

Oromuscular and orthodontic problems in children with neuromuscular diseases

Save the date: 7 February 2019

Lecture Hall, University Children's Hospital Zurich

We are looking forward to welcoming you on 7 February 2019 in Zurich to our symposium about oromuscular and orthodontic problems in children with neuromuscular diseases.

Internationally renowned experts and local specialists will give a comprehensive overview of the following topics:

- a short review of neuromuscular diseases
- normal development of bones, teeth and muscles involved in oromotor function
- pathophysiology of the oromuscular and orthodontic problems in neuromuscular patients and treatment options
- psychosocial aspects of eating and feeding
- an ethical perspective

Advances in care standards and new treatment options result in a longer life expectancy for many of our patients with neuromuscular diseases. Therefore, retaining eating habits is an important quality of life factor for our patients and their families.

We would be delighted to discuss and explore with you how we can help and support our patients in this everyday task that nourishes our bodies and souls – and we assure you: eating will not be just a topic in our talks, but also something to look forward to during our coffee break and apéro.

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Preliminary Program

- 14:00 **Introduction**
Dr. Miriam L. Giarrana, Intensive Care, University Children's Hospital Zurich
- 14:15 **Development of craniofacial structures - from fetus to adult**
Dr. Christine Staudt, Center of Dental Medicine, University of Zurich
- 14:35 **Neuromuscular disorders – a short overview**
PD Dr. Georg M. Stettner, Pediatric Neurology, University Children's Hospital Zurich
- 14:55 **Orthodontic problems in neuromuscular pediatric patients**
Prof. Dr. Stavros Kiliaridis, School of Dental Medicine, University of Geneva
- 15:40 coffee break
- 16:20 **Assessment and therapy of oral muscular dysfunction in pediatric neuromuscular disorders**
Dr. Lenie van den Engel-Hoek, Department of Rehabilitation, Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen (NL)
- 17:05 **Psychosocial aspects of oral feeding and eating**
Dr. Monika Strauss, Psychiatry, University Children's Hospital Zurich
- 17:25 **Ethical issues in dysphagia treatments**
Prof. Dr. David Oliver, Supportive and Palliative Care, University of Kent (GB)
- 18:00 **Farewell**
Dr. Miriam L. Giarrana

Followed by an apéro