

**Wednesday, August 29, 2012, 16:00-18:00**

**Auditoire Jéquier-Doge, Polyclinique médicale universitaire (PMU)  
Rue du Bugnon 44, Lausanne**

***Free entrance – No registration needed***

## ***Public health and primary care***

***A Preconference of the Swiss Public Health Conference  
and the Swiss Family Docs Conference***

Establishing and developing relationships between public health and primary care is a recent issue in Switzerland. There is however a mounting pressure to address these issues rapidly and systematically. Population aging and the related increasing frequency of chronic disease have fostered the discussion on the organization of health systems and the pivotal role of primary care. A further and more dramatic incentive to this debate is the looming shortage of health care workforce.

There are at least two main lines of discussion. The first is related to the impact of primary care on population health. Several studies suggest that a dense network of practitioners delivering effective care is able to maintain and further increase population health. Measuring the impact of the organization of health systems on health is one of the challenges of the modern health services research.

A second topic is the role of primary care practitioner as population doctor, i.e., providing interventions to improve the prevention and the management of both epidemics and endemics. This requires an increased awareness of public health issues among practitioners. This also means that new competencies should be developed during the professional education and training of practitioners.

These problems, and some others, will be addressed during this short pre-conference, which reflects the close cooperation between the university outpatient clinic and the public health institute in Lausanne.

Prof. Jacques Cornuz, Department of ambulatory care and community medicine (PMU), Lausanne

Prof. Fred Paccaud, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (IUMSP), Lausanne University Hospital

<p><b>Jacques Cornuz, PMU, Lausanne</b></p> <p><b><i>Combining patient care and population approach</i></b></p>	<p><b>16:00</b></p>
<p><b>Jean-Frédéric Lévesque</b></p> <p><b>Directeur scientifique Direction de l'analyse et de l'évaluation des systèmes de soins et services Institut national de santé publique du Québec Canada</b></p> <p><b><i>Public health and primary care : Perspectives from the Quebec</i></b></p>	<p><b>16:15</b></p>
<p><b>François Schellevis</b></p> <p><b>Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL), Utrecht Dept of General Practice and Elderly Care Medicine, Institute for Health and Care Research, University Medical Center, Amsterdam The Netherlands</b></p> <p><b><i>Public health and primary care : an European perspective</i></b></p>	<p><b>16 :50</b></p>
<p><b>Fred Paccaud, IUMSP, Lausanne and Nicolas Senn, PMU</b></p> <p><b><i>Cross-cutting viewpoints</i></b></p>	<p><b>17 :30</b></p>
<p><b><i>End</i></b></p>	<p><b>18:00</b></p>