

Invitation  
**Swiss Hepatitis Symposium 2024**

## Welcome

# Surveillance & Response

**Monday 2 December 2024, 1.15 pm to 6 pm**  
Welle7, Bern, with live streaming

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

A coherent surveillance and response approach is key to effectively implementing elimination programmes. Only if a surveillance system early detects signs of rising cases in vulnerable groups decision-makers can intervene.

Numbers are, therefore, the basis for decision-making when it comes to elimination programmes for infectious diseases. But what is the current status of surveillance and response in Switzerland with respect to viral hepatitis? How can we enhance surveillance for HIV and viral hepatitis in Switzerland? What are possible methods for measuring the burden of disease for viral hepatitis?

At this year's Swiss Hepatitis Symposium, we will hear about cases of successful surveillance and response as well as a concept for Switzerland. From Germany, an analysis of the Robert Koch Institute for hepatitis B and C cases will be presented. Furthermore, we will discuss the importance of longitudinal monitoring of infectious diseases in a particularly vulnerable population group using the example of a unique cohort. Last but not least, the symposium allows us to take a look behind the scenes at what is currently going on in the field of artificial intelligence and its contribution to monitoring and surveillance.

We look forward to this inspiring afternoon and hope to welcome you in Bern!

**Thomas Steffen**

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  
**Thomas Steffen**, The Swiss Society for  
Public Health

**Surveillance of Viral Hepatitis in  
Germany** **Ruth Zimmermann**, Robert-Koch-  
Institut RKI (online presentation)  
An Analysis

**Surveillance and Response Approaches** **Marcel Tanner**, Director emeritus  
A Pivotal Tool for Elimination Programmes Swiss TPH, former EKSJ president

**Monitoring of an Infectious Disease in  
a Key Group** **Erika Castro Batänjer**,  
The SAMMSU cohort Swiss Association for the Medical  
Management in Substance Users  
SAMMSU

## Break (3.00 pm)

**Experience in an Institution of  
Detention with Hepatitis Care**  
(Interview)

**A Monitoring Centre Concept for HIV and  
Viral Hepatitis** **Andri Rauch**,  
Inselspital, Bern

**Revolutionizing Surveillance and  
Response:** **Harry Witzthum**, Caritas Schweiz  
Behind the Scenes of Artificial Intelligence

## Break (5.00 pm)

**Panel discussion**

## End of symposium and apéro riche (6.00 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

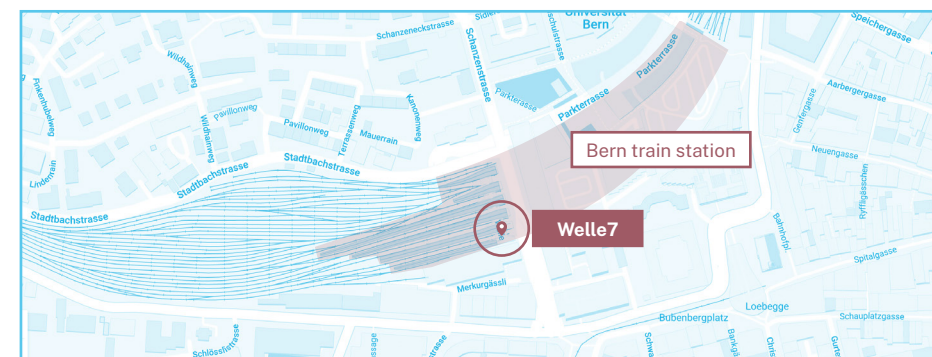
You can register [here](#) or send an e-mail to [info@hepatitis-schweiz.ch](mailto:info@hepatitis-schweiz.ch).  
Please register before **24 November 2024**.

The event is free of charge.

## Venue

Welle7 Workspace, Eventraum (with live streaming)  
Schanzenstrasse 5, 3008 Bern, Switzerland

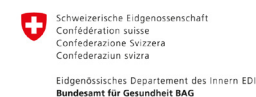
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