

Call for Abstracts

7th Swiss Symposium on Refugee and Migrant Health 12 September 2025 | Bern, Switzerland

The Symposium offers a unique opportunity for participants to connect, exchange knowledge and experiences, and engage in in-depth discussions on migration and health with experts and peers. We welcome contributions that present ongoing or completed projects / provision of services from various parts of the world, offering insights into practical approaches, lessons learned, and examples of best practice.

Abstracts are invited for oral presentations in the following categories:

- **Research**
- **Policy and Practice**
- **Education**

Closing date for submissions **Thursday, 31st July 2025 (23:59 Swiss time)**

Submission to **info@migration-health.com**

Notification of decision to authors **Mid of August 2025**

- All abstracts must be written and presented in **English**.
- The abstract must be a maximum of **250 words**, structured in: **Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion**. It should further indicate the chosen category and topic.
- Abstracts **must not** include figures, tables, photos, illustrations or references.
- Submitters should select the **most relevant** topic from the list below:
 1. Climate Change and Displacement
 2. Determinants of Health
 3. Diseases & Interventions
 4. Health Status and Outcomes
 5. Health Services & Providers
 6. Parents & Children
 7. Research Methods
 8. Exclusion, Discrimination & Exploitation
 9. Health Policy
 10. Mental Health & Wellbeing
 11. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Planning
 12. Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Review process

Abstracts will be selected following careful review by **the Scientific Committee**. Reviews are based on the following criteria:

- Adherence to the required structure (Background, Method, Results, Conclusion)
- Relevance to the Symposium themes
- Potential for broader applicability and practical value
- Innovation and clarity
- Appropriateness of methods and strength of conclusions (if applicable)

The final selection will also consider the need for **geographic diversity** and **topic balance**. Presenting authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by the **mid of August 2025**. All decisions of the Scientific Committee are final.

Presentation Formats

Authors of accepted abstracts will receive detailed instructions regarding their presentation, including:

- **Presentation length:** Maximum of 7 minutes
- **Discussion time:** Up to 1–2 minutes
- **Presentation details:** Information on the time, location, and technical setup, along with guidance on preparing effective presentation slides

Terms and Conditions

By submitting an abstract, the presenting author agrees to the following:

“If my abstract is accepted, I plan to attend the 7th Swiss Symposium on Refugee and Migrant Health on 12 September 2025 in Bern, Switzerland. If I am unable to attend, I will nominate a substitute presenter and inform the Symposium Secretariat of the change.”

If the abstract is accepted, the presenting author (or their nominated substitute) must register for the Symposium by 31 August 2025. Abstracts without a registered presenter by this date will be withdrawn from the program.

Award for Best Presentation

The best presentation of the morning sessions as voted by the audience will win an award. The award will be handed over by the head of the scientific committee.