Hepatitis – the cinderella among the infectious diseases

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

Objective: To achieve and maintain the best possible health status for the population in Switzerland.

750 members (individual, collective and patron members)

Office: 4.5 FTE (Oct. 2019)

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