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Directory of Geneva Global Health Actors**

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) is the leading Swiss teaching hospital and the largest hospital in Switzerland. The HUG is a public hospital whose mission is to provide general and specialist medical care for the sick and injured, to further the medical education of medical students and medical professionals, and to conduct clinical research in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva (UNIGE). HUG has a long tradition of humanitarian and international cooperation activities, which form one of its main strategic orientations. A Humanitarian Affairs Committee as well as a Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine (DTHM) both reinforce this orientation.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Patient Care
- Teaching
- Clinical Research
- International Cooperation
- Reference and Research in the Field of Education and Long-Term Follow-up Strategies for Chronic Diseases (WHO CC)
- Humanitarian Medicine and Disaster Management (WHO CC)
- Patient Safety (WHO CC)
- e-Health (WHO CC)

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

HUG provides a range of health services, including the diagnosis and treatment of illness, prevention of illness, provision of emergency care and ambulance services, and palliative care. In the realm of education, HUG is involved in training undergraduate medical students through internships and theoretical and practical teaching, as well as continuing the education of postgraduate medical professionals by providing professional experience and specialist training. Clinical research is conducted in the following areas: humanitarian medicine, clinical neuroscience, ageing, maternal health, transplants, gene therapy, rehabilitation, medical imaging and information sciences.

The DTHM at the HUG and Faculty of Medicine at UNIGE established in 2007 is a rare example of a division within public institutions dedicated to improving health globally. Currently the DTHM has ongoing projects in close to 20 countries. The activities of the DTHM can be divided into four pillars. Firstly, travel medicine clinic focusing on the local population's needs prior to and after travel abroad to "at risk" countries for different

communicable diseases. The second area of expertise is development projects with the area of focus being on human resource development. Colleagues within the DTHM also have multi-national research projects in the areas of Noncommunicable (NCD) and Neglected Tropical (NTD) diseases. Finally, the DTHM provides technical support to a variety of humanitarian actors by serving as a resource or link to other expertise within the HUG or UNIGE. These four components complement each other in terms of bringing different expertise together from within the DTHM as well as the wider institutions where it is based.

Regarding its activities as WHO Collaborating Centre, the Division of Therapeutic Education for Chronic Diseases supports WHO's work towards the development and implementation of methods and techniques of patient education for the medical team that manages people with diabetes, other priority chronic diseases and their risk factors; and collaborates with WHO in the training of health personnel engaged in the management of diabetes and other chronic diseases that share the same risk factors. The Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine supports the WHO in the development of the WHO Emergency Medical Team (EMT) initiative and contributes to the capacity building initiatives towards an improved WHO-led Emergency Response. The Infection Control Program, Department of Internal Medicine is supporting the WHO to build upon the outcomes of the Clean Care is Safer Care programme and related initiatives, to assist in the development of practical guidance and training modules for field implementation of the core components of infection control with a particular emphasis on low-resource settings, to determine evidence-based elements for antibiotic stewardship and control of antimicrobial resistance. The Department of Radiology and Medical Informatics is supporting WHO activities related to eHealth impact evaluation framework and methods, capacity building of workforce and health IT for the healthcare professionals and WHO activities related to emerging digital technologies and public health convergence.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The chief executive officer of HUG is Bertrand Levrat. HUG has approximately 11,730 staff positions, including 1,994 doctors and 6,568 nurses, medical technicians and social workers. The HUG also includes 224 different research groups.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The State of Geneva subsidises up to 55% of HUG's budget, with the remaining 45% coming from its own service revenues. The basis for the subsidies is a service contract between HUG and the State of Geneva, which is renegotiated every four years. In addition the HUG in 2018 received CHF 178.5 million in research funding.

PUBLICATIONS

In 2018 955 research articles published in peer reviewed publications.

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