

Viral

Hepatitis

and

Migration

Monday, 28 November, 1 pm to 5 pm
Welle7, Bern, with live streaming

Chair: Catherine Boss, Reporter Research Desk Tamedia



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Welcome

The health of migrants is an important topic – not only in times of war in Europe. Even if chronic infectious diseases may not be the primary concern of migrants who have had to flee from violence, unrest or precarious living conditions to Switzerland, access to care must be ensured.

Certain migrant groups coming from high-prevalence countries may be more affected by viral hepatitis or other chronic infectious diseases than the general population. Consequently, they may suffer from sequelae due to chronic infections after their arrival.

How is health care for migrants organised in Switzerland? Are we doing enough? Who, when and for which diseases should we screen? How can we assure equal access to the health system? What barriers do migrants with chronic infectious diseases face?

We are very pleased to welcome Christina Greenaway, a renowned specialist in migrant health from Canada, for an online presentation. And we are looking forward to all our speakers who will shed light on the topic from the perspective of an epidemiologist, a scientist, a clinician and an activist.

Corina Wirth

The Swiss Society for Public Health

Philip Bruggmann

Swiss Hepatitis

Programme

Welcome to the symposium

Philip Bruggmann, Swiss Hepatitis
Corina Wirth, The Swiss Society for
Public Health

Migrant population with chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C in Switzerland – the epidemiologists' view

Sarah Blach, Center for Disease
Analysis Foundation, Colorado, USA

Migrant health – why and who should we screen for viral hepatitis and other chronic infectious diseases – the public health specialists' view

Christina Greenaway, McGill University,
Montreal, Canada (online presentation)

Elimination of Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa – the researchers' view

Gilles Wandeler, Inselspital, Bern

Break

Experience in counselling and guiding refugees with HIV and hepatitis from Ukraine – the activist's view

Alex Schneider, patient representative
and volunteer

Barriers in the care for migrants with chronic infectious diseases – the treating physicians' view

Anna Eichenberger, Inselspital, Bern

Migrant health – the former cantonal physicians' view

Thomas Steffen, The Swiss Society for
Public Health

Break

Panel discussion

**Migrant health and viral hepatitis:
Are we doing enough?**

End of Symposium & Apéro Riche

All talks are in English. Contributions from the audience in German or French are welcome and will be translated ad hoc.
The symposium will be streamed and can also be followed online.

Login and registration

You can register [here](#) or send an e-mail to info@hepatitis-schweiz.ch.
Please register before 20 November 2022.

The event is free of charge.

Venue

Welle7 Workspace, Eventraum
Schanzenstrasse 5, 3008 Bern, Switzerland

Directions



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