The first rule in journalism is that what is news is a human biting a dog, not the other way around. So, when a few months ago I read in the front page of a free newspaper the following headline: “An elected official demands a seat [in a bus] by kicking [another elected official]” I thought that the journalist knew the job. We all agree that elected officials are supposed (unfortunately just supposed!) to be role models for the community they represent. What bothered me were the two first sentences of the accompanying article: “The scene could have been in a school bus. But instead of a turbulent teenager, he is an elected official...” Does this mean that this is how teenagers behave? That it is normal for them to do such things? That they are turbulent by definition? That adults do not do such things? (obviously the answer is yes, at least if you are an elected official) Why do teenagers have such a bad press?

While we try to answer these questions, let us remember that teenagers need us as advocates.

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**NEWS**

**Journée adolescence 2018: sold out!**

On June 7th we held the *Journée Adolescence* in collaboration with the Institute of Psychology and the Faculty of Social Sciences/LIVES. Like every year, we set the limit of participants to one hundred. We finally had an attendance of 112 and a waiting list... The fact that we were presenting the first results of the long awaited *Sexual health and behavior of young people in Switzerland* (see below for more information) probably helped, but all the workshops and the closing conference by Prof. Marie-Aude Boislard from the Department of Sexology at Université de Québec à Montréal (*Comprendre le développement psychosexuel des jeunes : Défis, bénéfices et réalités contemporaines*) were highly appreciated by the participants.

**Save the date for next year: 6 June 2019!**
The report Sexual health and behavior of young people in Switzerland has been published in the collection Raisons de Santé (Number 291) and can be freely downloaded from the website of the Institute of Social and Preventive medicine (www.iump.ch).

**Best Poster Prize for our Research Group**

Yara Barrense-Dias, research manager and PhD candidate at the Research Group on Adolescent Health, won the Best Poster-Short Oral Presentation Prize at the International Multidisciplinary Symposium on Gambling held in Fribourg (Switzerland).

Her poster was entitled: *Is at-risk gambling related to the financial situation?*. Data were taken from the GenerationFRee study, an ongoing longitudinal study on gambling among students and apprentices in the canton of Fribourg.

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**Upcoming Events**

1st European Transition Symposium – 14 September 2018, Lausanne University Hospital, Auditoire Tissot. [Information](#).

3rd International Summer course on children and adolescents with chronic illness – 12-14 September 2018, University of Lausanne. [Information](#).

21st European Regional IAAH Conference and III National Conference in Adolescent Health, “Equal opportunities for healthy development for all adolescents” 3-5 October, 2018, Chisinau Moldova: [Information](#).


2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM). Washington, March 6-9, 2019. [Information](#).

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**Published Articles**

Sedentary behaviour


The authors report that a high perceived safety was associated with less sedentary behavior time (SBT). Boys, those whose residential neighbourhood was characterized by dead ends in urban areas, a low main street density in the neighbourhood of children and greenness were less likely to exhibit SBT. The association of the objective environment with the respective parental perceptions was low and no significant mediating effect was found for the perceived environment. They conclude that for land-use planning to reduce sedentary behaviour objective environments should be complemented with efforts to increase parental sense of security.


HPV vaccination


The low proportion of vaccine-type HPV in 18-year-old females and its rapid decrease in young women participating to cervical cancer screening extend the success of HPV vaccination to Switzerland. Data suggest that cervical cancer screening is now entering a stage of reduced proportion of HPV16 and/or 18 in samples reported positive by cytology. In view of the high likelihood of reduced clinical specificity of cytology, primary screening modalities involving HPV testing and cytology should now be re-evaluated in Switzerland.


Meynard A, Bideau M, Jacquier C, Klauser P. Continuity of care from pediatrician to general practitioner in Switzerland: a practical...
Follow-up of care in cancer survivors


Positive attitudes and supportive social norms were associated with higher intention to attend follow-up care, and higher intention was associated with actual follow-up care attendance. Increasing awareness of the importance and benefits of follow-up care not only among survivors but also family, friends and healthcare professionals may help increase follow-up care attendance among AYA cancer survivors.

Paediatric end-of-life care


The study provides a wide-ranging overview of current end-of-life care practices in a real-life setting of different healthcare providers. The inclusion of patients with all major diagnoses leading to disease- and prematurity-related childhood deaths, as well as comparisons across the diagnostic groups, provides additional insight and understanding for healthcare professionals. The provision of specialised palliative and end-of-life care services in Switzerland, including the capacity of community healthcare services, need to be expanded to meet the specific needs of seriously ill children and their families.

REPORTS


We wish a good start of the academic year!

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