

# GLOBAL LEARNING CENTERS: SUSTAINABLE AND IMPACTFUL RADIOLOGY OUTREACH

Lessons learned from a Global Learning Center

- Evolution in radiology education and outreach from International Visiting program
- The power of conceptual thinking
- The beauty of collaboration and ability to listen



## SUSTAINABLE AND IMPACTFUL RADIOLOGY OUTREACH

#### OUTLINE

- Introduction: Why global learning center?
- Planning phase
- Implementation phase
- Online continuing education phase
- Exit phase
- Conclusion

## EVOLUTION FROM INTERNATIONAL VISITING PROGRAM TO GLOBAL LEARNING CENTERS:

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Committee of International Radiology Education (CIRE)

International Outreach

International Visiting Program

- Speakers selected by RSNA
- Attended national meetings of resource limited countries
- Series of lectures to training programs

1986-2019

# GLOBAL IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL VISITING PROGRAM 1986 - 2019



#### INTERNATIONAL VISITING PROGRAM

Pros

Established RSNA outreach efforts

Large scale global impact of RSNA

Provided instruction to countries with limited resources

Lack of sustainability
Impact may be short
lived

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Goals of GLC

Accountability

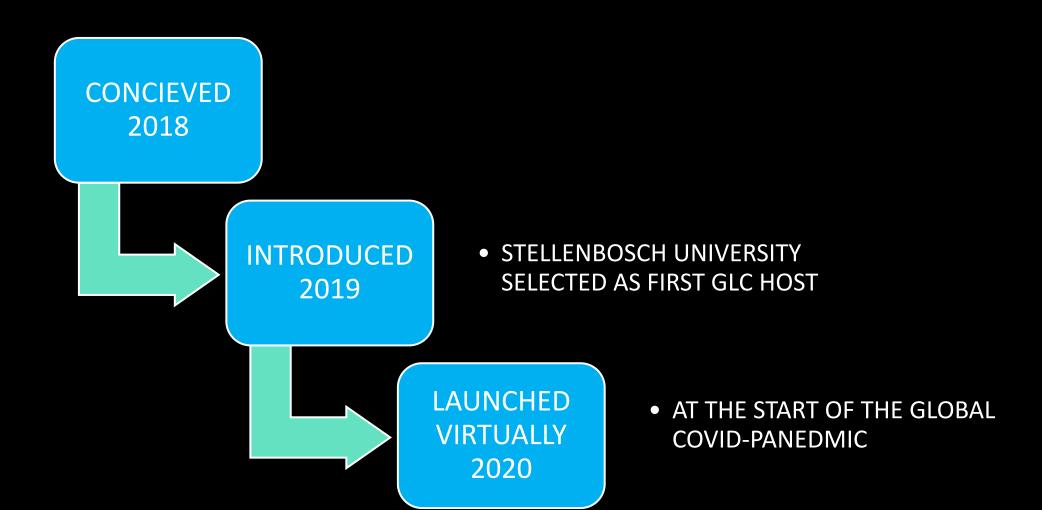
Sustainability

Continuous education and support

Fostering international collaborations

Re-envisioning the IVP: GLC conceptualized in 2018

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### IMPLEMENTING A CUSTOMIZED LEARNING PLAN

#### STELLENBOSCH EXPERIENCE

#### **RSNA Leadership and Staff**

- Chair, Committee on International Radiology Education
- Liaison for International Affairs
- Directors of International Affairs
- Directors of Online Education

#### **Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

- Program Director, onsite Senior Radiology Faculty
- Subspecialty (cardiothoracic and musculoskeletal imaging) program coordinators
- -Onsite radiology faculty



#### **RSNA Radiologist Members**

- Program Director, RSNA senior radiologist appointment for the entire 3 years
- Two teams of cardiothoracic and musculoskeletal radiologists

