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 **Program: Cardiovascular Nursing and Therapies**

 **Thursday, June 11, 2026**

 **Congress Center Basel**






**Dear colleagues,**

We warmly invite you to one of the most exciting events of the year for professionals in cardiovascular nursing & therapies!

The annual meeting of the **Swiss Societies of Cardiology and for Heart and Thoracic Vascular Surgery in combination with the Societies of Pneumology and Thoracic Surgery** is coming to **Basel** this year.

There we will discover the latest insights, innovations, and best practices together.

 **Why you should join us:**

-  Hear the latest updates in cardiovascular and pulmonary care during the *What's New?* session – including ACNAP EPAs, pulmonary hypertension, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, and gender aspects in diagnostics and therapy
-  Explore **transplantation topics** – from organ transplantation in Switzerland to ethical considerations and heart protection procedures
-  Learn from **case studies and practice projects**
-  Discover how **Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)** are applied in cardiology, pneumology, and allied professions
-  Network with colleagues from across Switzerland – exchange ideas and gain inspiration

 **Exclusive benefits for members of the WG-CNAP/VFP!**

Don't miss the early bird discount until April 22, 2026, to secure your spot at a reduced price!

Select the third registration category «Nurse and allied professionals – Member»

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 **Be there and help us make cardiovascular nursing even better!**

We are very much looking forward to seeing you and to an inspiring day together in Basel!

**Eva-Maria Höhn**  
President, WG-CNAP



**Prof. Dr. Petra Schäfer-Keller & Lukas Weibel**  
Co-Presidents, AS Cardiovascular Nursing

**VFP** Schweizerischer Verein für Pflegewissenschaft  
**APSI** Association suisse pour les sciences infirmières  
Swiss Association for Nursing Science

**Academic Society**  
**Cardiovascular Nursing**

### **🕒 8:15 – 9:15 | Assembly AG-KAPT**

**Chair:** Eva-Maria Höhn

### **🕒 09:30 – 10:30 | Patient education and self management in chronic heart and lung disease**

**Chair:** Stéphanie Saxer (Dr., St. Gallen, Switzerland), Petra Schäfer-Keller (PhD, Fribourg, Switzerland)

- **Post-discharge support in heart failure: A transitional care program to enhance self-management and reduce rehospitalisation rates** - Valerie Epking-Veltman (Basel, Switzerland)
- **Outpatient heart failure management: Education, self-monitoring, and telehealth support** - Nina Rezzoli (Luzern, Switzerland)
- **Pulmonary fibrosis learning & self-management program: Insights from a co-creation approach** - Thomas Riegler (Dr., Winterthur, Switzerland)

### **🕒 11:00 – 12:15 | What's New?**

**Chair:** Valerie Epking-Veltman (Basel, Switzerland), Nicole Zigan (Winterthur, Switzerland)

- **ACNAP – new EPAs in congenital heard disease & heart failure** - Corina Thomet (Bern, Switzerland)
- **Pulmonary hypertension – updates for allied health professionals** - invited speaker
- **Current recommendations and developments in cardiopulmonary rehabilitation** - Stéphanie Saxer (Dr., St. Gallen, Switzerland), Hadassa Brito da Silva (Davos, Switzerland)
- **Gender aspects in diagnostics and therapy of heart and lung diseases** - Christine Meyer-Zürn (Prof. Dr., Basel, Switzerland)

### **🕒 13:45 – 15:00 | Transplantation**

**Chair:** Debora Jenni (Bern, Switzerland), Carmen Kohler (Basel, Switzerland)

- **Organ transplantation in Switzerland** - Franz Immer (PD Dr. med., Switzerland)
- **Transplantation and death - the ethical landscape** - Settimio Monteverde (Prof. Dr., Bern, Switzerland)
- **Organ protection procedures for the heart** - (Martin Schmiady Dr., Zürich, Switzerland)

### **🕒 15:30 – 16:30 | Case Reports and Projects**

**Chair:** Eva-Maria Höhn (Zürich, Switzerland), Irene Stalder-Ochsner (Zürich, Switzerland)

- **Reccurent COPD exacerbations:**
  - The nurse's perspective** - Gabriela Schmid-Mohler (PhD, Zürich, Switzerland)
  - The physiotherapist's perspective** - Janina Mäder (Zürich, Switzerland)
- **Practice Improvement Project: Interprofessional Team Huddle** - Rafael Imhof (Zürich, Switzerland)
- **A Patient Journey in End Stage Heart Failure: Roles & Real World Limitations** - Thorsten Arp (Mammern, Switzerland)

### **🕒 16:45 – 17:45 | Entrustable Professional Activities: From initial framework to daily practice**

**Chair:** Lukas Kern (Dr. med., St. Gallen, Switzerland), Gabriela Kuster (Prof. Dr. med., Basel, Switzerland)

- **EPAs in pneumology: Where are we going?** - Marek Nemeč (Dr. med., Scuol, Switzerland)
- **EPAs for allied professionals?** - Corina Thomet (Bern, Switzerland)
- **EPAs in cardiology: Where are we in 2026?** - Fabienne Schwitz (Dr. med., Bern, Switzerland)
- **Is it normal to struggle?** - Adi Marty