

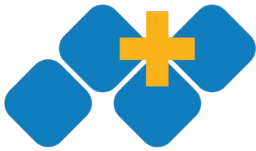
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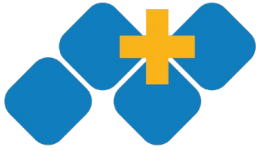
Program

Summer School in Palliative Medicine, June 24 & 25, 2026

Wednesday, June 24, 2026			
Centre Loewenberg, Murten			
Time	Format	Topics	Lecturers
09:30-10:00	Welcome Coffee (Breakfast style)		
10:00	Welcome and introduction 5'		David Blum Program Committee
Chair David Blum			
10:05-10:45	Discussion 40'	TARDOC	Corina Wirth
10:50-11:20	Pearl 20' + 10' discussion	Pharmacological intervention for insomnia and other sleeping related disorders in palliative care patients.	Jessica Rueff
11:20-11:40	Break		
11:40-12:30	State of the Art 35' + 15' discussion	Equity in assisted suicide	Claudia Gamondi and Kristina Würth
12:30-14:00	Check-in individually booked hotels and/or standing lunch at the Altes Spital		
Chair Renate Grathwohl Shaker			
14:00-14:40	Challenges and new perspectives 30' + 10' discussion	Insights from HFR Fribourg	Boris Cantin
14:45-15:15	Pearl 20' + 10' discussion	Palli-GeMed: a home-based palliative emergency response team in Geneva	Simon Singovski
15:15-15:45	Break		
15:45-16:45	Best of Palliative Care 2024/2025 60'	A critical look at the literature: Insights since last Summer School	Jan Gärtner
16:50-17:20	Pearl 20' + 10' discussion	Clinical Hypnosis in Palliative Care	Florence Sartorio
17:25-18:10	State of the Art discussion 30' + 15' discussion	Kachexie in palliative care	David Blum
18:30	Dinner at Centre Loewenberg		



Thursday, June 25, 2026			
Centre Loewenberg, Murten			
Time	Format	Topics	Lecturers
Chair Fabia Weisser			
08:30-09:25	Prior Policy 55'		Fgä: Sandra Eckstein & Tanja Fusi- Schmidhauser
09:30-10:10	State of the Art and discussion 30' + 10' discussion	When Psychiatry meets Palliative Care : Insights and Obstacles	Giorgio Maccaferri
10:10-10:30	Break		
10:30-11:45	Workshop 1	Self-care for palliative care professionals	Regula Saner
	Workshop 2	Challenges in interprofessional teams	Adriana Burgstaller
11:45-13:00	Lunch		
Chair Luigi Stanco / Rachel Rutz Voumard			
13:00-13:40	Challenges and new perspectives – incl. discussion 30' + 10' discussion	Insights from Kantonsspital Winterthur	Christa Hauswirth
13:45-14:20	State of the Art and discussion 30' +5'discussion	Use of ketamine in palliative care	Monika Jaquenod- Linder and Caroline Hertler
14:25-15:05	State of the Art and discussion 30' +10'discussion	How to implement palliative care for the frail elderly patients	Sophie Pautex
15:10-15:40	Pearl 20' + 10' discussion	Palliative care in long-term- settings, transitions pitfalls	Simone Scherer
15:40-16:00	Closing session	Wrap up from the workshops and Evaluation	Luigi Stanco / Rachel Rutz Voumard



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Lecturers of the Summer School in Palliative Medicine 2026

Professor Dr. med. David Blum, MD

Senior Attending Physician, Department of Radiation Oncology, USZ

Additional roles at USZ :

Medical Director, Competence Center for Palliative Care

Areas of specialisation :

Palliative Care (advanced training)

Medical Oncology (FMH)

Internal Medicine (FMH)

