthesia care in the region

### PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Since 2004, Over 100 HVO volunteers have provided professional development of AHC nurse anesthetists
- Workshops, i.e., clinical instruction, didactic teaching, and simulation education
- Anesthetist curriculum developed for nurses and physicians at AHC
- Clinical sites at National Pediatric Hospital in Phnom Penh, Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, and AHC
- QI and IRB approval were not required for this program evaluation

## Results

### SURGICAL CASES AT AHC

Some of the cases performed in the operating theatres at AHC include:

- Cardiac
- Ligation patent ductus arteriosus
- Thoracotomy
- Exploratory laparotomy
- Urology
- Orthopedics
- Ophthalmology
- Retinoblastoma
- Eye trauma
- Cataract

**BELOW:** Angkor Hospital for Children anesthesia team receives the Health Volunteers Overseas Golden Apple Award in 2020 for their teaching of the nurse anesthetists from Lao Friends Hospital for Children.

## Surgical Procedures at Angkor Hospital for Children by Year

