

TRUSTED SURGERY

Leading Teams to Excellence

When	What	Description
26 May 2026 8:15-8:30	Tuesday Welcome & Opening	SITEM - Bern University Hospital
Morning Topic: Non-technical skills in the OR		
From Trust to Communication - Foundations of Safe Teamwork in the OR		
8:30-9:00	Paul Barach (confirmed) Trust and Safety in the OR:	Surgical outcomes are driven as much by trustworthy systems as by technical skill. Flaws in environments, practices, and leadership raise risk. Trust is a clinical asset and it can be built.
9:00-9:30	Brigid Gillespie (confirmed) Teamwork in the OR: A Nursing Perspective	Brings trust down into daily interprofessional practice, explicitly from the nursing perspective.
9:30-10:00	Franziska Tschan (confirmed) Communication Under Pressure: Lessons from the OR and Beyond	Mechanisms of communication under pressure - how it works and how it fails.
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break	
From Team Behavior to Patient Outcomes		
10:30-11:00	Guido Beldi and Sandra Keller: Do Intra-operative Briefings Improve Patient Outcomes? First results of the StOP? II	Presentation of the first results from the StOP? II Study.
11:00-11:30	Dimitri Christoforidis (tbc) From Insight to Action: Barriers to Teamwork and Practical Tools for the OR	Why teamwork fails - and what actually helps in daily clinical practice.
11:30-12:00	Leadership Roundtable: Patient Safety as a System Responsibility Moderated by Paul Barach Jennifer Diedler (tbc) (CEO, University Hospital, Inselspital Bern) Claire Charmet (tbc) (CEO University Hospital CHUV, Lausanne) Bertrand Levrat (tbc) (COO, Mediclinic Group)	

12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
Afternoon Topic: Let's make it happen		
	Design Thinking put at Work	
13:30-14:15	Atul Gawande (tbc) From Checklists to Trust: Lessons Learned for Safer Surgery and Stronger Health Systems	
	Making Teamwork Visible and Actionable	
14:15-14:45	Teodor Grantcharov (confirmed) Inside the Black Box: Measuring Performance and Safety in the OR	Making surgical reality visible: The OR Black Box as a tool for performance and safety improvement.
14:45-15:15	Julien Maillard (confirmed) From Insight to Action: Training Teams for Real ORs	Practical tools and training concepts to support teamwork in the OR.
15:15-15:45	Coffee Break	
	Designing the Future OR: Data, Environment, and Integration	
15:45-16:15	Hugo Ramirez (confirmed) Data as a Team member	How data can augment and support team performance.
16:15-16:45	Swiss Center for Design in Health Designing Trust: How Space, Tools, and Systems Shape OR Teamwork	Designing the environment to enhance teamwork.
16:45-17:15	Roundtable: From Concepts to Practice: Integrating Teamwork in Real ORs Moderated by Teodor Grantcharov	
17:15-17:45	Farewell Aperero	