

# Invitation Swiss Hepatitis Symposium 2020

## Elimination by 2030

## 10 years to go

Monday, 30 November, 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm  
Virtual Conference

Chair: Catherine Boss, Reporter Research Desk Tamedia

## The Importance of Data and Politics

**Covid-19 has the world still tight in its grip. The pandemic acts like a magnifying glass, showing us what the challenges in public health are. However, we can also learn from it in order to eliminate viral hepatitis.**

It has become abundantly clear in recent months that scientists have been struggling to get their voices heard during the coronavirus pandemic. Health authorities and politicians in turn were not always successful when it came to evidence-based decision-making.

At the same time, the importance of good, up-to-date surveillance of the epidemiological situation has become clear. The same applies to hepatitis B and C: we lack data to measure our progress in the fight against these infectious diseases.

We will be reflecting on how we can improve the data situation in Switzerland and will attempt to close some of the gaps. Moreover, we will discuss what policy makers need to make the right public health decisions.

We look forward to an exciting and inspiring afternoon.

**Philip Bruggmann**  
Swiss Hepatitis

**Ursula Zybach**  
The Swiss Society for Public Health

# Programme

## 1.30 pm Welcome and Introduction

<b>Elimination of HBV and HCV</b> Milestones 2020	<b>Philip Bruggmann,</b> Swiss Hepatitis
<b>Challenges in the Elimination of Hepatitis B</b>	<b>Francesco Negro,</b> Geneva University Hospitals

## 2.15 pm Is It All About Data?

<b>The Data Manifest</b>	<b>Swiss Society for Public Health</b>
<b>Viral Hepatitis and Data</b>	
<b>The Swiss surveillance system</b> and the challenges of digitalisation	<b>BAG/FOPH</b>
<b>HCV mortality:</b> data from a university hospital	<b>Frédérique Lachmann,</b> University of Zurich
<b>Viral hepatitis and liver transplantation:</b> a data analysis	<b>Simone Temperli,</b> Swisstransplant
<b>Data Is Not Enough:</b> We Need Public Health Surveillance	<b>Arnaud Chiolero,</b> University of Fribourg

## 3.30 pm The Role of Politics

<b>The Hepatitis C Policy:</b> an analysis of the agenda-setting in Switzerland	<b>Julia Kind,</b> Arud Centre for Addiction Medicine, ZH
<b>Elimination:</b> From expert discussion to political action	<b>Marcel Tanner,</b> President EKSI
<b>Panel:</b> How can we build bridges between science and politics?	

All talks are in English.

# Login and Registration

You can register for this event [online](#) or by sending an email to [info@hepatitis-schweiz.ch](mailto:info@hepatitis-schweiz.ch). The event is free of charge.  
**Please register before 20 November 2020.**

The symposium will be held virtually. All registered participants will receive an access card with detailed information for online access a few days before the conference.

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