

# CONFERENCE

## Pediatric cancer, how to cure more children and cure them better?



### Why:

To provide parents of children with cancer and survivors a forum in which to engage with other stakeholders and learn about pediatric oncology, discuss important topics and issues, and move forward together.

### For who:

Free conference open to parents, carers, survivors, the medical community, and anyone else involved with pediatric cancer or who wishes to learn more on today's and tomorrow's challenges.

### Where and where:

May 6th 2023 - Hôtel Starling  
St-Sulpice (VD)

Registration free but required  
until April 15th  
[www.zoe4life.org/conference](http://www.zoe4life.org/conference)



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## Speakers:

- Research and the regulatory/legislative landscape in Switzerland: **Rebecca Ruiz**, Head of the Department of Health, State of Vaud
- Accelerating research in Europe and the key role of patient advocates: **Prof. Gilles Vassal**, Head of the Pediatric Research programme at Gustave Roussy, chair of ACCELERATE and ITCC, past president of SIOPE, professor of oncology
- Childhood cancer, past, present and future, what progress has happened and what challenges remain: **Prof. Maja Beck**, Head of the pediatric hematology-oncology department at CHUV hospital, Lausanne
- Pediatric oncology in Switzerland, the Swiss system: **Prof. Katrin Scheinemann**, President of the Swiss Pediatric Oncology Group (SPOG) and Head of the pediatric hemato-oncology department of the Saint-Gallen Hospital
- The TITAN project - an inter-continental study for innovative treatment in children with a hard to cure disease. Collaboration and progress: **Dr Pablo Berlanga**, Pediatric oncologist and researcher at Gustave-Roussy, Paris
- The Swiss Childhood Cancer Survivor Study: **Dr Nicolas Waespe**, Pediatric hemato-oncologist at Insel Hospital, Berne and member of the Swiss Childhood Cancer Survivor Study research group
- Long-term follow-up, transition to adult care: **Dr Maria Otth**, Pediatric oncologist specialized in long-term follow-up and survivorship, Kinderspital Zurich
- **ARFEC** - More than 35 years of existence - Evolution, and point of view of peer support providers
- The **parents' and survivors'** point of view

## Round table and discussions:

- How can research be accelerated to improve cure rates and reduce treatments toxicity?
- Access to innovation for children with cancer in Switzerland and abroad
- Side effects, long-term follow-up
- Working together to move forward



# Sponsorship support



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## **Pediatric cancer, how to cure more children and cure them better?**

Zoé4life's first pediatric oncology conference will bring together leading researchers, academics, politicians and charities with parents, carers, and survivors to learn and discuss issues relating to pediatric cancer.

This free conference is open to everyone.

Sponsorship provide expense coverage for the event organizational costs.

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## The Charity

Zoé4life is a non-profit organization, recognized as a public service utility and is tax-exempted. Zoé4life was founded in 2013 and has 4 objectives:

- Support and accelerate access to new innovative treatments and research in pediatric oncology so that some day all children have a chance at a cure
- Finance projects and programs for children during their treatments
- Support families of children with cancer financially
- Raise awareness about childhood cancer and advocate on behalf of children and families

## The team

The executive committee is made up of five volunteer members and two employees managing the association. The team is supported by an advisory board, made up of experts and specialists in specific fields. Zoé4life can also count on the commitment of many volunteers.

Zoé4life does not receive any governmental funding. All its projects are possible thanks to donations and funds raised from events. Sponsorship allows Zoé4life to cover the costs of events.


## International collaboration

Zoé4life is an active member in many pediatric cancer research international organizations's committees.

- **ACCELERATE** - Zoé4life is on the Steering Committee of this organization which brings together researchers, pharmaceutical companies, regulatory body representatives, as well as patient advocates who work together to accelerate innovative drug development for children with cancer.
- **ITCC - Innovative Therapies for Children with Cancer in Europe** - Zoé4life is on the Advocate Committee of this international research organisation. In Switzerland, only 2 hospitals, CHUV in Lausanne and the Kinderspital in Zürich are certified as "ITCC centers," and form the CONNECTS partnership. ITCC brings together only the most specialized centers in innovative pediatric oncology in Europe.
- **Childhood Cancer International** - Zoé4life is on the European committee of this organization which is the largest patient centered NGO in the world representing parents of children with cancer.
- **Siopen** - This organization brings together treatment centers specializing in neuroblastoma, the cancer that took Zoé's life in 2013. Zoé4life and Solving Kids Cancer are part of the Parents' Committee in order to participate in research decisions in this field.

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