



2026 WORLD HEAD INJURY AWARENESS DAY

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Program

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Session 1 – Research

Moderator: Ms Thomasson Marine

- 9h00 Welcoming**
Pr Karl Schaller
- 9h10 Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury: advances in research and implications for public health policy in Switzerland**
Dre Michelle Seiler
- 9h30 Development and trauma: MRI insights into the pediatric brain injury**
Pr Pratik Mukherjee
- 9h50 Toward better outcomes in pediatric concussion: challenges and prospects**
Pre Miriam Beauchamp
- 10h10 Advances in biomarker-based diagnostics for pediatric TBI**
Pr Sergio Manzano & Anne-Cécile Chiollaz

10h30 Pause (20 minutes)

Session 2 – Clinics

Moderator: Dr Aria Nouri

- 10h50 Understanding and preventing shaken baby syndrome: a forensic perspective**
Pr Tony Fracasso
- 11h10 Surgical management of severe pediatric TBI: indications and specific considerations**
Dr Andrea Bartoli
- 11h30 Optimizing care after minor head injury in children: insights from the PECARN validation study**
Dre Fleur Lorton
- 11h50 Table ronde: “Advancing pediatric brain health: expert insights across research and care”**
Dr Andrea Bartoli / Pre Petra Hüppi / Pre Miriam Beauchamp / Pr Pratik Mukherjee / Pr Sergio Manzano
- Moderator : Dr Aria Nouri

12h30 Pause Lunch (1h10)

Session 3 – Clinics

Moderator: Pre Julie Péron

- 13h40** **Supporting psychological well-being in children and adolescents after TBI**
Carla Raselli
- 14h00** **Empowering families and children in recovery and social reintegration post-TBI**
Florence Zangas-Gehri
- 14h20** **Traumatic brain injury in children: care pathways and management challenges in the Île-de-France region**
Dre Mathilde Chevignard
- 14h40** **Neurorehabilitation after pediatric TBI: the occupational therapist perspective**
Julie Mulsant Dumont & Diana Rebelo

15h00 **Pause (20 minutes)**

Session 4 – Entourage/families

Moderator: Pr Frédéric Assal

- 15h20** **In ice hockey: how can we protect players from head impacts?**
Alex Dipietro & Aurélien Urfer
- 15h30** **Swiss Rugby Experience**
Kaya Vie
- 15h40** **At the heart of intensive care: providing comfort, support, and excellence to children and their families**
Julie Renaut
- 16h00** **Hiki supports, relieves, and connects families with children who have brain injuries**
Daniel Savary
- 16h20** **Table ronde: « *Living with pediatric TBI: insights from families and patients* »**
Filipe Alves and his family caregiver / Carla Raselli / Dre Marine Cacioppo – Moderator : Ms Elena Beanato

17h00 **Conclusion et apéritif**

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