

THURSDAY

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ECHO

Exchange in Clinical  
Hematology and Oncology

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## Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the **8<sup>th</sup> Swiss ECHO – Exchange in Clinical Hematology & Oncology**, taking place on **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 16:00–18:30** in a **hybrid format**, with Swiss speakers on site in Bern (Welle7) and international faculty joining virtually.

Swiss ECHO has become a well-established platform for **interdisciplinary exchange between hematologists and oncologists**, bringing together leading experts to discuss the most relevant clinical developments across both fields.

This year's program will feature **renowned international speakers** and will focus on the rapidly evolving treatment landscape in oncology and hematology. Key sessions will address **new treatment strategies in follicular lymphoma, multiple myeloma, bladder cancer** and small cell lung cancer, as well as the latest developments in **cellular therapies and bispecific antibodies**.

A particular highlight of the meeting will be the **keynote lecture by Prof. Heinz Läubli (Basel)** on *Glycans and Glycan-Binding Receptors in Anti-Cancer Immunity*, offering exciting insights into emerging biological mechanisms shaping the future of cancer immunotherapy.

The program will also welcome contributions from **YOA (Young Oncology Academy)** and **SHOOT (Swiss Hematologists and Oncologists of Tomorrow)**, reflecting our commitment to fostering dialogue between experienced specialists and the next generation of clinicians.

Swiss ECHO combines **state-of-the-art scientific updates with practical clinical perspectives**, while creating a forum for discussion and networking among colleagues across Switzerland and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming you to the **8<sup>th</sup> Swiss ECHO** and to another inspiring exchange in clinical hematology and oncology.

### SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE



Prof. Richard Cathomas  
Cantonal Hospital Graubünden



Dr Carmen De Ramón Ortiz  
Geneva University Hospitals



Dr Patrizia Frösch  
Ospedale Regionale di Locarno,  
La Carità



Prof. Urban Novak  
University Hospital  
Inselspital Bern

## Program

**16:00 – 16:10** **Welcome and Introduction**  
Scientific Steering Committee

**16:10 – 16:25** **Session-Chair: Dr Carmen De Ramón Ortiz**  
**Introducing YOA (Young Oncology Academy) and SHOOT (Swiss Hematologists and Oncologists of Tomorrow)**  
Prof. Miklos Pless, YOA & Cantonal Hospital Winterthur  
Dr Isabel Stiefel, Co-President, SHOOT & Triemli City Hospital Zurich

**16:25 – 16:55** **Session-Chair: Prof. Richard Cathomas**  
**Keynote Lecture—Spotlight Session**  
**Glycans and Glycan-Binding Receptors in Anti-Cancer Immunity**  
Prof. Heinz Läubli, University Hospital Basel

**16:55 – 17:20** **Session-Chair: Prof. Urban Novak**  
**Parallel Session Hematology**  
**Follicular Lymphoma:  
New Options and Perspectives**  
Prof. Christian Buske  
University Ulm, Germany

**Session-Chair: Prof. Richard Cathomas**  
**Parallel Session Oncology**  
**Optimal Treatment of  
Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer:  
From Evolution to Revolution**  
Prof. Christof Vulsteke  
Integrated Cancer Centre Gent, Belgium

**17:20 – 17:45** **Session-Chair: Dr Carmen De Ramón Ortiz**  
**Parallel Session Hematology**  
**Advances in Multiple Myeloma:  
Bispecifics, MRD-Driven Care  
and Early-Line Innovation**  
Prof. Maria-Victoria Mateos  
University Hospital of Salamanca, Spain

**Session-Chair: Dr Patrizia Frösch**  
**Parallel Session Oncology**  
**The Evolving Treatment  
Landscape in SCLC: Strategic  
Insights for Clinical Practice**  
Dr Santiago Ponce Aix  
12 de Octubre University Hospital,  
Madrid, Spain

**17:45 – 18:15** **Session-Chair: Prof. Urban Novak**  
**Hot Topic**  
**Novelties in Cellular Therapies and Bispecifics**  
Prof. Caron Jacobson, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

**18:15 – 18:30** **Summary and Conclusion of Each Session**  
Scientific Steering Committee

**18:30** **Social Network Dinner**

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