ERAS Society Recommendations for Improving Perioperative Care in Low- and Middle-Income Countries through Implementation of Existing Tools and Programs: An Urgent Need for the Surgical Safety Checklist and Enhanced Recovery After Surgery

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We do agree that any perioperative guideline that is developed for LMIC's should be led by all stakeholders involved in perioperative care in LMIC's. However, a north–south collaboration, to share knowledge, skills and resources could prove invaluable and may assist to effect scalable change rapidly.

There are indeed multiple barriers to improving perioperative care in LMIC's due to complex macro and microsystem factors. Identifying and addressing these barriers and engaging with all stakeholders are a critical component to developing and implementing any guideline.

A universal implementation plan will be an essential component to effect sustainable change but will need to be tailored to the contextual challenges and needs of individual countries.

We look forward to collaborating with you and all stakeholders who share your passion and interest in addressing the urgent need to improve perioperative care in LMIC's.

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