

**27 MARCH - 29 MARCH**

swiss medical  
students' convention 2026

**who  
cares?!**



INFOBOOKLET

**the swiss healthcare  
system**



# Be excited for a weekend full of inspiring talks, interactive workshops and a social program unlike anything you have experienced at an SMSC before!

The **Swiss Medical Students' Convention (SMSC) 2026** is dedicated to a question that concerns us all: **"Who cares?!"**. The Swiss healthcare system is a constant topic in politics, the media and public debate. How well this system functions is crucial for the quality of care we can provide to our patients one day. Yet during medical school, the system itself often remains in the background. The SMSC 2026 offers a sharp and concise overview of the structures, responsibilities and relationships that define the system in which we will one day work. Join us in Bern for three days of learning, exchanging ideas and connecting with medical students from all over Switzerland.



# SMSC OC

The **Organizing Committee** of SMSC 2026 in Bern consists of around **30 dedicated medical students** from different years. The responsibilities are divided into nine areas, with each team comprising one to two team leaders and several motivated members. Directly following is a list of the names of the entire committee (highlighted in red/white and in the subsequent image, the respective team leaders are indicated).

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# Program

## Friday, 27.03.2026

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| <b>18:00-20:30</b><br>📍 vonRoll | <b>Check-in</b>                     |
| <b>18:00-23:00</b>              | <b>Evening Program &amp; Dinner</b> |

## Saturday, 28.03.2026

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| <b>8:00-8:45</b><br>📍 vonRoll | <b>Breakfast &amp; Check-in</b>   |
| <b>9:00-9:30</b>              | <b>Opening</b>  |
| <b>9:30-10:30</b>             | <b>Overview of the Swiss Healthcare System</b><br>Introduction to the structure and key actors of the Swiss healthcare system   |
| <b>10:30-11:00</b>            | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>11:00-12:30</b>            | <b>Five Short Presentations – Perspectives in the Healthcare System</b><br>Contributions from different perspectives (patient, hospital, pharma industry, insurer, doctor) on the Swiss healthcare system |
| <b>12:30–14:00</b>            | <b>Lunch Break</b>  |
| <b>14:00-14:45</b>            | <b>Introduction to the Problem Landscape</b><br>Overview of the key challenges in the Swiss healthcare system   |
| <b>15:00-15:45</b>            | <b>Workshop Slot 1</b><br>Workshops on specific topics within the Swiss healthcare system   |

## Saturday, 28.03.2026

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| <b>15:45–16:45</b>          | <b>Break &amp; Project Fair</b>  |
| <b>16:45–17:30</b>          | <b>Workshop Slot 2 &amp; Project Fair</b><br>Workshops on specific topics within the Swiss healthcare system |
| <b>from 18:00</b><br>📍 ZSSw | <b>Evening Program &amp; Dinner</b><br>Sports battle and social evening activities                           |

## Sunday, 29.03.2026

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| <b>8:30–9:30</b><br>📍 vonRoll | <b>Breakfast</b>   |
| <b>9:45–10:30</b>             | <b>Approaches and Opportunities</b><br>Possible solutions and opportunities within the Swiss healthcare system |
| <b>10:30–11:00</b>            | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>11:00–12:30</b>            | <b>Panel Discussion</b><br>Our future in the Swiss healthcare system – opportunities and responsibility        |
| <b>12:30–13:00</b>            | <b>Closing</b>   |
| <b>from 13:00</b>             | <b>Lunch (to go)</b>   |

Workshops will be published at a later date.



# PROF. DR.

# ALEXANDER GEISSLER

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## Overview of the Swiss healthcare system

Alexander Geissler is Professor of Health Economics, Policy and Management at the University of St.Gallen. Drawing on his research into efficiency, governance and financing, he offers a structured overview of the Swiss healthcare system. Opening the SMSC, he outlines key actors, structures and challenges, creating a shared foundation for the subsequent discussions from medical, political and societal perspectives.

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# SUSANNE GEDAMKE

## Patient perspective

Susanne Gedamke is Managing Director of the Swiss Patient Organisation SPO. As a psychologist and communication scientist, she advocates for the systematic integration of the patient perspective into healthcare. She brings the voice of patients into health policy discussions and shows why patient-centered care is essential for the future of healthcare.



