



## Health Equity Forum

### «Equity in health care: new insights and challenges»

***Online conference, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, 01:00 pm - 5:30 pm***

The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) works to promote health equity. Two of the main challenges in Switzerland are giving the most vulnerable people timely access to the health system and assuring high quality, patient-centred healthcare.

Health equity requires measures and interventions tailored to the most disadvantaged population groups. Indeed, the risks associated with lower health opportunities often go together with a lower socio-economic status, as was also observed during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is therefore important that measures to promote health equity consider these aspects. This requires raising awareness among healthcare actors so that they recognise the existing challenges and make it a key priority to tackle them.

The findings of research are an important component of this awareness-raising process. Research should not be an end in itself. It is about connecting research and practice. Ideally, actors in the health system will respond to the challenges identified by researchers by designing and implementing targeted measures and measuring their impact. This means that research findings should be considered in the light of practice. The measures derived from these considerations should have measurable effects on professional practice and, ultimately, on the fairness and quality of the health system.

This online conference is designed to help create a better connection between research and practice based on research findings and experiences from Switzerland and abroad.

The programme will begin with a presentation of concepts facilitating a more precise understanding of equity in health care (Block I). Then, various research projects will be presented, and conclusions regarding the function and quality of healthcare will be outlined (Block II). Afterwards, there will be a discussion of various reports on experience at both national and international levels. This will revolve around current challenges, but also the opportunities arising from new insights and the use of health data to promote equity and influence public health policy (Block III).

The forum is aimed at researchers, health and social care professionals, cantonal and federal health and social care authorities and services, as well as organisations active in the field of patients' rights and quality of healthcare.

The conference will be simultaneously translated into English, French and German. Participation is free of charge. The program can be found on the next page.

You can register by clicking [here](#)

Those who have registered will receive a link to participate online a few days before the event.

## Health Equity Forum 2022 : program

<b>01:00 pm</b> – <b>01:15 pm</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Salome von Greyerz, Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)</i>
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<b>BLOCK I</b>	<b>An introduction to Health Equity</b>
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<b>01:15 pm</b> – <b>01:30 pm</b>	<b>Short introductory film: statements</b> <b>Health Equity, equity in healthcare: what are we talking about?</b> <i>Patrick Bodenmann, Unisanté, University Center for General Medicine and Public Health in Lausanne and Serge Houmard, Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)</i>
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<b>BLOCK II</b>	<b>New research on Health Equity: which impact on healthcare ?</b>
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<b>01:30 pm</b> – <b>03:45 pm</b>	<b>Measuring equity in healthcare using administrative hospital data : lessons from national and cantonal studies</b> <i>Joachim Marti, Unisanté, University Center for General Medicine and Public Health in Lausanne</i>
	<b>Measuring equity of care in clinical settings: the «PRIORITY» project (PanoRama of Indicators On healthcare equity)</b> <i>Yves Jackson and Delphine Courvoisier, University Hospitals of Geneva</i>
	<b>Patients' rights, equity and quality in hospital practices: the pilot project « EquiTI » (Equity Ticino)</b> <i>Laura Bertini, University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI) Brenno Balestra, Cantonal Hospital Corporation (EOC)</i>
	<b>Making health professionals aware of the needs of deaf patients and patients with hearing loss: an action research project</b> <i>Veronique Grazioli, Unisanté, University Center for General Medicine and Public Health in Lausanne</i>
	<b>Inequities in people's experience of healthcare in Switzerland (International Health Policy survey 2020)</b> <i>Clémence Merçay, Swiss Health Observatory</i>
	<b>Health literacy and its importance to navigate the health system : data and recommendations for practice</b> <i>Saskia De Gani, CAREUM</i>
	Discussion and Questions & Answers (15')

**Break until 04:00 pm**

<b>BLOCK III</b>	<b>Health Equity : opportunities to better use data and impact policies</b>
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<b>04:00 pm</b> – <b>05:30 pm</b>	<b>Precision public health to better inform public policies</b> <i>Antoine Flahault, Institute of Global Health, Geneva</i>
	<b>Using data for policy: why to and how to?</b> <i>Suzanne Suggs, Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+)</i>
	<b>Why Health Inclusion matters : from Research to Practice</b> <i>David Napier, University College London</i>
	<b>The experience of the National Research Programme “Smarter Health Care” (NRP 74)</b> <i>Manuela Oetterli, Interface Consulting</i>
	Discussion and Questions & Answers (15')