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Health Equity Forum | 28 November 2025 | Bern

Equity in healthcare and migrant families: Towards an inclusive approach

Time	Programme items Morning	Languages
08:30	Registration and welcome coffee	
09:00	Welcome and introduction by the organisers	D/F
09:15	Opening / Welcome address: Federal Councillor Elisabeth Baume Schneider	F
09:30	Keynote: Transformation of health systems – perspectives on migration and equity Dr Santino Severoni, Director of Health and Migration, WHO Geneva	E
10:10	Break	
10:40	Living Humanity – Health equity starts with the most vulnerable Nora Kronig Romero, Director, Swiss Red Cross	D
11:10	Equity and health: the case of asylum seekers Dr. h.c. Paolo Bernasconi, Prof. em. HSG, Member of the Global Agenda Council WEF, former member of ICRC	F
11:40	Panel discussion	D/F/E
12:00	Lunch break	

Time	Programme items Afternoon	Languages
13:15	Specialist presentation 1: Health – for everyone? Findings from the report on health inequality and the National Health Report 2025 Laila Burla & Daniela Schuler, Swiss Health Observatory (Obsan)	D
13:35	Specialist presentation 2: Caring for a diverse population: when data and politics come together PD Dr Julia Brandenberger, Paediatric Clinic, Inselspital Bern	E
14:00	Break	
14:30	Specialist presentation 3: Mental health and family dynamics of Syrian refugees in Switzerland – long-term study Dr. med. Kevin Morisod, MD-PhD, Department of Vulnerabilities & Social Medicine, Unisanté Lausanne	F
14:50	Specialist presentation 4: Examples of an integrative and innovative concept for the care of families with a migrant background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Javier Sanchis, Department of Care for Migrant Children and Adolescents, Department of Psychiatry, CHUV Lausanne - Dr Paola Assandro, Women, Mother and Child Department, CHUV Lausanne - Dr Caroline Heiniger, Women, Mother and Child Department, CHUV Lausanne - Dr Saskia Von Overbeck Ottino, Specialist in Psychiatry FMH, Children, Adolescents & Adults 	F
15:35	Specialist presentation 5: Associazione Mendrisiotto Regione Aperta: Experiences near the federal asylum centres Paola Caremi & Gianna Riva, Mendrisiotto Regione Aperta	F
16:00	Expert discussion, Call to Action	D/E/F
16:50	Closing remarks	D/F
17:00	End of conference	