

SCTO Symposium 2023

Clinical research in the age of digital health

Wednesday | 7 June 2023 | 10.00–16.15

Pfalzkeller | Klosterhof | 9000 St Gallen

9.30 **Welcome coffee and registration**

10.00 **Welcome address and introduction**

Stefan Lichtensteiger, CEO and Chairman of the Executive Board at Kantonsspital St.Gallen

Prof. Christiane Pauli-Magnus, President of the SCTO

Victoria Sarraf, Managing Director of the SCTO

Moderators

PD Dr Baharak Babouee Flury, Medical Head of the CTU at Kantonsspital St.Gallen

Cordula Landgraf, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Director at the SCTO

Keynote lecture

10.10 **Extended potentials in clinical trials: Health monitoring and telemedical intervention in real time**

Presented by: **Prof. Christiane Brockes**, CEO at alcare AG and Professor at the University of Zurich on the topics of clinical telemedicine and e-health

10.40 **Q&A**

Session 1

Digital health and clinical research: Practical experiences

10.55 **Early prediction of cognitive decline based on non-invasive assessments**

Presented by: **Dr Simon Annaheim**, Scientific Group leader at Empa

Thomas Schneider, Resident at Kantonsspital St.Gallen

11.15	The effectiveness of telemedicine to enhance recovery after intensive care Presented by: Prof. Alexander Geissler , Academic Director of the School of Medicine at the University of St.Gallen
11.30	Coffee break
11.50	The industry point of view: Experiences with decentralised clinical trials (DCTs) Presented by: Dr Lada Leyens , Senior Regulatory Director – Digital, Devices, Diagnostics, and Clinical Trial Innovation, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd
12.10	Q&A for session 1
12.25	How to increase your digital health literacy Presented by: Dr Peter Langmüller , Senior Expert at MHE
13.00	Lunch break

Session 2 Challenges and perspectives of digital health

14.00	Ethical and legal aspects of digitisation and decentralisation Presented by: Dr Susanne Driessen , President of swissethics and President of Ethikkommission Ostschweiz
14.20	The dangers of making accurate predictions for the wrong reasons: Big data, AI, and the need for explanations Presented by: Prof. Janna Hastings , Vice Director of the School of Medicine at the University of St.Gallen
14.40	Clinical research with electronic health data: Using the Electronic Patient Record (EPR) as a concrete example Presented by: Gian-Reto Grond , Head of the Digital Health Section at the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)
15.00	Q&A for session 2
15.15	Short break

Session 3 Panel discussion

15.25	Christine Bienvenu , Patient Partner in the national Coordination Platform Clinical Research (CPCR) Simone Ferbitz , Head of the Clinical Trials Division at Swissmedic Dr Thomas Geiger , Managing Director of the Swiss Personalized Health Network (SPHN)
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Gian-Reto Grond, Head of the Digital Health Section at the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)

Dr Samuel Henz MPH, Deputy Head Physician of General Internal Medicine at Kantonsspital St.Gallen

Moderator

Prof. Christiane Brockes, CEO at alcare AG and Professor at the University of Zurich on the topics of clinical telemedicine and e-health

16.05

Closing remarks

Prof. Burkhard Ludewig, Head of the Medical Research Center at Kantonsspital St.Gallen

16.15

Networking reception

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