# KRISTIAN SCHNEIDER

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## Hospital perspective

Kristian Schneider is Deputy Director of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health and former CEO of Spitalzentrum Biel. With experience in both hospital leadership and national health policy, he represents the perspective of hospitals in the Swiss healthcare system. He discusses how political and regulatory decisions shape everyday clinical practice, hospital organization and the ability to provide high-quality care.

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# DR. MATTHIAS LEUENBERGER

## Pharma industry perspective

Matthias Leuenberger represents the perspective of the pharmaceutical industry in the Swiss healthcare system. As former Country President of Novartis Switzerland and former President of scienceindustries, he has extensive experience in medical innovation and drug development. He addresses the role of the pharmaceutical industry and examines the tensions between innovation, affordability, regulation and access to medicines in Switzerland.



# SASKIA SCHENKER

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## Insurer perspective

Saskia Schenker is Director of prio.swiss, the national association of Swiss health insurers. She contributes the perspective of insurers to discussions on healthcare financing, quality and access. With a background in politics and economics, she illustrates the role insurers play in shaping the healthcare system and the trade-offs involved.

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# DR. MED. MIRIAM MÜLLER GRÄDEL

## Doctor perspective

Miriam Müller-Grädel is a general practitioner and has been actively involved in health policy through the VSAO, with many years of engagement at both cantonal and national level until 2024. She brings the perspective of primary care into the debate and highlights how system-level decisions affect everyday clinical practice. Her contribution emphasizes the central role of family medicine in ensuring continuity, quality and humane care.



# DR. MED.

# MARTIN NUFER

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## *Approaches and Opportunities*

Martin Nufer is President of the Board of Directors of the LUKS Group and an experienced hospital leader. As a specialist in internal medicine, he combines clinical insight with strategic management. He provides an inside view of the challenges facing modern hospitals and highlights how quality of care, organization and economic sustainability intersect.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

on Sunday

*Our future in the Swiss healthcare system – opportunities and responsibility*

Moderated by News Anchor SRF Tagesschau

## MICHAEL

## RAUCHENSTEIN

# Location

## VonRoll Campus

Fabrikstrasse 8

3012 Bern

Presentations, workshops and the podium discussion will take place at the vonRoll campus.



## Cloakroom & Check-In / Info Point

There will also be a cloakroom and a check-in/info point available on site.



From Bern main station or Welle7: take bus no. 101 and get off at "Güterbahnhof" or take bus no. 20 and get off at "Länggasse".

# Social Program

**We are excited to announce a completely different social program for the SMSC 2026!**

## Friday

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On Friday evening, we will start with a relaxed get-together at vonRoll. Enjoy drinks, music and games in a laid-back atmosphere – a perfect chance to meet fellow participants and ease into the weekend.

## Saturday

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On Saturday, we invite you to the ZSSw (Zentrum für Sport und Sportwissenschaften) for a change from the traditional party. Welcome to the very first battle of the universities! The evening will feature a sports tournament, accompanied by a party tent, food trucks, drinks and music. Whether competing, partying or relaxing, everyone is welcome to enjoy the lively atmosphere.

**Throughout the entire weekend, universities will compete in a friendly battle to crown the best university of the convention. Teams can earn points in various challenges, including quizzes, games and the sports tournament on Saturday. Show your team spirit, support your university and join the fun!**



# Accommodation

Everyone who books one or two nights at our organized accommodation will stay at the ibis budget / ibis Hotel Bern Expo (Wankdorf).



**ibis budget / ibis Hotel Bern Expo**

**Guisanplatz 2/4**

**3014 Bern**



The accommodation costs are not included in the participation fee.

