



# 8<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the Swiss Clinical Trial Organisation

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## 'Adding value in clinical research'

1 June 2017, 9.15 – 17.00 h  
University Hospital Basel

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## Adding value in clinical research: what's been achieved and how do we manage new challenges?

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A large amount of money is spent on biomedical research, which includes clinical research. However, there is evidence that a high proportion of resources invested is wasted.

What are the main sources of wasted resources in clinical research? Which stakeholders are in a position to move towards a more efficient system? Who is already actively reducing waste? Are new concepts in medicine potential sources for further waste or is the opposite the case? These and other questions will be addressed at the SCTO Symposium 2017.

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→ Presentations and discussions will be held in English.

9.15 **Welcome**

**Prof. Gregor Zünd**, President SCTO  
Representatives of University Hospital Basel

## SESSION 1

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9.30 **Keynote lecture on value and waste  
in clinical research**

**Prof. Rustam Al-Shahi Salman**, Professor of Clinical Neurology, University of Edinburgh and co-author of The Lancet's 2014 research series entitled 'Increasing Value, Reducing Waste'

10.15 **Coffee break**

## SESSION 2

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### **Measures to increase value: Swiss and European networks for research infrastructures**

- 10.45 SCTO CTU network: **Prof. Christiane Pauli-Magnus**, Co-Director Department of Clinical Research, University Hospital Basel and Vice-President SCTO / **Prof. Mirjam Christ-Crain**, Co-Director Department of Clinical Research, University Hospital Basel
- 11.05 Swiss Biobanking Platform (SBP): **Christine Currat**, Executive Director
- 11.25 European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN): **Prof. Christian Ohmann**, Chair Network Committee
- 11.45 Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research Infrastructure (BBMRI): **Michaela Th. Mayrhofer**, Chief Policy Officer CS ELSI/Senior Project Manager

12.10 **Lunch break**

13.10 **◆ A 'special feature' on the value of clinical research ◆**

## **Measures to increase value: funders, policymakers and editors**

13.45 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF): **Dr Ayşim Yılmaz**,  
Head Department Biology and Medicine

14.05 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) funding agency:  
**Dr Katja Großmann**, Programme Officer Life Sciences 3: Medicine

14.25 University College London (UCL): **Prof. Sandy Oliver**,  
Professor of Public Policy

14.45 The Lancet Psychiatry: **Dr Joan Marsh**, Deputy Editor, member of the RReduce  
research Waste And Reward Diligence (REWARD) campaign

15.10 **Coffee break**

## **SESSION 3**

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15.45 **Oxford-style debate on big data  
and personalised health: adding value  
or increasing waste?**

High-calibre opposition and proposition debate led by a chairperson and  
involving the audience as per the Oxford-style debate concept

**Stephen Senn, PhD**, Head of Competence Center for Methodology and  
Statistics (CCMS), Luxembourg Institute of Health (opposition)

**Prof. Dr rer. nat. Gerd Antes**, Co-Director, Cochrane Germany (opposition)

**Prof. Dr Effy Vayena**, SNSF Professor of Health Policy and Division Head  
Health Ethics and Policy Lab, University of Zurich (proposition)

**Prof. Alexandre Reymond**, Director, Centre for Integrative Genomics (CIG)  
University of Lausanne (proposition)

Chairperson: **Dr Margrit Leuthold**, Manager Medical Research, ETH Zurich

17.00 **Closing remarks, celebration of the CTU network's  
10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and networking reception**

**Prof. Christiane Pauli-Magnus**, Co-Director Department of Clinical Research,  
University Hospital Basel and Vice-President SCTO



## Celebrating the CTU network's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Ten years ago the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) laid the groundwork to establish Clinical Trial Units at Swiss university hospitals and the St. Gallen cantonal hospital. Since then the CTU network has developed into a powerful organisation, supporting academic clinical researchers during the planning, implementation, analysis and publication of patient-oriented clinical research projects.

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clinical Trial Unit (CTU) network provides an opportunity to **critically appraise the impact of the CTUs** on enhancing clinical research quality over the last decade. There will also be discussions on the network's future role and the role of researchers, academic institutions, funders and scientific journal editors in **improving the relevance, reproducibility and transparency of patient-oriented research**. To this end, international experts, key stakeholders from academia, funding agencies and a journal editor will share their experiences and expectations on how to shape the future of clinical research.

### Registration

By Monday, 22 May 2017  
Online at [www.scto.ch](http://www.scto.ch) or by e-mail to [scto2017@association-services.ch](mailto:scto2017@association-services.ch)

### Registration fee

CHF 200 regular / CHF 100 students  
Free: students enrolled at University of Basel, University Hospital Basel or MD-PhD Programme

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## Location

University Hospital Basel  
Auditorium "Kleiner Hörsaal ZLF"  
Zentrum für Lehre und Forschung  
Hebelstrasse 20  
4056 Basel

## How to get there

We highly recommend using public transportation. From train station SBB: take bus line No 30, in direction "Badischer Bahnhof" to bus stop "Bernoullianum" (4<sup>th</sup> stop) and take the next right turn into Hebelstrasse. The auditorium is located on the left-hand side.

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