



# Swiss Symposium on long-term mechanical ventilation

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Special Interest Group on Ventilation and Oxygen Therapy of the Swiss Society of Pneumology, we are pleased to welcome you to the Second Swiss Symposium on Home Mechanical Ventilation, which will take place on 29–30 October 2026 at the Centre Loewenberg in Murten/Morat, Switzerland.

Building on the success of the first symposium in 2023, this 2-day meeting targets all health care workers involved in home mechanical ventilation: pulmonary physicians, physiotherapists, specialized nurses. It will bring together national and international experts and offer a multidisciplinary platform for exchange between healthcare professionals from different medical fields, care settings and regions, with a strong focus on clinical practice and future developments.

The scientific programme includes six plenary sessions addressing key topics such as: monitoring of long-term NIV, assisted servo ventilation, high-flow therapy, pediatrics, management of patients with neuromuscular disorders, and other relevant aspects of long-term ventilation.

In addition, three interactive “Meet the Expert” sessions will allow close exchange with specialists through short, interactive case-based presentations.

We are looking forward to sharing this event with you.  
Best regards,

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Sion

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## Agenda

08:45 Welcome

### 1<sup>st</sup> plenary session **Monitoring long-term NIV**

Chairpersons: G. Gex | H. Prigent

09:00	Algorithms for basic follow-up	G. Gex
09:15	Monitoring CO <sub>2</sub> : capnography, ABG, HCO <sub>3</sub>	J. Rüdiger
09:30	Patient ventilator-asynchrony: types, impact, prognosis	J-P. Janssens
09:45	Telemonitoring: what do we gain? What do we lose? (ERS statement)	J-M. Arnal
10:00	Q&A Session with all speakers	All speakers and chairs of this session

### 10:30 **Coffee break and visit of exhibit**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> plenary session **Assisted servo ventilation (ASV)**

Chairpersons: A-K. Brill | W. Randerath

11:00	CSA with CSR in CHF: where are we?	E. Schwarz
11:15	Non cardiogenic CSA: work-up, prognosis	A-K. Brill
11:30	ASV: for whom in 2026: ERS/AASM statements; US vs European recommendations	W. Randerath
11:55	ASV: algorithms & settings	A. Kharat
12:10	Q&A Session with all speakers	All speakers and chairs of this session

### 12:30 **Lunch Break**



Meet the experts – Session 1

13:30	<b>Room 1</b> <b>Ventilator curve analysis (includes PVA, case analysis only)</b> <b>Chair:</b> D. Adler <b>Speakers:</b> J-M. Arnal   C. Rabec	
13:30	<b>Room 2</b> <b>Airway Clearance (includes MIE): for whom? devices on the market, settings; curve analysis</b> <b>Chair:</b> M. Toussaint <b>Speakers:</b> T. Andersen   M. Delorme	
13:30	<b>Room 3</b> <b>Cases monitored with sleep studies</b> <b>Chair:</b> J-P. Janssens <b>Speakers:</b> E. Schwarz   S. Van den Broecke	
13:30	<b>Room 4</b> <b>Technical options : humidifiers, tubes, O2 connexion, valves, different circuits...</b> <b>Chair:</b> A-K. Brill <b>Speakers:</b> H. Prigent   A-L. Kleiven	
13:30	<b>Plenary Room</b> 13:30   <b>Better secretion management with curve interpretation? CARO makes it possible!</b> Session by Löwenstein Speaker: tbd	14:00   <b>Innovations in Respiratory Care &amp; Digital Health</b> Session by Resmed Speaker: tbd

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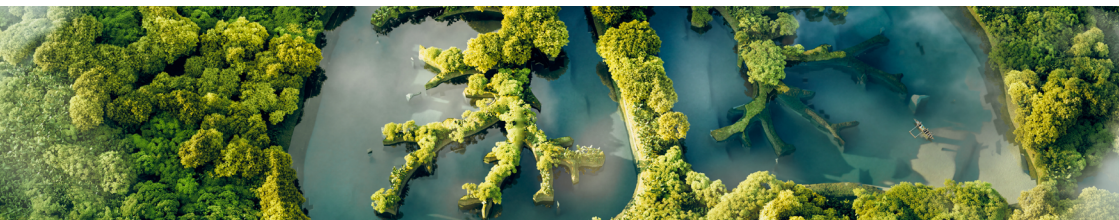
3<sup>rd</sup> plenary session  
**High flow therapy**

