



# Hepatitis – the cinderella among the infectious diseases

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## The Swiss Society for Public Health

**Purpose:** Professional Association of Public Health Professionals. Advocates the strengthening and further development of public health and its optimal implementation in practice.

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750 members (individual, collective and patron members)

Office: 4.5 FTE (Oct. 2019)

Annual budget: Approx. 600,000 CHF (2018)





## The role of the Swiss Society for Public Health

- The elimination of Hepatitis is very important
- It is a Public-Health topic!
- The Swiss Society for Public Health was involved from the beginning of the Swiss Hepatitis-Strategy network
- The Swiss Society for Public Health supports it's elimination goals



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## The «Cinderella disease»

- Hepatitis is a «cinderella disease»
- It is an underrated disease
- A neglected topic for too long
- WHO: «Silent disease»
- For it's elimination there are only limited resources  
(300'000 CHF per year)





## Hepatitis

- Disease burden is very high
- 200 deaths per year
- Hepatitis is a crucial reason for:
  - Liver cancer
  - Liver transplantation





## Hepatitis

- Elimination is possible:
  - Vaccination of Hepatitis B
  - Cure of Hepatitis C
- The cure of Hepatitis is a unique chance, which is rare in the public health area





- Health care policy realizes the chance of eliminating Hepatitis
- Motion Damian Müller “Die Eliminierung von Hepatitis gehört in ein nationales Programm zu sexuell und durch Blut übertragbaren Infektionskrankheiten”



- The federal council recommends to accept the motion

<https://www.parlament.ch/de/ratsbetrieb/suche-curia-vista/geschaeft?AffairId=20193743>



## Challenges for the future



- We need to stay on it!
- The issue must be on the political agenda
- The issue must be on the research agenda







# Thank you for your attention!

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