



SPRING SYMPOSIUM 2026 OF THE PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE COMMISSION

PERIOPERATIVE CARE OF PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF CARDIOVASCULAR COMPLICATIONS

Interactive presentations and workshops

May 7th 2026, Hotel Kreuz, Bern

Dear Colleagues,

Cardiovascular complications remain a leading cause of perioperative morbidity and mortality, particularly in high-risk surgical patients. Optimal perioperative care relies on a thorough understanding of cardiovascular physiology, risk stratification, and haemodynamic management, all of which directly influence postoperative outcomes. The increasing prevalence of cardiovascular disease, together with advances in diagnostics, monitoring, and pharmacological therapies, has added further complexity to perioperative decision-making and patient management.

The SSAPM Spring Symposium 2026 offers an interactive platform to explore key aspects of perioperative cardiovascular care with national and international experts from the fields of anaesthesiology, perioperative medicine, and cardiology. Morning lectures will address essential topics such as preoperative risk assessment, optimisation of chronic medical therapy, and intraoperative haemodynamic management—core daily tasks and competencies of anaesthesiologists. In the afternoon, an interactive PRO–CON debate and case-based discussions will focus on real-world perioperative scenarios, including myocardial injury after non-cardiac surgery, heart failure, and atrial fibrillation. By the end of the symposium, participants will be equipped with essential knowledge to train their teams and apply evidence-based strategies in daily clinical practice. The ultimate goal of the symposium is to improve patient-centred outcomes. This symposium also represents a valuable opportunity for trainees to engage with senior anaesthesiologists from across Switzerland, strengthen their professional network, and deepen their expertise in perioperative medicine.

For the Perioperative Medicine Commission,

Bernardo Bollen Pinto
(Chair)

Program, 07.05.2025

- 09:45 Registration and welcome
Bernardo Bollen Pinto, Genève
- 10:15 Pre-operative assessment for prediction of post-operative cardiac complications
Giovanna Luratti-Buse, Düsseldorf (D)
- 10:45 Intraoperative hemodynamic management to decrease the risk of postoperative cardiac complications
Christian Beilstein, Bern
- 11:15 Management of chronic cardiovascular drugs in the perioperative period
Bernardo Bollen Pinto, Genève
- 11:45 Management of perioperative heart failure
Danielle Gualandro, Basel
- 12:15 Lunch
- 13:15 Active screening and surveillance for postoperative myocardial injury (PMI): PRO-CON debate
Mirjam Pargger, Basel; Magnus Olofsson, Lausanne
- 13:45 Interactive case discussions: 45-minutes rotations
- Perioperative heart failure
Bernardo Bollen Pinto, Genève and Danielle Gualandro, Basel
- Perioperative atrial fibrillation
Christian Beilstein, Bern and Magnus Olofsson, Lausanne
- 15:20 Summary remarks
Bernardo Bollen Pinto, Genève
- 15:30 End of the spring symposium

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Credits

SSAPM: 7 credits

Venue

Hotel Kreuz, Zeughausgasse 41, Bern; a 5-minute walk from the railway station

Fees

Members SSAPM CHF 150.-

Non-members SSAPM CHF 250.-

Interns CHF 50.-

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