

50 years of Childhood Cancer Registration

Past, Present, and Future

21. – 22. August 2026

Bern



Program

Friday, August 21

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Linda Narthey, Deputy Director, Federal Office of Public Health</i>
09:45 – 11:15	Childhood cancer registration – how it started, why we need it, what comes next? How childhood cancer registration started in Switzerland <i>Nicolas von der Weid, President Swiss Pediatrics, University Children's Hospital Basel</i> From data to impact: Opportunities in childhood cancer registration <i>Claudia Kuehni, Head, Childhood Cancer Registry, Bern</i> Incidence and survival: Is childhood cancer on the rise and how good are we at curing it? <i>Marina Haller, Childhood Cancer Registry, Bern</i> Childhood cancer incidence trends in international perspective: observations from Germany <i>Friederike Erdmann, German Childhood Cancer Registry, Mainz, Germany</i> Use of hospital & routine data for cancer epidemiology - hopping on the high-speed data train? <i>Fabiën Belle, Childhood Cancer Research Group, ISPM, Bern</i>
11:15 – 11:45	How registry data inform research, policy, care and patients: 1-minute flash talks as "appetizers" for the poster session
11:45 – 13:00	Poster session with lunch
13:00 – 14:50	In search of environmental causes of childhood cancer Research on environmental causes of childhood cancer in France: the GEOCAP research program <i>Stéphanie Goujon, French National Registry of Childhood Cancers, Inserm CRESS, Paris, France</i> Pesticides, agricultural crops, and childhood cancer risk in France <i>Aurélien Danjou, French National Registry of Childhood Cancers, Inserm CRESS, Paris, France</i> Research on environmental causes of childhood cancer in Switzerland: an overview <i>Ben Spycher, Environmental & Spatial Epidemiology Research Group, ISPM, Bern</i> New evidence on PFAS exposure and childhood cancer risk <i>Catherine Metayer, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Berkeley, US</i>
14:50 – 15:30	Ice cream and coffee break
15:30 – 16:15	Future perspectives Quality of care and the role of the Childhood Cancer Registry <i>Katrin Scheinermann, President Swiss Pediatric Oncology Group, Children's Hospital of Eastern Switzerland, St. Gallen</i> Cancer registration – Why keep a focus on children? <i>Claudia Kuehni, Head, Childhood Cancer Registry, Bern</i> The future of cancer registration – patient and family perspective <i>Paul Castle, Patient advocate</i>
16.10 – 17:00	Panel discussion <i>Petra Baeriswyl, Federal Office of Public Health; Rhoikos Furtwängler, Inselspital Bern; Paul Castle, Patient advocate; Katrin Scheinermann, Swiss Pediatric Oncology Group; Claudia Kuehni, Childhood Cancer Registry</i>
17.00 – 18:00	Apéro riche
18:00 – 19:30	Social program

Saturday, August 22

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and coffee
09:00	Welcome <i>Prof. Claudia Kuehni, Head, Childhood Cancer Registry, Bern</i>
09:00 – 10:30	What data can offer – Genetic predisposition, biobanks, omics and novel treatments Childhood Cancer Predispositions: when genes go crazy and cause cancer <i>Nicolas Waespe, Inselspital, University Children's Hospital Bern and University of Geneva</i> Multi-cancer early detection <i>Kevin Oeffinger, Duke Cancer Institute, Durham, US</i> KidsCan – a molecular cancer database, and what the registry can offer <i>Raffaele Renella, Lausanne University Hospital CHUV or Jean-Pierre Bourquin, University Children's Hospital Zurich</i> Biobanks and genetic data <i>Marc Ansari, Geneva University Hospital and CANSEARCH Research Platform, Geneva University</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee and snacks
11:00 – 13:00	Life after cancer – research on long-term health The Swiss Childhood Cancer Survivor Study – from registry data to long-term health <i>Grit Sommer, Childhood Cancer Research Group, ISPM, University of Bern</i> Cardio-oncology: early screening and preventive therapy <i>Christina Schindera, University Children's Hospital Basel</i> Safeguard from further cancers: breast cancer screening in the young <i>Kevin Oeffinger, Duke Cancer Institute, Durham, US</i> Psycho-social outcomes – why it is important to address them in follow-up care <i>Gisela Michel, University of Lucerne</i> The survivor and family perspective <i>Laura Kundert and Christine Jean, Kinderkrebs Schweiz, Basel</i>
13:00	Closing remarks, followed by standing lunch <i>Prof. Claudia Kuehni</i>
14:00 – 15:30	SCCSS investigator meeting (for all investigators and those interested)

Registration:



Kinderkrebsregister
Registre du cancer de l'enfant
Registro dei tumori pediatrici
Childhood Cancer Registry

Venue:

University of Bern, von Roll Area
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