



## **Health Equity Forum 2024**

### **«Equity in healthcare : policy frameworks and innovative practices»**

**Friday 22nd november 2024, 9h00 - 16h00**

Hybrid organization :

- On site: auditoire Paternot, Fondation ISREC, Rue du Bugnon 25A, 1005 Lausanne
- Online: the link will be sent to registered participants by email a few days before the Forum.

The Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and Swiss Health Network for Equity (SH4E) are committed to promoting equal opportunities for all people in Swiss healthcare. Ensuring that the most vulnerable people have access to the healthcare system at the right time, and providing high-quality, patient-centred care, are key issues in achieving equity in healthcare.

The aim of the Health Equity Forum 2024 is to encourage the sharing of experience and the transfer of knowledge and best practice on the subject of equity in healthcare in Switzerland. During this day of conferences and exchanges, we will be highlighting two themes:

- Equity Matters: A Framework for Political Action in Healthcare
- Bridging the Gap: Transforming Evidence into Practice and Promoting Innovation for Equitable Care

The morning (part I) will be devoted to presentations and discussions on comprehensive framework for actionable steps that policymakers can take to address disparities effectively. International examples and testimonials from key players in the Swiss healthcare system will illustrate the possible approaches and measures.

The afternoon (part II) will be devoted to presenting some of the main issues for innovation in health equity and highlighting best practice with concrete examples from the different language areas of Switzerland.

Join us for inspiring discussions, experience-sharing and collaboration opportunities, with the aim of promoting equitable access to healthcare in Switzerland. We look forward to welcoming you and working together for a more inclusive and equitable healthcare system.

The Forum is aimed at health and social care professionals, cantonal and federal health and social care authorities, researchers and patient associations working in the field of care for migrant and vulnerable populations, patients' rights and quality of care.

The conference is organised in hybrid mode (on site and on line) and will be simultaneously translated into several languages. Participation is free of charge. You will find the program on the following page.

Details about registration and the provisional programme are available at the following link: [HEForum24-registration](#) and on the FOPH website: [Health Equity Forum 2024 \(admin.ch\)](#).

Event co-organised by the FOPH and SH4E, in partnership with Unisanté.

## Health Equity Forum 2024 - Program

### Equity in healthcare: policy frameworks and innovative practices



With simultaneous translation English, German, French, Italian 

The Swiss Institute for Medical Postgraduate and Continuing Education awards 6 credits per participant

Welcome and coffee	8:30 – 9:15
Welcome and opening : Introduction to Health Equity and its importance	9:15 – 10:15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome by <b>Serge Houmard</b>, Federal Office of Public Health, and <b>Patrick Bodenmann</b>, Unisanté and Co-President of the Swiss Health Network for Equity</li> <li>- <b>Eric Masserey</b>, Cantonal Medical Officer, Canton of Valais</li> <li>- <b>Adriana Degiorgi</b>, Head of support functions, Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale, Bellinzona</li> </ul>	9:15 – 10:15
Part I: Equity Matters : A framework for political action in healthcare	10:15 - 12:15
<b>Sharing challenges and success stories in policy implementation: international experiences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UK: <b>Peter Kelly</b>, Department of Health and NHS Regional Director of Public Health and Network Chair and <b>Lina Toleikyte</b>, Public Health Manager English Regions, Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)</li> <li>- Germany: <b>Stefan Bräunling</b>, Managing director, Cooperation network for equal health opportunities and <b>Christina Rogler</b>, Adviser on equal opportunities in health at the Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA)</li> </ul>	10:15 – 11:15
Break time	11:15 – 11:40
Round Table	11:40– 12:15
Lunch Break	12:15 - 13:15
Back to plenum	13:15 - 13:20
Part II: Bridging the gap: Transforming evidence into practice and promoting innovation for equitable healthcare	13:20 - 15:45
<b>Innovation in Health Equity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The support of Artificial Intelligence to understand and promote Health Equity</i>, <b>Ann Aerts</b>, Head of the Novartis Foundation (AI4HealthyCities)</li> <li>- <i>Deliver more equity in healthcare with low resources</i>, <b>Nicole Valentine</b>, economist and public health specialist at the World Health Organization (WHO)</li> <li>- <i>Innovative equity in Switzerland: shall we dare to believe!</i> <b>Patrick Bodenmann</b>, Head of Vulnerability and Social Medicine, Unisanté</li> </ul>	13:20 - 14:15
Q & A	14:15 – 14:30
<b>Best practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Practical dimensions of health equity into perspective</i>: <b>Igor Francetic</b>, SUPSI, SNSF Ambizione Research Fellow</li> <li>- <i>Swiss Health Network for Equity</i>: <b>Nadia Di Bernardo Leimgruber</b>, Solothurn Hospitals Ltd.</li> <li>- <i>Equitable medical care in the field of migration</i>: <b>Anne Jachmann</b>, MPH Head of Research Group, Migration and Refugee Health Unit, Inselspital, Universitätsspital Bern</li> <li>- <i>Digital Health Algorithms: Transforming Care and Advancing Health Equity</i>: <b>Rainer Tan</b>, Head of the Migrant Care Medical Unit, Unisanté</li> </ul>	14:30 – 15:30
Q & A	15:30 – 15:45
Take home messages & conclusion	15:45 – 16:00

Access map - **Paternot auditorium** (AGORA building)  
ISREC Foundation, Rue du Bugnon 25A, 1005 Lausanne

From the railway station: Metro Line 2 towards Epalinges / Croisettes , CHUV station (Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois)

