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Pragmatic clinical trials in infectious diseases: Innovative designs for greater impact

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Welcome

Welcome to our Vaud-Genève seminar series!

The divisions of infectious diseases of CHUV and HUG are pleased to invite you to an afternoon seminar dedicated to pragmatic clinical trials in infectious diseases, with a global health perspective.

This seminar brings together leading Swiss and international experts who will share their experience with innovative and pragmatic clinical trial designs in infectious diseases, illustrated through concrete examples. Presentations will focus on ways to optimize trial implementation and maximize impact, including adaptive platform trials, cluster randomized designs, trials within cohorts, and the effective use of existing healthcare and routine data infrastructures.

The symposium aims to provide insights for investigators and clinicians involved in clinical research, fostering collaboration and innovation in infectious diseases trial across diverse settings.

We warmly thank our partners for their support in making this event possible.

Organisation

Courses Objectives

The symposium aims to introduce participants with a practical understanding of innovative and pragmatic clinical trial designs, the use of routine data and cohorts, and collaborative research approaches to strengthen infectious diseases clinical research, in Switzerland with global health perspectives.

Target Audience

All professionals interested in interventional clinical research, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, clinical researchers, statisticians, and methodologists.

Partner



Course Programme

Wednesday, April 22 2026

13:30 - 13:40	Welcome and opening remarks Prof Oriol Manuel, Service of Infectious Diseases, CHUV, Lausanne
<i>Chairs</i>	Part I Prof Noémie Boillat-Blanco, Infectious Diseases, CHUV, Lausanne
13:40 – 14:15	The SNAP example: platform adaptive trial designs Prof Joshua Davis, Infectious Diseases, University of Newcastle, Australia
14:15 – 14:55	Why do we need clinical trials in Switzerland? Investigator and patient perspectives Prof Angela Huttner, Geneva University Hospital, HUG Ms Livia Nagy Bonnard, Patient Expert
14:55 – 15:20	Switzerland: a country of cohorts – The TWICS opportunity Dr Benjamin Speich, University of Basel, Basel
15:20 – 15:45	Cluster randomized controlled trials: advantages and caveats Dr Rainer Tan, Global Health, Unisanté, Lausanne
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break

<i>Chairs</i>	Part II Prof Oriol Manuel, Service of Infectious Diseases, CHUV, Lausanne
16:15 – 16:50	The power of routine data: conducting the mega-Danish clinical trial Dr Mats Lassen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
16:50 – 17:15	Pragmatic clinical trial in low resource settings Prof Kristina Keitel, LiGHT laboratory, EPFL, Lausanne
17:15 – 17:40	Large consortia in clinical trials: opportunities and challenges Prof Julia Bielicki, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, University Hospital of Basel
17:40 – 17:50	Closure of the seminar Prof Daniel Kaufmann, Service of Infectious Diseases, CHUV, Lausanne
17:50	Cocktail

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Informations

Course Venue

CHUV
Rue du Bugnon 46
1011 Lausanne
Auditoire Jequier Doge
Bâtiment hospitalier principal, niveau 08

Registration Procedure

In order to receive the link for the virtual meeting, please register using the following link:

[Link to the virtual meeting](#)

Or scan the QR code below:



Registration fee

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