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**mediCuba-Suisse**

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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

MediCuba Suisse was founded in 1992 in Zürich as a response to the Cuban economic crisis following the disintegration of the former Soviet Union. The organisation aims at providing financial support to health projects to maintain the functioning, free health system in Cuba. mediCuba also informs the public in Switzerland on the Cuban health politics.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Health system strengthening in Cuba
- Scientific and social interaction between health professionals in Cuba and Switzerland
- Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), in particular cancer medicine and surgery
- Paediatrics, including psychological treatments (e.g. neurological developmental disorders)
- Geriatrics
- Communicable and infectious diseases (e.g. HIV/Aids prevention, molecular microbiological diagnostics)
- Psychotherapy/Psychiatry

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

mediCuba provides support in maintaining and restoring medical infrastructure in Cuba. It supports for example the maintenance and renovation of infrastructure for cancer patients and the creation and maintenance of national registries on cancer patients. mediCuba has provided hospitals in Cuba with the necessary tools to treat cystic fibrosis in children. It is also involved in projects for the prevention of HIV/Aids in different areas of the country and promotes the further development of molecular microbiological diagnostics. Further mediCuba supports various projects to improve the treatment and prevention of age-related diseases. Finally, mediCuba organises for Cuban doctors to attend medical conferences and courses so that they can learn more in their area of specialisation (such as minimally invasive surgery) and teach their knowledge to other medical doctors.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

mediCuba's headquarters is in Zurich and managed by Roland Wüest. It also has an office in Geneva, led by Luisa Sanchez Gonzalez, as well as coordination contacts in Bern and Ticino and a program coordinator in Cuba, Manuel Vanegas. The 9 member Board is chaired by co-Presidents Martin Herrmann and Patrizia Froesch.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

For Bulletin, Annual Reports and Newsletter, see <https://medicuba.ch/fr/informations> (French) or <https://medicuba.ch/de/informieren> (German).

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