### **CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

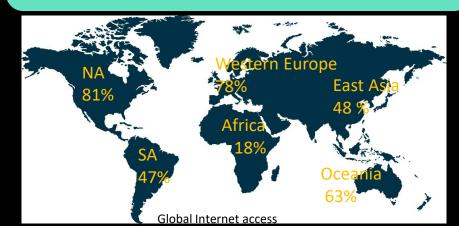


COVID pandemic at the onset of program





Limited internet access, infrastructure and technical equipment





Initially a setback

Forced the program to pivot to an online format However, the team used this to create relationships, a better understanding of local needs and the development of a meaningful curriculum

Focus on tools that are mobile friendly and accessible to target population: high speed internet, secure network and electronic classroom

GLC team used platforms like Whatsapp and Zoom to enable close and frequent contact between South African and RSNA team

Informal teaching sessions with ability to review cases as well as didactic sessions

Setup and introduced apps enabling distance learning for instance teaching musculoskeletal ultrasound (REACTS)

## EXPERIENCE FROM INAUGURAL GLOBAL LEARNING CENTER

#### PLANNING PHASE

- Inaugural GLC program: Stellenbosch University/Tygerberg Hospital
   Under the leadership of Prof Richard Pitcher
- Specific areas of need within the department were identified
- Curriculum was derived from the perceived greatest areas of need







# GLOBAL LEARNING CENTERS: ONLINE MODULE CREATION

Lecture material selected by RSNA Musculoskeletal and Cardiothoracic radiologists

Lectures curated into an online programme

- Musculoskeletal courses
- Cardiothoracic courses

GLC host team received access to online course material

- Pre-test
- Post-test

# GLOBAL LEARNING CENTERS: ONLINE MODULE PROGRAM

		Musculoskeletal Course 1		
2020				
		• My Approach to Imaging of Arthritis		
	3	• Avulsion Injuries of the Upper and Lower Extremities		
		• Pinaging of Spondyloarthritis		
		•Meniscus of the Knee		
		•Shoulder Ultrasound (Demonstration)		
2020	3	Cardiothoracic Course 1		
		Interstitial Lung Disease Update		
		● Enterstitial Lung Disease: Guide for the Perplexed		
2020		• Eleischner Criteria for IPF		
		Brief Overview to Approach and Management		
		•Banel		
	4	MSK Course 2		
		•MRI of Traumatic Lower Extremity Emergencies		
		Maging of Shoulder Arthroplasty		
		Scute Muscle Injuries: MRI Protocol, Classification, and Prognosis		
2020		•MRI of Ankle Impingement		
		• Musculoskeletal Series: Ultrasound		
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		Live Virtual Session: Case-Based Review of MRI Elbow Cases		
	4	Cardio Course 2		
		Emerging Concepts in Intramural Hematoma Imaging		
		Ortic Intramural Hematoma: The Prognostic Impact of CT Features		
2020		• ©T Angiography of Acute Aortic Syndrome		
		• Thoracic CTA		
		• Emage Predictors of Treatment Outcome after Thoracic Aortic Dissection Repair		
2	2/1/21-4/30/21: 3 month hia	L/21-4/30/21: 3 month hiatus (COVID)		
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		MSK Course 3		
	1	• Eigamentous Injuries of the Knee: Mechanistic Approach with Emphasis on MR Imaging		
		MRI versus Ultrasound of Muscle: Choosing When and How		
2021		•ASRT@RSNA 2019: Hip Imaging Update		
		Maging of Muscle Quality: Myosteatosis Revisited		
		● MRI of Ankle Instability		
		Live Virtual Session: Case-Based Review of MRI Knee Cases		