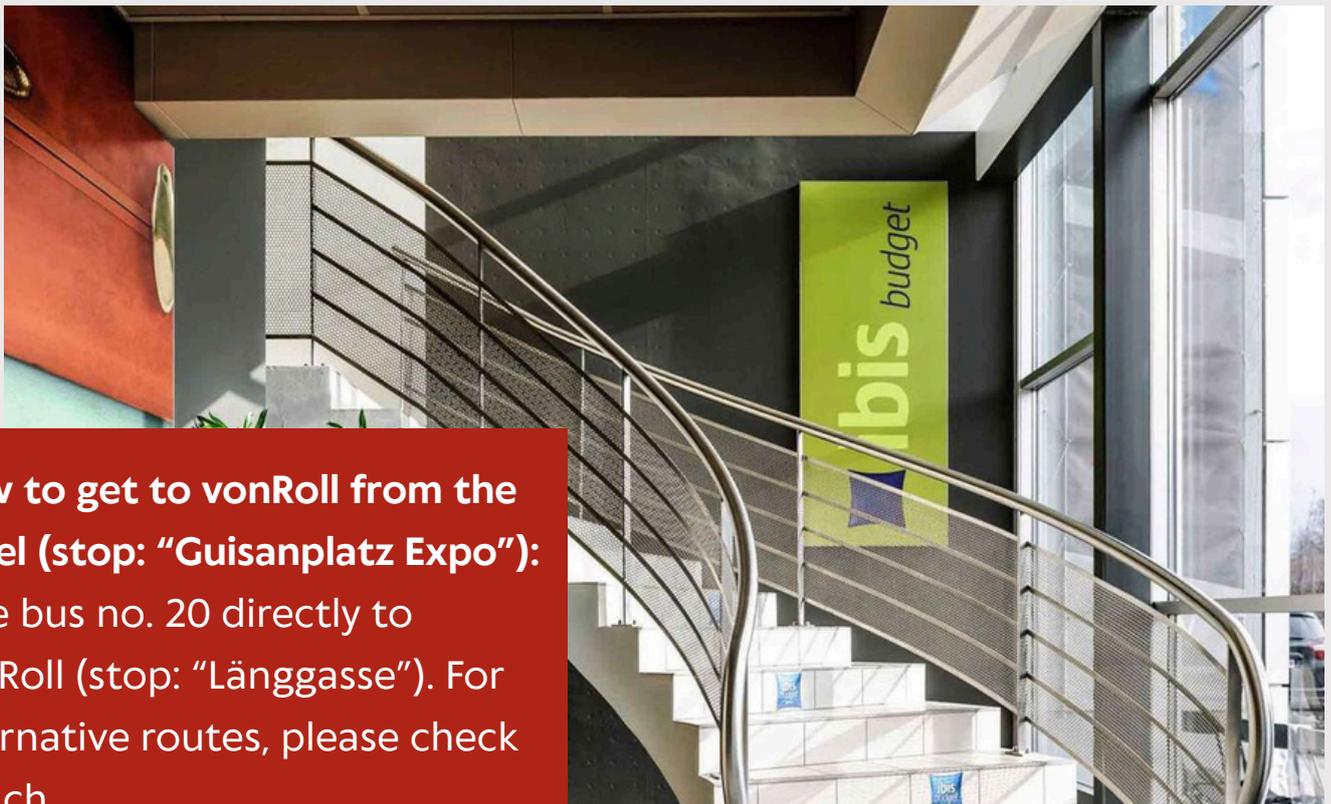
Cost per night: **30 CHF**



If you booked accommodation, you will receive a free public transport ticket for Bern.



Please note that breakfast is not served at the hotel. It will be provided at vonRoll.



**How to get to vonRoll from the hotel (stop: "Guisanplatz Expo"):**  
Take bus no. 20 directly to vonRoll (stop: "Länggasse"). For alternative routes, please check [sbb.ch](http://sbb.ch).

# Food



## Friday, 27.03.2026

### Dinner

18:30-20:00

📍 Canteen vonRoll

Kebab meat or plant-based

## Saturday, 28.03.2026

### Breakfast

8:00-8:45

📍 Foyer vonRoll

Birchermüesli, Goldmütschli (vegan)  
and Chocolate Weggli by Burkhard

### Lunch

12:30-14:00

📍 Foyer vonRoll

Fresh & tasty lunch menu

### Dinner

18:15-20:15

📍 ZSSw

Massaman Thai Curry (vegan), Äplermagronen  
(vegetarian) or Holy Beef Burger from 3 Foodtrucks

## Sunday, 29.03.2026

### Breakfast

8:30-9:30

📍 Foyer vonRoll

Birchermüesli, Vollkornmütschli (vegan)  
and Croissant francais by Burkhard

### Lunch (to go)

13:00

📍 Foyer vonRoll

Selection of fresh bowls by Coop

### Presto Café

will keep you energized throughout the convention program

# Merchandise

This year the t-shirt is included in the participation fee!



*By attending the SMSC you agree to be photographed and filmed.*

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Please contact us in case you have any questions. We are very excited to welcome you all in Bern very soon!

♥ your SMSC OC



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