

Invitation  
**Swiss Hepatitis Symposium 2023**

**Let's**

**simplify**

**Monday 27 November 2023, 1.15 pm to 6 pm**  
Welle7, Bern, with live streaming

**Chaired by Catherine Boss, reporter Research Desk Tamedia**

# Welcome

We have an excellent health system in Switzerland and medical care is in most cases accessible for everyone according to their needs. However, barriers exist. We know that regarding care for patients with hepatitis B or C, some people get lost on the way from diagnosis to treatment and cure.

On the same time, diagnostics and therapies make great progress: Testing at the point of care with capillary blood or saliva and with results within a few minutes allows a rapid diagnosis and linkage to care. Integrated care, where all services are offered under one roof, improves treatment uptake. And last but not least treatment regimens for hepatitis C are much simpler today than a few years ago with shorter durations, less side effects and higher cure rates. Also for hepatitis B, more effective therapies are available.

These developments make it easier for patients to go through the cascade of care. In order for these “simplifications” to be effective in Switzerland, innovations in diagnostics have to be approved and reimbursed. And we have to discuss how we can simplify treatment guidelines, expand integrated services offer, streamline processes and how we better involve primary care takers in viral hepatitis care.

We are looking forward to hearing about experiences in Scotland, in Australia and in Switzerland in simplifying and streamlining care for viral hepatitis patients. We hope you will join us!

**Corina Wirth**  
The Swiss Society for Public Health

**Philip Bruggmann**  
Swiss Hepatitis

# Programme

## Start of the symposium (1.15 pm)

**Welcome to the symposium** **Philip Bruggmann**, Swiss Hepatitis  
**Corina Wirth**, The Swiss Society for  
Public Health

**Simplification of hepatitis C care** **John Dillon**, University of Dundee,  
Experience from Scotland Scotland UK (online presentation)

**Feasibility of hepatitis C virus screening** **Markus Messerli**, Pharmaceutical Care  
**in community pharmacies** Network Switzerland  
A Swiss pilot

**The need of simplification of hepatitis** **Niklas Luhmann**, World Health  
**care to be delivered in LMIC** Organisation

## Break (2.30 pm)

### A living case with hepatitis B

**Simplification of hepatitis B care** **Margaret Hellard**, Monash University,  
Melbourne, Australia

**Simplifying testing and treatment** **Andrea Bregenzer**, Cantonal Hospital  
Experience from prisons, pharmacies Aarau  
and Swiss OAT programmes **Claude Scheidegger**, Swiss Hepatitis

**Simplification of hepatitis care through** **Patrizia Künzler-Heule**, Cantonal  
**interprofessional collaboration** Hospital St. Gallen

## Break (4.30 pm)

**Panel discussion** **Simplification** – the “magic bullet” on  
the way to elimination?

## End of symposium and apéro riche (5.30 pm)

All talks are in English. Translation will be provided by the AI tool “wordly”. 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

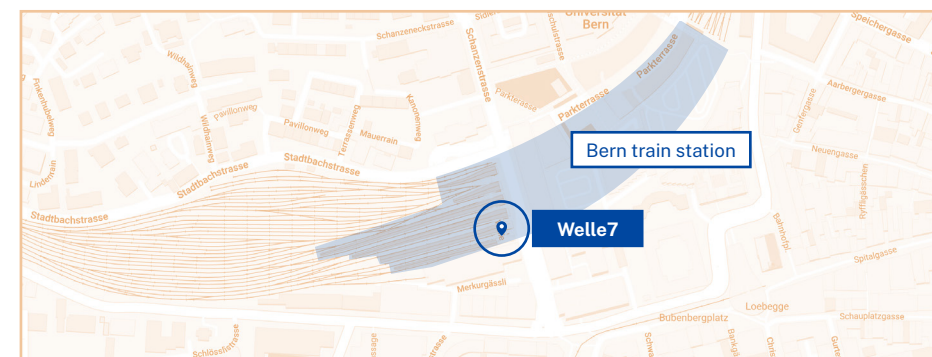
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Please register before 19 November 2023.

The event is free of charge.

## Venue

Welle7 Workspace, Eventraum  
Schanzenstrasse 5, 3008 Bern, Switzerland

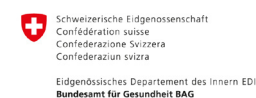
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