#### OTHER RESOURCES PROVIDED BY RSNA

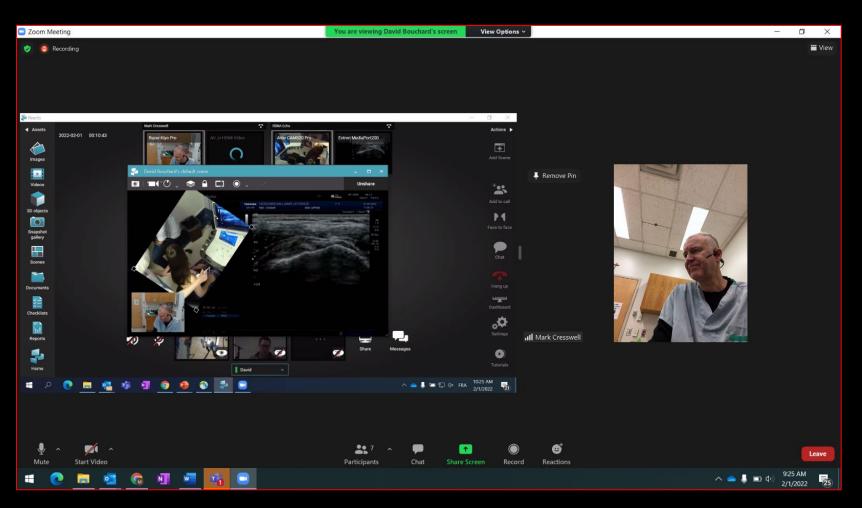
High speed and secure internet connection

Online classroom for distance-based teaching by RSNA faculty and SU online teaching during the COVID pandemic

Hardware and software installation for distance-based ultrasound teaching (REACTS)

Stellenbosch University

# ONLINE RESOURCES DISTANCE-BASED ULTRASOUND TEACHING



Interaction between South African colleagues (left) and RSNA team member in Canada at the time (right) via the novel REACTS app.

This app enabled remote control of the ultrasound probe useful in teaching musculoskeletal technique despite being miles apart.

