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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.

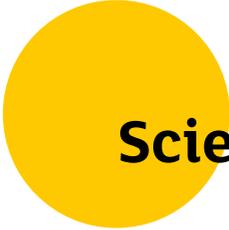
Christian Balmer, Tayfun Güngör, Mathias Hauri-Hohl,  
Wesley Hayes and Sabine Kroiss Benninger



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# 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**

Nathalie Rock

### **14.15 Management after Kidney**

#### **Transplant**

Wesley Hayes

### **14.30 Management after Heart**

#### **Transplant**

Susanne Skrzypek

### **14.45 Discussion**

### **15.05 Monitoring of Immunosuppression 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**

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## **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**  
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- **Prof. Dr. med. Christoph Berger**  
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- **Dr. med. Sonja Budäus**  
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- **Prof. Dr. med. Roman Crazzolara**  
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- **Dr. med. Matthias Felber**  
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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.  
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