

# Conference on Equity in Healthcare

## Measure – document – understand

15 October 2019  
Welle7, Bern  
9 am – 5 pm

The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health FOPH is committed to promoting equal opportunities in health for everyone living in Switzerland. Ensuring access to high quality and affordable preventive and curative services for all, including the most disadvantaged population groups, is part of the political priorities. While some measures have been put in place to increase equity, there is still a lot of work to do.

To tackle this issue together, the FOPH is organizing a conference on equity in healthcare with the support and participation of the National Research Programme 'Smarter Health Care' (NRP 74) and the Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+). The day will be dedicated to examining research in this area and focus on how research can contribute to increasing equity in healthcare in Switzerland.

The conference has the following objectives:

- To share knowledge on methods and current research on equity in healthcare
- To inspire participants to initiate new research, based on the international and national experiences presented
- And to connect actors from the fields of research, practice and politics, and facilitate future collaboration

The conference will focus on three core questions, which will be discussed by speakers and participants throughout the day:

- What are the methodological issues related to measuring and documenting equity in healthcare?
- What can we learn from national and international experiences?
- How can research help promote changes in the way healthcare is delivered?

The conference is aimed at individuals and institutions involved in research, practice and policy interested in this topic.

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

From 8.30      **Arrival and morning coffee**

9.15 am      **Opening speech**  
*Federal Office of Public Health FOPH*

**Measure - document – understand Equity in Healthcare: why is it important?**

*Federal Office of Public Health FOPH; National Research Programme 74; Swiss School of Public Health; Swiss Hospitals for Equity Network*

**Measuring and documenting Equity in Healthcare: methods and current research**

Health equity monitoring for healthcare quality assurance  
*Richard Cookson, University of York*

Informative indicators on healthcare equity in Switzerland  
*Joachim Marti, Unisanté Lausanne*

Linkage of hospital and census data to analyze the social dimension of hospitalizations for specific chronic conditions: Methods and first results of the SIHOS-study on social inequalities in utilization and outcome of in-patient healthcare in Switzerland  
*Lucy Bayer-Oglesby, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland*

Scottish Health and Ethnicity Linkage Study SHELS  
*Laurence Gruer, University of Edinburgh*

**Interactive moment**

12.30      Lunch

**How can research contribute to promoting Equity in Healthcare? Experiences and lessons learned from the International Community**

Title to be announced  
*Alexander Green, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital*

Title to be announced  
*Aziz Sheikh, University of Edinburgh*

**Break**

**How can research contribute to promoting Equity in Healthcare? Experiences and lessons learned from Switzerland**

*Swiss Hospitals for Equity Network delegates*

5 pm      **End of the conference**

## ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

### Event location:

Welle7 Workspace, Schanzenstrasse 5, 3008 Bern



### Rates:

CHF 180 (normal price)  
CHF 140 (NFP74/ SSPH+/ SH4E members)  
CHF 100 (Students)

### Inscription:

Deadline for registration: **30 September 2019**

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### Language:

German, French and English. All speeches and comments will be simultaneously translated in all three languages.

### Route to Welle7:

- by train: Bern main railway station, Welle exit. Direct access via the bridge over platforms 1-13
- by tram: Tram no. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, Hirschengraben stop
- by bus: Bus no. 12 or Postauto no. 100 or 101, Schanzenstrasse stop (immediately in front of the main entrance to Welle7). Or bus no. 10, 11, 17, 19, 30, Hirschengraben stop
- by car: use the Parking City-West or Bahnhof Parking car parks (approx. 5 minutes away on foot)

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