# ONLINE RESOURCES ONLINE CLASSROOM

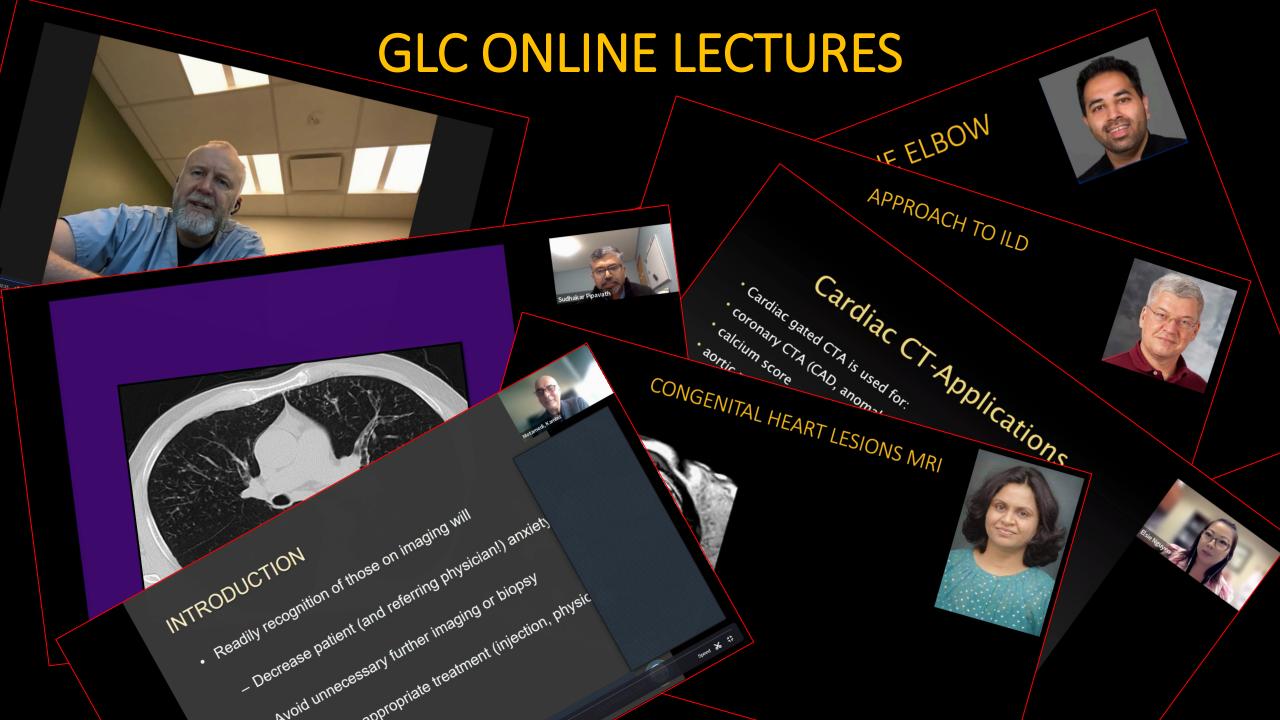




Online teaching sessions in action at Stellenbosch University

#### ONSITE VISITS PROGRAM

Subspecialty Team	Mode	Month
MSK abstract work	varies	Apr-22on
Cardiothoracic	blended, virtual	May-2022
MSK	blended, virtual	Jun-2022
Cardiothoracic	blended, virtual	Jul-2022
MSK	virtual session	August
Cardiothoracic	in person	Aug 15-19
MSK	in person	Sept 12-16
Cardiothoracic	in person	Oct 10-14
MSK Dr. Vlok in Vancouver	in person	Oct-2022
RSNA Annual Meeting	in person events	Nov-2022
MSK	blended, virtual	Feb-2023
Cardiothoracic	blended, virtual	Mar-2023
MSK	in person	TBD-2023
Cardiothoracic	blended, virtual	May-2023
End of Program Recognition Events	virtual, synchronous	Jun-2023











# GLC CARDIOTHORACIC ONSITE VISIT AUGUST 2022

















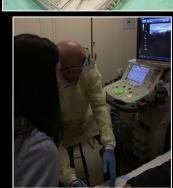




### GLC MUSCULOSKELETAL ONSITE VISIT

### SEPTEMBER 2022























### GLC CARDIOTHORACIC ONSITE VISIT

OCTOBER 2022













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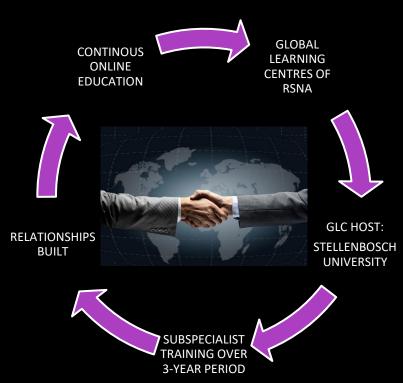
#### **GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRES GLOBAL RADIOLOGY INTEGRATION** Platform of upliftment **RELATIONSHIPS** Colleagues from geographically isolated **CONTINUOUS EDUCATION** and underprivileged The GLC will be areas can feel part of implemented over a 3the global world of year period, but Colleagues can stay in radiology relationships built and contact and continue friendships created will with online education endure long after the designated term.

### **GLOBAL LEARNING CENTERS** CONCLUSION

5. The current recipient of the Derek Harwood-Nash fellowship, Dr Sucari Vlok, coming from South Africa,

closes the circle

4. Derek Harwood-Nash was a tireless advocate of radiology outreach and RSNA president who envisioned and played a leading role in global radiology education.



3. The Derek Harwood-Nash fellowship program was integrated into the GLC. Derek Harwood-Nash himself grew up and studied in Southern Africa, earning his MBChB degree with distinction from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

1. Collaboration is a partnership where one is reminded of the importance to listen to one another, without which our need at Stellenbosch University/Tygerberg Hospital would not have been met during the COVID pandemic.

> 2. The board of RSNA Radiologists' rich history of visionary thinking transformed and led Radiology from its inception to where we are today



## THANK YOU

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller