

Swiss Trauma Foundation – ensuring cutting-edge trauma surgery

Trauma surgery at the UniversitätsSpital Zürich is at the cutting-edge worldwide, guaranteeing outstanding medical treatment of people who have suddenly found themselves in precarious situations as a result of an accident. Its aim is to ensure that patients return to everyday life as quickly as possible.

The Swiss Trauma Foundation is committed to the intensive research required to achieve that goal. Thanks to your support, the Foundation is able to continue its work in promoting research in trauma surgery and ensuring the transfer of expertise through ongoing training and continued education.

The non-profit foundation is financed by donations and contributions from private individuals; it supplements the research efforts of public institutions.

How you can support trauma surgery research

The Foundation relies on donations and contributions in order to continue its major research projects. As a non-profit foundation, the Swiss Trauma Foundation is tax exempt. We shall be pleased to send you a receipt for your donation.

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“I was 26 weeks pregnant when I was run over by a reversing car. Only after a long time in an artificially induced coma and several operations was I eventually able to see my newborn daughter – she was alive! It is thanks to trauma surgery that the two of us survived that terrible accident. I wish for other people to also be helped in the same way that I was.”

Andrea J., 34, former trauma surgery patient at the UniversitätsSpital Zürich

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Board of trustees – committed experts in trauma surgery

The board of trustees of the Swiss Trauma Foundation comprises three leading specialists in trauma surgery. Prof. Dr. med. Hans-Peter Simmen, Prof. Dr. med. Guido Wanner and Prof. Dr. med. Clément Werner and their team treat over 3,000 patients a year in-house and see some 20,000 outpatients in the emergency unit.



From left to right:
Prof. Dr. med. Clément Werner
Prof. Dr. med. Hans-Peter Simmen
Prof. Dr. med. Guido Wanner

Prof. Dr. med. Hans-Peter Simmen has been director of the trauma surgery clinic at the UniversitätsSpital Zürich since 2008. From 1987 until 1997, he worked in the surgery department, at the clinics for cardiovascular, trauma and visceral surgery as well as in the reconstructive surgery department of the UniversitätsSpitals Zürich. From 1997 until 2008, Professor Simmen was medical director of the surgical clinic at the Spital Oberengadin Samedan.

Prof. Dr. med. Guido Wanner is deputy director and chief consultant of the trauma surgery clinic at the UniversitätsSpital Zürich. He received his medical training at various leading universities in Switzerland and Germany. Since 2009 he has been professor of surgery at the University of Zurich.

Prof. Dr. med., eMBA UZH Clément Werner has been chief consultant of the trauma surgery clinic at the UniversitätsSpital Zürich since 2008. The experienced orthopaedic traumatologist underwent a sound training in Switzerland and the US. In 2005, he submitted his post-doctoral thesis and gained habilitation (venia legendi) from the University of Zurich.



Helping trauma patients through research and continued education

Trauma surgery has to save lives under the most difficult of conditions. But that is not all. After initial emergency measures, patients need treatment that will improve their prognosis and their quality of life. The Swiss Trauma Foundation therefore promotes research at all levels:

- Finding innovative treatments: To further increase their chances of survival, new treatments have to be developed for (mostly younger) seriously injured patients.
- Achieving clinical progress: Professionals rely on new techniques and methods that significantly improve prognoses even in the case of patients with complex injuries.
- Intensifying training and continued education: New methods, technologies and treatment approaches are only truly effective if professionals receive optimal training and continued education.

“I was hit by a car and hurled 80 metres through the air, sustaining life-threatening injuries. I was taken by helicopter to the UniversitätsSpital Zürich. It’s thanks to the doctors in trauma surgery that I am still alive. Thirty-four operations later, I am now back to being 90 percent independent. It is important to me that anyone in the same boat in future will also be able to benefit from medical progress.”

Roger H., 30, former patient at the trauma surgery clinic, UniversitätsSpital Zürich. He continues his education as a forester (cover picture).

Swiss Trauma Foundation projects

The Swiss Trauma Foundation supports research projects that are aimed at improving trauma surgery for accident victims. Specialised teams at the trauma surgery clinic are collaborating with other specialist departments, conducting over 60 scientific research projects and linking research results with everyday clinical practice. Research at the trauma surgery clinic is conducted in the six following areas:

- Osteology
- Stem cell research
- Biomechanics
- Translational research
- Computer-assisted surgery
- Pathophysiology in case of serious injuries

You can help too. Your donation will allow trauma surgery teams to continue their research in future for the benefit of patients.