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Zurich Pediatric Transplant Symposium

**Lecture Hall, University Children's Hospital
August-Forel-Strasse 51, 8008 Zurich
Friday, June 19, 2026, 09:00 – 17:00 h**

Dear colleagues and friends,

Welcome to the first Zurich Pediatric Transplant Symposium which will take place on Friday, 19 June 2026 at the University Children's Hospital in Zurich.

The focus of the symposium is on post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease (PTLD) which remains a serious complication of immunosuppression in children. Prevention, early detection and tailored treatment are essential for better outcomes. Our symposium features expert lectures, interactive case discussions, and networking with specialists in heart, kidney, liver, and stem cell transplantation.

This meeting encourages collaboration and knowledge exchange among colleagues from Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and beyond. We warmly invite all physicians, nurses and scientists involved in the care of transplanted children to join us in our new children's hospital and look forward to your participation.

Christian Balmer, Tayfun Güngör, Mathias Hauri-Hohl,
Wesley Hayes and Sabine Kroiss Benninger



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Front: Artwork by Raphael Hefti «Sternstaubgewürfel - Starmix», 2024, exhibited in the entrance hall of the University Children's Hospital Zürich. Photography: Conradin Frei.



Scientific programme

09.00 **Welcome**

Sabine Kroiss Benninger &
Christian Balmer

Pathophysiology of PTLD

Moderation / Chair: Christian Balmer
and Mathias Hauri-Hohl

09.10 **Viral infections in immuno- suppressed patients and development of PTLD**

Christoph Berger

09.30 **EBV-infection: Clinical patterns and diagnostic tools**

Nicolas Müller

09.50 **Types of PTLD: The Challenge for the pathologist**

Stefan Dirnhofer

Diagnostic Challenges

Moderation / Chair: Christian Balmer
and Mathias Hauri-Hohl

10.10 **Clinical Presentation: Just a chronic cough?**

Vanessa Sitte-Koch

10.25 **Clinical Presentation: EBV or PTLD?**

Matthias Felber

10.40 Discussion

11.00 **Break**

Management of PTLD

Moderation / Chair: Tayfun Güngör
and Sabine Kroiss Benninger

11.30 **PTLD in childhood: Diagnosis, classification and therapy**

Britta Maecker-Kolhoff

12.00 **Therapy of PTLD: A stepwise escalation**

Sabine Kroiss Benninger

12.15 Discussion

12.30 **Prognostic factors in PTLD: A report from Austria**

Roman Crazzolara

13.00 Lunch

Optimizing Immunosuppression

Moderation / Chair: Wesley Hayes
and Sonja Budäus

14.00 Management after Liver Transplant

Valérie McLin

14.15 Management after Kidney Transplant

Wesley Hayes

14.30 Management after Heart Transplant

Susanne Skrzypek

14.45 Discussion

15.05 Monitoring of Immuno- suppression by dd cfDNA

Lukas Frischknecht

15.20 Short break

Shaping the Future

Moderation / Chair: Tayfun Güngör
and Sabine Kroiss Benninger

15.30 Balancing Immune Function after hematopoietic SCT

Mathias Hauri-Hohl

15.45 Inducing immune tolerance in solid organ transplantation: combined SOT and HSCT

Kerstin Hübel

16.15 EBV-specific T cell therapy in PTLD

Nina Khanna

16.45 Closing Remarks

Christian Balmer and
Sabine Kroiss Benninger

17.00 Networking Apéro and Farewell

18.30 End of the meeting

Accreditation

- SSPHO – Swiss Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology: 5 Credits
- SGP – Pädiatrie Schweiz: 6 Credits
- Extended specify continuing education for other specialities

Faculty

- **Prof. Dr. med. Christian Balmer**
University Children's Hospital Zurich, CH
- **Prof. Dr. med. Christoph Berger**
University Children's Hospital Zurich, CH
- **Dr. med. Sonja Budäus**
University Children's Hospital Zurich, CH
- **Prof. Dr. med. Roman Crazzolara**
Medizinische Universität Innsbruck, A
- **Prof. Dr. med. Stefan Dirnhof**
University Hospital Basel, CH
- **Dr. med. Matthias Felber**
University Children's Hospital Zurich, CH
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- **Prof. Dr. med. Tayfun Güngör**
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University Children's Hospital Zurich, CH
- **Prof. Dr. med. Britta Maecker-Kolhoff**
Hannover Medical School, D
- **Prof. Dr. med. Nicolas Müller**
University Hospital Zürich, CH
- **Prof. Dr. med. Prof. Valérie McLin**
University Hospital Geneva, CH
- **Dr. med. Vanessa Sitte-Koch**
University Children's Hospital Zurich, CH
- **Dr. med. Susanne Skrzypek**
University Medical Center Giessen and Marburg, D

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General information

Hosts

- Prof. Dr. med. Christian Balmer, Pediatric Cardiology
- Prof. Dr. med. Tayfun Güngör, Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapies
- Dr. med. Dr. phil. nat. Mathias Hauri-Hohl, Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapies
- Dr. med. Wesley Hayes, Pediatric Nephrology
- KD Dr. med. Sabine Kroiss Benninger, Pediatric Oncology

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Venue

Friday, 19 June 2026
Lecture hall of the Research and Teaching Building
Forschung & Lehre,
Kinderspital Zürich,
August-Forel-Strasse 51,
8008 Zürich

Arrival

There are no parking spaces available on the premises. We recommend travelling by public transport.

