



Navigating Complexity in Acute Care Surgery!

Scientific Program / March 19, 2026

07:30 - 08:30	Registration, exhibits
08:30 - 08:35	<i>Opening remarks; Prof. Dr. Beat Schnüriger, Bern</i>

SESSION 1: Sepsis! Critical evaluation of ongoing uncertainties

Location	Main Lecture Hall
Moderators	<i>Dr. med. Fabio Butti, Nyon,</i>
08:35 - 08:50	Causes behind community-acquired sepsis: the top ten! <i>Dr. Marius Schlienger, Bern</i>
08:50 - 09:05	Diagnosing and treating sepsis fast in the emergency department <i>Dr. Sonja Guglielmetti, Aarau</i>
09:05 - 09:20	Timing of surgical septic source control: "Is earlier always better?" <i>Dr. Matteo Cimino, Milan, Italy</i>
09:20 - 09:35	Antibiotic duration after source control: "When enough is enough!" <i>Prof. Dr. Antonio La Greca, Rome, Italy</i>
09:35 - 10:00	Discussion
10:00 - 10:30	Refreshment break, exhibits

SESSION 2: Workshops

Workshop 1

10:30 - 11:10	Room 1	<i>ECMO Essentials – What You Need to Know in the Trauma Bay</i> <i>PD Dr. Anna Messmer, Bern</i>
10:30 - 11:10	Room 2	«Hands-on: chestdrain” <i>Dr. Susanne Eichenberger and friends, Bern</i>
10:30 - 11:10	Rooms 3	Severe Extremity Trauma: Reconstruction, Amputation, and Everything In Between <i>Prof. Dr. Thomas Lustenberger, Bern, Prof. Dr. Mihei Constantinescu, Bern, Dr. Daniel Becker, Bern</i>

Workshop 2

11:20 - 12:00	Room 1	Silent brain injury after trauma: detect, monitor, intervene <i>PD Dr Andreas Nowatski (Bern)</i>
11:20 - 12:00	Room 2	«Hands-on: chestdrain <i>Dr. Susanne Eichenberger and friends, Bern</i>
11:20 - 12:00	Room 3	How I do it: Indications for intubation after trauma <i>Prof. Dr. Lorenz Theiler, Aarau, Dr. Maximilian Feth, Ulm, Germany</i>

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch, exhibits

Lunch Session
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Location Room 1
12:15-12:45

SESSION 3: State-of-the-Art Lecture

Location	Main Lecture Hall
Moderator	<i>Dr. Fabio Butti, Nyon</i>
13:00 - 13:30	Acute Care Surgery Across Europe: Evolving Models and Shared Lessons <i>Prof. Dr. Isidro Martinez Casas, Seville, Spain</i>

SESSION 4: New technologies in surgical acute care

Location	Room 1
Moderators	<i>Prof. Dr. Thomas Lustenberger, Dr. Lukas Widmer, Freiburg</i>
13:30 - 13:45	Superoxidized Saline: A game-changer for intraperitoneal decontamination? <i>PD Dr. Tobias Haltmeier, Bern</i>
13:45 - 14:00	Vac-Stent: A novel solution for which defects? <i>Prof. Dr. Christian A. Gutschow, Zürich</i>
14:00 - 14:15	Precision Meets Innovation: 3D printing and navigation in orthopedics <i>Dr. Samuel Schaible und Dr. Christian Tinner, Bern</i>
14:15 - 14:30	Discussion

SESSION 5: SwissACS Special Guest Lecture

Location	Main Lecture Hall
Moderator	<i>Prof. Dr. Lorenz Theiler, Aarau</i>
14:30 - 14:50	Whole Blood Transfusion in Trauma: The Bergen Experience <i>Dr. Christopher Bjerkvig, Bergen, Norway</i>
14:50 - 15:00	Discussion
15:00 - 15:30	Refreshment break, exhibits

SESSION 6: Tough Trauma Cases from the Battlefield: The Experts' Decisions

Location	Main Lecture Hall
Experts panel	
15:30 - 17:00	Case presentations and discussion of unusual and tricky trauma cases Military

17:00 Closure, *Prof. Dr. Beat Schnüriger, Bern*

Eat, Meet and Greet!

18:00 - 23:00 Get-Together and Dinner at the Schweizerhof Hotel, Bern

Scientific Program / March 20, 2026

07:30 - 8:30	Registration, exhibits
08:30 - 8:35	Opening remarks; <i>Prof. Dr. Beat Schnüriger, Bern</i>

SESSION 1: Sacred cows of Acute Care Surgery: Time for a reckoning?

