



Advances in Congenital Cardiology

17th scientific meeting
Swiss Society of Pediatric Cardiology
with **Parallel Nursing Sessions**

Friday, November 14th 2025
9:00 to 17:00
University Children's Hospital
Research & Teaching Building

For the organizing committee:

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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to our

17th Scientific Meeting of the Swiss Society of Pediatric Cardiology in Zurich.

It will take place on November 14th at the University Children's Hospital Zurich,
Research & Teaching Building, August-Forel-Strasse 51, 8008 Zürich from 9.00 to 17.00 h.

This year, the Scientific Meeting of the Swiss Society of Pediatric Cardiology will be devoted
to "Advances in Congenital Cardiology".

The morning sessions feature presentations of national and international experts from the
field of pediatric cardiology including cardiac surgeons, pediatric cardiologists, nursing
professionals and other specialists.

Their focus will be on challenges of interprofessional and interdisciplinary care of children
treated for severe congenital heart disease and long-term follow up in highly specialized
centers for pediatric and adult patients.

In the afternoon, the parallel nursing sessions provide an interesting program on working with
patients and their families, feature nursing challenges following cardiac surgery and offers an
insight into psychological aspects of patients with chronic heart disease.

With kind regards on behalf of the organizing committee



Program 17th Scientific Meeting Swiss Society of Pediatric Cardiology

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**Friday, November 14th, 9.00-17.00 h, University Children's Hospital Zurich,
Research & Teaching Building, Hörsaal C**

9.00 – 9.30 Registration, Welcome, Coffee and Gipfeli

9.30 – 9.35 Introduction (R. Cesnjevar / W. Knirsch)

9.35 – 10.45 Session I (Complex Surgery)

Chairs: R. Cesnjevar, Zürich; R. Gaudin, Lausanne; J. Ochsner, Zurich

9.35 – 9.55 Modern aortic valve surgery
(B. Asfour, Bonn/Germany)

10.00 – 10.20 Anticoagulation in Congenital Cardiology – what is best ?
(A. Bosch, Zurich)

10.25 – 10.45 Patient education in anticoagulation – safety first !
(L. Flück, Bern)

10.50 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.00 Session II (Complex Care)

Chairs: B. Donner, Basel; W. Knirsch, Zurich; L. Flück, Bern

11.00 – 11.20 Complex coronary transfer in transposition of great arteries
(T. Loukanov, Heidelberg/Germany)

11.25 – 11.45 Beyond Complexity – Pediatric Palliative Care
(D. Gubler, Zurich)

11.45 – 12.05 “ErLebePalliativ” Erleben der palliativen Begleitung an einem Kinder-Herzzentrum
(N. Morscher, Zurich)

12.10 – 12.40 Break (Lunch)

12.45 – 13.30 [Administrative session of Swiss Society of Pediatric Cardiology and](#)

13.30 – 14.00 [VKHFS \(both only for members\)](#)



14.00 – 16.00 Session III (Complex Procedures)

Chairs: M. Gittermann, Aarau; D. Stambach, St. Gallen; F. Arndt, Bern

14.00 – 14.15 Repurposing of empagliflozin for pediatric heart failure
(S. Lava, Lausanne)

14.30 – 15.00 Interactive challenging cases (Junior/Senior plus experts in the audience):
H. Link / S. Budäus, Zurich;
M. Cremer / F. Arndt, Bern;
E. Blumer/B. Donner, Basel

15.00 – 15.20 Surgery for complex TGA (Nikaido, Double Switch)
(Surprise)

15.30 – 15.50 Transcatheter self-expandable valves for pulmonary valve replacement –
established and promising new solutions
(O. Kretschmar, Zurich)

16.00 – 17.00 Aperó

Program Parallel Nursing Afternoon Session

13.00 – 14.00 [General assembly Nursing Interest Group Congenital Heart Disease](#)
[Kursraum 7](#)

**Friday, November 14th, 13.00-16.00 h, University Children's Hospital Zurich,
Research & Teaching Building, Kursraum 7**

14.15 – 16.00 Pflegesession

Chairs: N. Morscher, Zurich, L. Flück, Bern

14.15 – 14.50 Berlin Heart im neuen Kisp
J. Ochsner, Zurich

14.50 – 15.25 Belastungsreaktionen von Eltern bei Hospitalisation und chronischer Erkrankung des
Kindes – psychologische Perspektiven
S. Schmutz, Bern

15.25 – 16.00 Postoperative pflegerische Herausforderungen – Case Reports
R. Schöni, Bern; N. Lwin, Zurich

16.00-17.00 Aperó



Food

Catering during registration, lunch break as well as Apéro will be provided and is included in the conference fee.

Language

The official language is English and all presentations are held in English, except nursing sessions will be in German or French.

Credits

The following credits will be awarded for the participation at the conference by Swiss Society of Cardiology (4 Credits SGK)

Registration and Payment Information:

Please register online before the meeting (until Nov 7th)

By push button "Ctrl" and on the link below:

[Registration Scientific Meeting SSPC 2025 | Kinderspital Zürich \(uzh.ch\)](https://www.kinderspital-zuerich.ch/registration-scientific-meeting-sspc-2025)

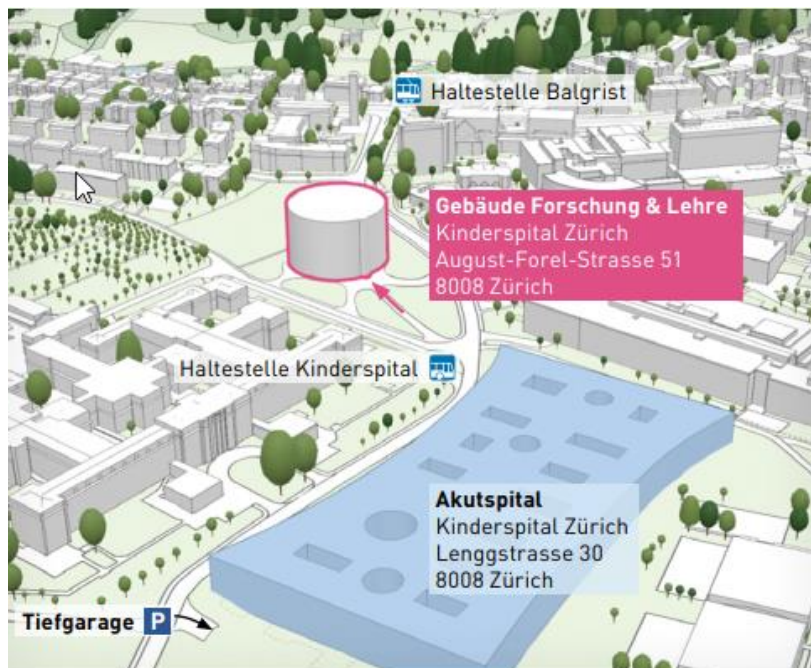
Conference fee: Physician: Fr. 50.-- / Nurse: Fr. 25.—

For further information please contact: Sara Vitacca, Pediatric Heart Center, Phone: 044 249 75 58

Registration desk

The registration desk is located in the main entrance of the Auditorium and will open at 8.30h.

Map of the University Children's Hospital Zurich Research & Teaching Building





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