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# State of the Art

Symposium 2025

«Lifestyle in Multiple Sclerosis – Modifiable Factors to enhance Brain Health»



# Plenary Sessions

9.30 – 10.00	Coffee and Gipfeli
Session 1	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Britta Engelhardt, Bern Iris-Katharina Penner, Bern
10.00 – 10.15	News from the Swiss Multiple Sclerosis Society Jürg H. Beer, Baden & Zurich Christoph Lotter, Zurich
10.15 – 10.45	Microbiota-Dependent Effect of Diet on Host-Microbiome Interaction in the Gut-Brain Axis Francesca Ronchi, Berlin DE
10.45 – 11.15	<b>Exercise and Multiple Sclerosis: State of the Science</b> Robert Motl, Chicago USA
11.15 – 11.30	Poster Flash Brief introductions to selected exhibited posters
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee Break MS Researcher Poster Presentation
Session 2	<b>Chairperson:</b> Cristina Granziera, Basel
12.00 – 12.30	MS Treatment Update Andrew Chan, Bern
12.30 – 13.00	Swiss Multiple Sclerosis Society Research Prize Award Ceremony
13.00 – 14.15	<b>Lunch Break</b> MS Researcher Poster Presentation

## Workshops

In these workshops the participants are invited to ask questions and discuss actively.

# **Workshop A** 14.15 – 15.00

# Physiotherapy Update and Important Information for Prescribers

Regula Steinlin Egli, Basel Nico Arie van der Maas, Brügg Marion Huser, Zurich

The assessment and treatment of physiotherapy for persons with MS has to reflect the complexity of the disease. Did you know that there is a list of specialized MS physiotherapists? Are you familiar with the modified strength test for MS? This workshop provides an update on MS physiotherapy, including important information for prescribers.

# **Workshop B** 14.15 – 15.00

## Hypnosis in MS: for which Symptoms?

Chantal Berna Renella, Lausanne

Medical hypnosis can be helpful to treat a number of symptoms, some of which are relevant to patients with MS. We will briefly clarify what medical hypnosis is, and describe its evidence-based applications. Finally, practical advice on referring patients for medical hypnosis will be provided.

15.00 - 15.15

Coffee Break

### Workshop C

15.15 – 16.00

#### **Speech, Language and Swallowing Therapy** Bettina Arca-Tschudi, Zihlschlacht & Triesen LI

Many MS patients experience speech, language, or swallowing deficits. We will explore the range of logopaedic therapies designed for MS, discover key diagnostic and therapeutic approaches and discuss the latest scientific findings on treatment methods.

#### **Workshop D**

15.15 - 16.00

#### The Role of Nutrition in MS Management

Nina Steinemann, Zurich

Nutrition is key to the quality of life and self-management of those with MS. Numerous studies show a link between a healthy, anti-inflammatory diet and the occurrence or severity of symptoms such as fatigue. We will discuss current evidence and dietary recommendations and illustrate this with concrete case studies from practice.

16.00

Farewell Apéro

## MS Researcher Poster Presentation

During the coffee and lunch breaks you will have the opportunity to view selected posters from MS research projects that have been financially supported by the Swiss MS Society.

## Date

Saturday, January 25, 2025, 09.30 - 16.00

## Venue

KKL Luzern, Europaplatz 1, CH-6005 Luzern

## Programme Committee

Sandra Bigi, Luzern; Adam Czaplinski, Zurich; Britta Engelhardt, Bern; Jens Kuhle, Basel; Iris-Katharina Penner, Bern; Caroline Pot, Lausanne

## Organisation

Swiss Multiple Sclerosis Society and its Medico Scientific Advisory Board

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