Location	Main Lecture Hall
Moderators	<i>Prof. Dr. Thomas Lustenberger, Bern, Dr. Fabio Butti, Nyon</i>
08:35 - 08:55	Rapid sequence intubation: always after trauma? <i>Dr. Maximilian Feth, Ulm, Germany</i>
08:55 - 09:15	Traumatic spine injuries – MRI for everybody? <i>Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bigdon, Burgdorf</i>
09:15 - 09:35	Anorectal emergencies: Should non-specialists step aside? <i>PD Dr. Seraina Faes, Zürich</i>
09:35 - 10:00	Discussion
10:00 - 10:30	Refreshment break, exhibits

SESSION 2: Severe thoracic trauma: Mastering management with the experts

Location	Main Lecture Hall
Moderators	<i>PD Dr. Patrick Dorn, Bern, Prof. Dr. Beat Schnüriger, Bern, Dr. Lukas Widmer, Freiburg</i>
10:30 – 12:00	<i>PANEL Discussion on different topics: When to remove a chest drain, does size matter, how much vacuum, occult pneumothorax – drain or not to drain, antibiotics, flail chest, rip stabilization, retained hemothorax, indication for thoracotomy</i> <i>"Chest Drain Insertion: Common Errors and Expert Tips"</i> <i>PD Dr. Jon A. Lutz, Freiburg</i> <i>Occult pneumothorax – to drain or not to drain</i> <i>PD Dr. med. Fabrizio Minervini (Co-CA Thoraxchirurgie, LUKS)</i> <i>Retained hemothorax – now what?</i> <i>PD Dr. med. Claudio Caviezel (CA Thoraxchirurgie, KSGR)</i> <i>Emergent thoracotomy: When and who?</i> <i>Prof. Dr. med. Didier Lardinois, Basel (CA Thoraxchirurgie, USB)</i>

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch, exhibits

SwissACS General Assembly

Location Room 1

12:15 - 12:45 **Annual General Assembly of the Swiss Association for Acute Care Surgery**

SESSION 3: State-of-the-Art Lecture

Location Main Lecture Hall

Moderator *tba*

13:00 – 13:30 Pushing Limits: The Future of Prehospital Trauma Care
Dr Samy Sadek, Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Prehospital Care, The Royal London Hospital, London

SESSION 4: Pro-Con! Trauma Team Activation Criteria: Broad and Inclusive vs Strict and Targeted

Location Main Lecture Hall

Moderators *Dr. med. Beat Lehmann, Bern, Dr. Lukas Widmer, Freiburg, Dr. Fabio Butti, Nyon*

13:30 - 14:30 Trauma Team Activation Criteria: Broad and Inclusive vs Strict and Targeted

Pro: Early activation improves outcomes
PD Dr. Tobias Zingg, Lausanne

Con: Overtriage strains resources
PD Dr. Nicolas Bless, Basel

14:30 - 15:00 Refreshment break, exhibits

SESSION 5: Case Presentations and Discussion

Location Main Lecture Hall

Moderation *Prof. Dr. Beat Schnüriger, Dr. Lukas Widmer*

Experts panel *Dr. Matteo Cimino, Milan, Dr. Antonio La Greca, Rome, Dr. Fabio Butti, Nyon, PD Dr. Tobias Haltmeier, Bern, PD Dr. Tobias Zingg, Lausanne*

15:00 - 16:00 **Presentations of Unusual and Tricky ACS Cases**

Dr. Alex Ochsner, Baden, Dr. méd. Romain Seppey, Biel, Dr. Valentine Luzuy-Guarnero, Geneva

16:00

Closure, *Prof. Dr. Beat Schnüriger*

General Information “Annual 15th STACS Days”

Date and Location:

March 19-20, 2026, Eventfabrik Bern

Accreditation

Swiss Society of Surgery (SGC-SSC): tba

Swiss Society for Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SSAPM): tba

Swiss Society of Emergency Medicine (SGNOR-SSMUS): tba

Swiss Orthopedics: tba

Spoken and written congress language:

English

Registration fee

Two days: CHF 230.-*

Day 1: CHF 150.-

Day 2: CHF 120.-

*SwissACS members: CHF 50.- off.

Eat, Meet, and Greet

March 19, 2026, 18:00-23:00, at the Schweizerhof Hotel, Bern: CHF 95.- (SwissACS members: CHF 85.-)

Please feel free to contact us via info@swissacs.ch for any question or additional information.