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The Swiss Paediatric Oncology Group SPOG invites you to celebrate its 50th anniversary. This symposium brings together experts, clinicians, researchers, and stakeholders to look back on five decades of paediatric cancer care in Switzerland and discuss future developments.

Essential Information

Date: Friday, 5th June 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Venue: Auditorium Ettore Rossi, Inselspital Bern

Programme

The symposium will be moderated by Prof. Dr. med. K. Scheinemann, M.Sc., President of SPOG, and PD Dr. med. Nicolas Gerber, Vice President of SPOG.

9.00 h	Registration and Coffee
10.00 h	Welcome and Introduction Prof. Dr. med. Katrin Scheinemann, M.Sc., SPOG Dr. pharm. Salome von Greyerz, Federal Office of Public Health Dr. Nicole Schaad, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation Manuela Weichelt, National Councilor Zug, Board Kinderkrebs Schweiz SPOG Anniversary Film
10.30 h	History of International Paediatric Oncology Using the Example of ALL Prof. em. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Günter Henze, Humboldt University Berlin
11.15 h	History of Paediatric Oncology in Switzerland and SPOG Prof. em. Dr. med. Maja Beck Popovic, University of Lausanne Prof. em. Dr. med. Felix Niggli, University Children's Hospital Zurich
12.00 h	SPOG Today Prof. Dr. med. Katrin Scheinemann, M.Sc., SPOG Isabelle Lamontagne-Müller, SPOG
12.30 h	Lunch
13.30 h	Clinical Trials – Past, Current and Future (virtual keynote) Prof. em. Pamela Kearns PhD, FRCPCH, University of Birmingham

14.00 h	Precision Oncology Prof. Dr. med. Dr. sc. nat. Jean-Pierre Bourquin, University Children's Hospital Zurich
14.30 h	Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Nicole Seiler, SPOG Patient Advisory Board (SPAB) Nicole Scobie, SPOG Patient Advisory Board (SPAB) Paul Castle, SPOG Patient Advisory Board (SPAB)
15.00 h	Coffee and Tea Break
15.30 h	Panel Discussion: The Future of SPOG (Moderation: Paul Castle, SPAB) Nicole Seiler, SPOG Patient Advisory Board Prof. Dr. med. Katrin Scheinemann, M.Sc., SPOG Isabelle Lamontagne-Müller, SPOG Dr. sc. nat. Michael Zeller, SPOG
16.00 h	Musical Conclusion Laurent Bourquin and Valentina Brodbeck (Violin) Christian Schaub (Viola) Jean-Pierre Bourquin (Cello) Nico Gerber (Piano)
16.30 h	Farewell – Moderators
16.40 h	Apero Riche and Networking

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Through the anniversary symposium, we aim to highlight the importance of patient-centred research and foster open dialogue for children and young people with cancer. This is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors.

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