Adriana Burgstaller

Systemic organizational consulting & coaching, bso – Institute for Systemic Impulses Zurich
Mediation, Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH) ; Facilitation in business and family constellations, SPARK Zurich ; Certified trainer with Federal Diploma (FA) ; Intervention and prevention of sexual violence, University of Zurich (UZH) ; Course instructor and trainer, IMPACT Self-Defense Zurich ; Psychologist, MSc in Neuropsychology and Religious Studies, University of Zurich

Dr med. Boris Cantin

Médecin-chef de service; Soins palliatifs _ HFR Fribourg - Hôpital cantonal

Dr. med. Sandra Eckstein

Senior Physician; Palliative Care ; Universitätsspital Basel

PD Dr.ssa med. → Privatdozent (Associate Professor), MD Tanja Fusi-Schmidhauser

Head Physician, Clinic of Palliative and Supportive Care, IOSI-EOC, Bellinzona

Professor Dr. med. Claudia Gamondi

Head of the Palliative and Supportive Care Service; CHUV, Lausanne

Professor Dr. med. Jan Gärtner

Palliative Care Centre, Bethesda

Head of the Palliative Care Centre, Specialist in Anaesthesiology, Palliative Medicine, and Specialised Pain Therapy

Dr. med. Christa Hauswirth Siegenthaler

Chief Physician ; Center for Palliative Care, Kantonsspital Winterthur

Specialist in General Internal Medicine ; Subspecialty in Palliative Medicine

PD Dr. med. Caroline Hertler

Privatdozent (Associate Professor), MD

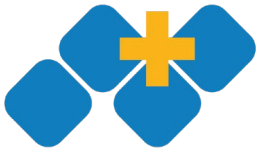
Senior Attending Physician, Clinic of Radiation Oncology

Specialties

Palliative Care (oncological and non-oncological diseases)

Neurology (especially neuro-oncology, epileptology)

Addiction Medicine



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Dr. Monika Jaquenod-Linder

Specialist in Anesthesiology

Certificates of Competence

Practice Laboratory (KHM)

Interdisciplinary Specializations

Interventional Pain Therapy (SSIPM)

Klinik Hirslanden, Zürich

Prof. Dr. med. Sophie Pautex

Head Physician of the Palliative Medicine Service

Chair of the College of Heads of Service at HUG

Dr. med. Jessica Rueff

Palliativzentrum Bethesda

Regula Saner

Federally recognized psychotherapist

Psychologist (FSP)

Certified MBSR and MSC teacher

Zentrum für Achtsamkeit Basel

Dr. med. Florence Sartorio

Deputy Physician

Specialist in General Internal Medicine

Advanced interdisciplinary training in palliative medicine

Dr. med. Simone Scherer

Innere Medizin

Spital Zofingen

Dr med. Simon Singovski

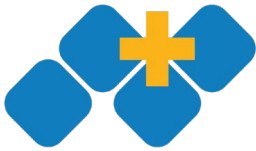
Chef de clinique, Service de médecine palliative, HUG

Corina Wirth, Dr. phil. nat. et sci. med

Managing Director palliative.ch

PhD Dr. sc. med. Kristina Maria Würth

Clinical ethicist working at CHUV and the University of Lausanne, with research focusing on medical ethics, health equity, and sociocultural aspects of healthcare



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Concept of the Summer School in Palliative Medicine

The Physicians' Group of **palliative.ch** has been mandated to bring its members together on a regular basis for targeted continuing education in our field and specialty. For the 11th edition of the Summer School, we will once again offer an engaging and high-quality program.

The aim of the Summer School is to foster a strong professional community, develop a shared vision, prepare for future challenges, and strengthen networking within our medical subspecialty. As in previous years, plenary sessions will be held primarily in English, while discussions may take place in participants' native languages or in English.

Through this program, we aim to contribute to high-quality continuing medical education in palliative care by providing expert insights and enabling in-depth discussion of key topics. In addition, the Summer School offers an opportunity for colleagues from across Switzerland to exchange knowledge and share their experience.

Scientific Organizing Committee

Prof. Dr. med. David Blum

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