

Late  
Presenters  
with  
viral  
hepatitis

Monday, 29 November, 1.30 pm to 6.00 pm  
University of Zurich, with live streaming

Chair: Catherine Boss, Reporter Research Desk Tamedia



## Welcome

COVID-19 has affected all of us, as well as almost every area of our lives in the last one and a half years. It is not surprising that the pandemic, as several publications and a survey among our members show, has also affected viral hepatitis services in Switzerland and abroad.

It is therefore important to monitor the quality of care. *Late presenters* are affected individuals who are diagnosed at an advanced stage of the disease. The number of *late presenters*, an indicator already known from the HIV field, could also be important to measure progress in hepatitis care.

For the first time, a group of experts have developed a consensus definition for late presenters with chronic hepatitis C and analysed data in the German hepatitis C cohort. We are very pleased to welcome Jürgen Rockstroh at this year's Swiss Hepatitis Symposium, who will present these data. A clear definition of late presenters is especially important in times of a pandemic and will help to monitor progress in elimination.

To succeed with overall elimination, micro-elimination of viral hepatitis among the most vulnerable population groups is crucial. Joaquin Cabezas will present successful micro-elimination strategies in Spanish prisons. And we will hear about an exciting prison project that has just been launched in Switzerland.

With new approaches, innovative projects and effective tools we will overcome the additional hurdles COVID-19 poses for hepatitis elimination.

**Ursula Zybach**

The Swiss Society for Public Health

**Philip Bruggmann**

Swiss Hepatitis

# Programme

## Part I

### Welcome

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

## Part II — Micro-Elimination in Prisons

### Hepatitis C Micro-Elimination in Prisons — a healthcare opportunity?

**Joaquin Cabezas**, University Hospital  
Marqués de Valdecilla, Santander/Spain

### SHIPP — hepfree prisons in Switzerland

**Claude Scheidegger**, Swiss Hepatitis  
**Christa Geissmann**, prison doctor,  
Glarus

## Part III — Late Presenters with Viral Hepatitis

### Late presentation of chronic viral hepatitis for medical care — what have we learned so far?

**Jürgen Rockstroh**, University Clinic  
Bonn/Germany

### Cases from Clinical Practice

**Montserrat Fraga**, CHUV, Lausanne  
**Beat Müllhaupt**, University Hospital  
Zurich USZ

### Hepatitis C — Swiss notification data 2020

**Axel J. Schmidt**, Federal Office of  
Public Health

## Panel

### Late presenters with viral hepatitis — an issue in Switzerland?

## End of Symposium

All talks are in English. Contributions in German or French are welcome and will be translated ad hoc. Only registered persons with a valid COVID-certificate have access. The symposium will be streamed and can also be followed online.

# Login and registration

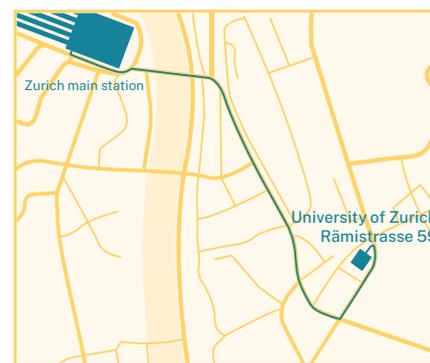
You can register [here](#) or send an e-mail to [info@hepatitis-schweiz.ch](mailto:info@hepatitis-schweiz.ch). Please register before 19 November 2021. The event is free of charge.

## Venue

University of Zurich, Aula RAA-G 01,  
Rämistrasse 59, 8006 Zurich, Switzerland

## Directions

We recommend public transport: If you arrive by train at Zurich main station ([www.sbb.ch/en](http://www.sbb.ch/en)), change to bus No. 31 or tram No. 3 from Bahnhofplatz/HB to Kunsthaus and walk to the University of Zurich at Rämistrasse 59. Or you can walk all the way from Zurich main station (approx. 15 minutes).



Walking to Ramistrasse 59, appr. 15 minutes



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