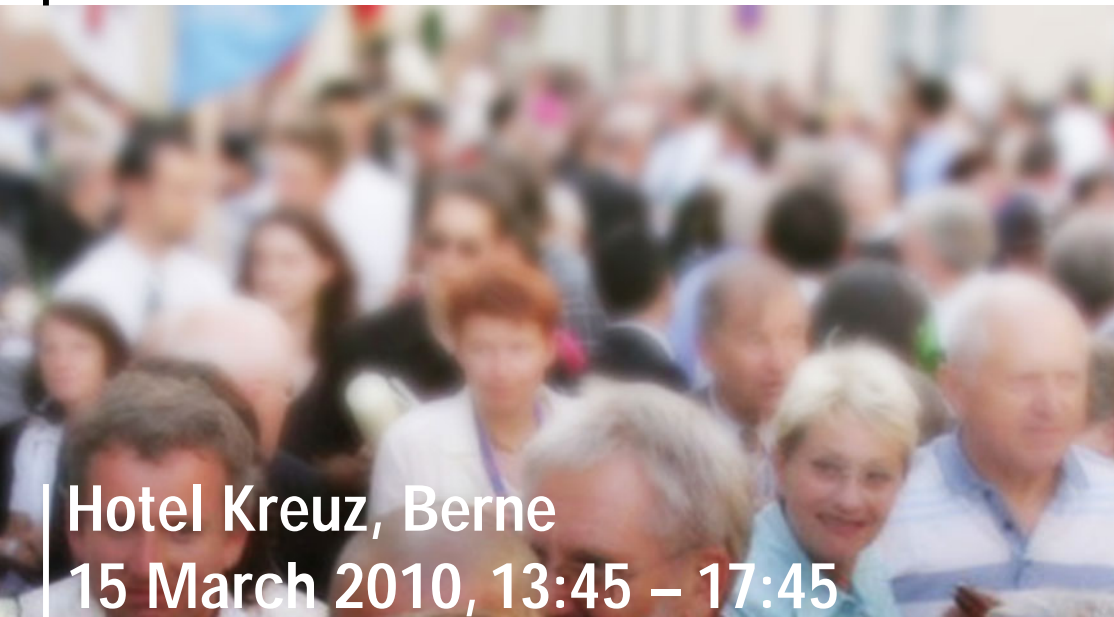


SWISS PUBLIC HEALTH WORKSHOP

A NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR SWITZERLAND?



Hotel Kreuz, Berne
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As a society we are increasingly troubled by the complex, and sometimes heated, discussions surrounding screening, especially for cancer. In Switzerland, making rational decisions about introducing screening at the population level is becoming a major issue. At present, there is no single institution that makes assessments about screening options. A variety of stakeholders, including medical specialists, government agencies, and patient organizations can determine which screening tests should be assessed and recommended.

Deciding on screening options is complex. It involves weighing up benefits and harms at many different levels: medical, psychological, societal, financial, and considering the impact on other domains of health care provision. One model that exists in several countries is to have a dedicated organization, which gathers all the relevant evidence pertinent to that decision, follows an established methodology for synthesizing the evidence and proposes a course of action. The latter could include implementation of a programme.

During this workshop we will discuss this proposal with national and international experts

- 13:45 Welcome and introduction
Ursula Zybach, President Swiss Society for Public Health
- 14:00 **Urgent questions concerning screening in Switzerland**
Prof. Marcel Zwahlen, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, Berne
Prof. Nicole Probst-Hensch, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel
- 14:40 **A national screening committee - the British example**
Dr. Anne Mackie, Director UK National screening committee, London
- 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:45 **Institutions for Screening in Europe: an overview**
Prof. Bettina Borisch, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, Geneva
- 16:00 **A national screening committee for Switzerland**
Proposal: **Ursula Zybach**
Panel discussion chaired by: **Prof. Matthias Egger**, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, Berne
Participants: **Marcel Zwahlen**, **Nicole Probst-Hensch**, **Anne Mackie**
Representative BAG, **Ewa Mariéthoz GDK**, **Reto Guetg santésuisse**
- 17:30 Conclusion: **Ursula Zybach**

Venue: Hotel Kreuz, Zeughausgasse 41, Berne, Saal Bovet (1st floor)
Organisation: Swiss Society for Public Health, working group "Screening"
Registration: www.public-health.ch > Screening workshop. Deadline: 12 March.
Entrance: free of charge