Chairpersons: C. Crimi | J. Bräunlich

14:40	HFT: how does it work, choice of prongs, settings, requirements for high FIO2	G. Gex
14:55	HFT in the chronic setting: bronchiectasis	C. Crimi
15:10	COPD in the chronic setting: when do we choose HFT?	J. Bräunlich



15:25	Rehabilitation in severe respiratory impairment: NIV or HFT?	S. Vaudan
15:40	Q&A Session with all speakers	All speakers and chairs of this session
16:00	<b>Coffee break and visit of exhibit</b>	
<b>Meet the experts - Session 2</b>		
16:30	<b>Room 1</b> <b>Ventilator curve analysis (includes PVA, case analysis only)</b>  <b>Chair:</b> D. Adler <b>Speakers:</b> J-M. Arnal   C. Rabec	
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17:45	End of the first day   Apéro	
19:00	Dinner	





**4<sup>th</sup> plenary session  
Pediatrics**

Chairpersons: M. Giarrana Kaufmann | M. Gaboli

08:00	Patient intervention: video: compliance to NIV – what was helpful and what not – patient perspectives and learnings	M. Giarrana Kaufmann
08:15	Swiss registry of children with home respiratory support (and others including UK registry)	C. Fernández Elviro
08:30	Position paper by the SIG HMV for the SGPP	R. Corbelli
08:45	Tracheostomy or NIV in children	M. Gaboli
09:00	Monitoring NIV in children: the essentials, use of PSG	L. Benz
09:15	Q&A Session with all speakers	All speakers and chairs of this session

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**09:30 Coffee break and visit of exhibit**

**Meet the experts – Session 3**

10:00	<b>Room 1</b> <b>Ventilator curve analysis (includes PVA, case analysis only)</b>  <b>Chair:</b> D. Adler <b>Speakers:</b> J-M. Arnal   C. Rabec	
10:00	<b>Room 2</b> <b>Airway Clearance (includes MIE): for whom? devices on the market, settings; curve analysis</b>  <b>Chair:</b> M. Toussaint <b>Speakers:</b> T. Andersen   M. Delorme	
10:00	<b>Room 3</b> <b>Cases monitored with sleep studies</b>  <b>Chair:</b> G. Gex <b>Speakers:</b> E. Schwarz   S. Van den Broecke	
10:00	<b>Plenary Room</b> 10:00   <b>Home NIV: remote monitoring that matters</b>  Session by Philips Chair: A-K. Brill Speaker: D. Puoti	10:30   <b>Advanced tips on masks from the Romand Intercantonal League Mask Group: hybrid combinations of masks and headgear, evaluations of new masks and other tips</b>  Session by SIG NIV O2 Speaker: Véronique Vrugink and Co



**5<sup>th</sup> plenary session**  
**Neuromuscular disorders**

Chairpersons: B. Messer | M. Ramsay

11:10	Medical challenges related to prolonged survival: new standards of care	B. Messer
11:25	Early ventilation in ALS: does it work?	M. Ramsay
11:40	Mouth-piece ventilation: when? for whom? settings	M. Toussaint
11:55	Unmet needs of patients & caregivers (practical aspects)	A-L. Kleiven
12:10	Management of bulbar dysfunction in ALS and other NMD	M. Georges
12:25	Q&A Session with all speakers	All speakers and chairs of this session

**12:45 Lunch Break**

**6<sup>th</sup> plenary session**  
**Health related quality of life, ACPe, cognition**

Chairpersons: S. Stanzel | A. Armstrong

13:45	Deventilation dyspnea: new hypotheses, management	S. Stanzel
14:00	Travelling with NIV/TPPV	A. Armstrong
14:15	Cognition and NIV	J-P. Janssens
14:30	Choice of mask and adherence	C. Cantero
14:45	Advance care planning and palliative care in long term HMV	L. Hentsch
15:00	Q&A Session with all speakers	All speakers and chairs of this session
15:30	Closing, end of symposium	



# Information

## Faculty

### National

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### Target audience

- Pulmonologists
- Physiotherapists
- Home care providers
- Nurses

### Accreditation

#### 29.10.2026

7 Credits SSP  
7 Credits Physioswiss  
7 Credits SSSSC

#### 30.10.2026

6 Credits SSP  
6 Credits Physioswiss  
6 Credits SSSSC

### Participation fee

#### Physicians

Both days: CHF 400.–  
One day: CHF 200.–

#### Physicians in training, nurses and physiotherapists

Both days: CHF 300.–  
One day: CHF 150.–

Dinner, 29.10.2026: CHF 100.–