

II. ZFMM 2026

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MEDICINE



NOVEMBER 19-20 2026



Department of Obstetrics



THE SYMPOSIUM

The 2nd Zurich International Symposium on Feto-Maternal Medicine (ZFMM) will take place November 19-20, 2026 in the lecture hall of the University Hospital Zurich. The ZFMM brings together world leading experts to discuss practical solutions of current challenges in the field of feto-maternal medicine.

SWISS FETUS - SCIENTIFIC WORK

In 2010, as one of the first centers in Europe, fetal spina bifida repair was introduced. Since then, more than 200 mothers and fetuses have undergone surgery at our center in Zurich. Through systematic follow-up of every operated fetus up to the age of 16 years, the Zurich Center (www.swissfetus.ch) provides a unique prise en charge for these patients and their families, offering an unparalleled opportunity for outcome assessment and quality control. This comprehensive data collection, together with detailed prenatal data—particularly in ultrasound diagnostics—has enabled several studies aimed at refining treatment approaches and improving outcome prediction for these children. This highly regarded scientific work has contributed significantly to advances in treatment and counseling strategies.

In addition to fetal spina bifida therapy, the Zurich Center for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy offers a broad spectrum of prenatal diagnostic and therapeutic services.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the ZFMM conference will be available starting in March 2026. The early bird registration fee of CHF 350.00 will be available until August 31, 2026.

Regular registration: CHF 390.00

Reduced fees:

CHF 200.00 for resident physicians and midwives

CHF 50.00 for students

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CREDITS

SGGG: 11 credits (2 days)

SSAPM: 6 credits

SGUM: 5 credits (Thursday), 5 credits (Friday)

DEGUM: Certification in Germany – receipt of a grey DEGUM quality badge

Medical Associations (Germany): Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria

After the event, participants from Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria may submit their certificate of attendance and the event program to the respective authorities: via email to auslandsfortbildungen@laek-bw.de for Baden-Württemberg, and electronically to the Bavarian Medical Association.

There is also an agreement between the Swiss Medical Association and both federal states, meaning that continuing education credits from Switzerland are recognized.

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After the event, participants from Vorarlberg may submit their certificate of attendance and the event program via email to dfp@arztakademie.at, following the same procedure as above.

e-log (midwives and nursing staff): 12 log points

ZFMM 2028

We are pleased to announce that the III Zurich International Symposium on Feto-Maternal Medicine will take place on November 9–10, 2028, in Zurich.

Registration for the conference will open in March 2028.

We look forward to welcoming you again in 2028!

LOCATION

Universitätsspital Zurich, Grosser Hörsaal NORD1
Frauenklinikstrasse 10—Eingang NORD1



ACCOMODATION

There is a number of hotel rooms reserved for participants of the conference with reduced ZFMM-rates. Please note that booking rooms with reduced rates is possible until mid of August 2026 and subject to availability!

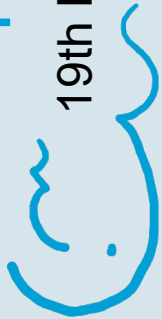
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ABSTRACT submission

Abstract submission on these topics will be open from June 1 to August 1, 2026.
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THURSDAY

19th NOVEMBER 2026



13.00 - 14.00	Registration/Welcome Desk
14.00	Introduction <i>Prof. Nicole Ochsenbein</i>
14.10-14.35	Fetal brain - what should be seen? <i>PD Kai Heling</i>
14.35-15.00	FGR correct diagnosis in singletons & twins <i>Prof. Christian Bamberg</i>
15.00-15.25	Management of sFGR in singletons & twins <i>Prof. Philipp Klaritsch</i>
15.25-15.50	Ethics in fetal therapy and prenatal management <i>Dr. Joanne Verweij</i>
15.50-16.10	Coffee Break
16.10-16.35	Spina Bifida Center Zurich - prenatal Ultrasound and Outcome prediction <i>PD Ladina Vonzun</i>
16.35-16.45	EXTEND - Ready to implement the artificial placenta? <i>Dr. Julia Wawrla-Zepf</i>
16.45-17.10	Twin case <i>Dr. Ladina Campana-Rüegg</i>
17.10-17.35	Risk stratification, diagnosis & therapy of TTTS and TAPS <i>Prof. Liesbeth Lewi</i>
17.35-18.00	Robotic fetoscopy in twins <i>Prof. Ueli Möhrlen</i>
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Research

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Introduction

Prof. Martin Ehrbar

08.05-08.30

Membrane Repair Mechanisms: What We Know So Far

Dr. Tina Chowdhury

08.30-08.55

PPROM: Understanding the Clinical Burden and Current Management

Prof. Anna David

08.55-09.20

A Proteomic Approach to study amnion aging

Dr. Katharina Gegenschatz-Schmid

09.20-09.35

Advancing Minimally Invasive Precision Surgery in Large Open Cavities with Robotic Flexible Endoscopy

Dr. Michelle Mattille

09.35-10.15

Coffee Break

10.15-10.40

Strategies to Prevent iPPROM

Lukas Moser

10.40-11.05

Engineered Regenerative Biomaterials for the Healing of Fetal Membrane Defects

Rodi Odabasi

11.05-11.30

Repair of ruptured amnion

Haruta Mogami

11.30-13.00

Lunch Break

13.00-13.30

Fetal membrane biology and its failure, contributing to pathology

Prof. Ramkumar Menon



PD Dr. Sasha Tharakan — Dr. Hannah Neeser — PD Dr. Ladina Vonzun — Prof. Nicole Ochsenbein — Nele Strübing — Prof. Ueli Möhrle

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FRIDAY

20th NOVEMBER 2026



13.30-13.50	Newest genetic analysis - what you should know <i>Prof. Anita Rauch</i>
13.50-14.10	Abnormalities of the Sex Chromosomes - prenatal Diagnosis, Counseling and Outcome <i>Dr. Ivonne Bedei</i>
14.10-14.30	Fetal face - diagnostic clues and pathologic findings <i>Prof. Florian Faschingbauer</i>
14.30-14.50	New fetal shunt - for whom and why <i>Dr. Enrico Danzer</i>
14.50-15.10	Special heart case <i>Dr. Flurina Famos</i>
15.10-15.30	History of and Overview on fetal therapy <i>Prof. Jan Deprest</i>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break
16.00-16.25	Blood group incompatibility - new therapies <i>Dr. Emeline Maisonneuve</i>
16.25-16.50	Robotics in fetal surgery <i>Dr. Tim Van Mieghem</i>
16.50-17.15	Treatment of fetal heart defects - for whom and how? <i>Dr. Iris Scharnreithner</i>
17.15-17.40	Stem cell therapy in the prenatal treatment of spina bifida <i>Dr. Lucie Guilbaud</i>
17.40-18.00	Discussion

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