Freiburg CSF Center
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6th Freiburg & Bern
CSF Center Visitorship
November, 25th – 27th 2026

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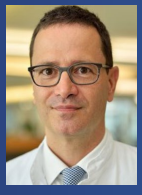
About

The CSF Center Visitorship is hosted by the University Hospital of Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany) and the Inselspital Bern, (Switzerland), focusing on the advancements in Spontaneous Intracranial Hypotension (SIH) and the management of Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) leaks and fistulas.

This Visitorship will serve as a platform for medical professionals from different hospitals to exchange knowledge, discuss innovative techniques, and share best practices in the treatment of CSF leaks. The synergy between Freiburg im Breisgau's and the Inselspital's renowned expertise in SIH and pioneering research in neuroscience promises to foster a productive dialogue that will contribute to the enhancement of patient care and surgical outcomes in the field of spinal CSF leaks.



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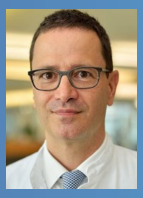
Wednesday, November 25th - FREIBURG		
8:00 am	Welcome & Introduction Freiburg CSF Center	J. Beck
8:30 to 12	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	Lützen Urbach
	– live surgery	Beck Volz El Rahal
Lunch break		
12.30 – 2:30 pm	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	Lützen Urbach
	– live surgery	Beck Volz El Rahal
	- CSF care: live on the ward	Vieira Wolf
3 pm	Round table: minutes of the day, case discussions	Volz / Lützen
4pm	Keynote: The Spectrum of CSF-venous fistulas	D. Edelmuth

7 pm	Get together (tba)

Thursday, November 26th - FREIBURG		
8:00 am	Introduction current cases	J. Beck
8:30-12 am	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	Lützen Urbach
	– live surgery	Beck Volz El Rahal
12 – 1pm	Lunch	

Team Freiburg



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Thursday, November 26th - FREIBURG		
Interactive Sessions – Part 1 – Chair: F. Volz		
1 to 2 pm	Keynote: Advances in Dynamic CT-myelography for CSF Leak detection	Diogo Edelmuth
	Dos and dont's in leak diagnostics (15 min)	N. Lützen
	Dos and dont's in SIH surgery (15 min)	F. Volz
	Coffee break	
Interactive Sessions – Part 2 – Chair: N. Lützen		
2:15 to 3 pm	PDPH : the leak we (somtimes) find (15 min)	A. El Rahal
	cSDH in SIH and SIH in cSDH – the new pandemic (15 min)	F. Volz
	CSF leaks – post-treatment challenges (15 min)	K. Wolf
3 to 3:15	Closing remarks	J. Beck

Trip to Bern, Switzerland
7pm – Get together Bern

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Vanessa Vieira da Silva
CSF Nurse
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Friday, November 27th - BERN		
8:15 am	Welcome	E. Plechowiak
Lecture	Don't get Berned by a low score: When to pursue an elusive CSF leak	T. Dobrocky
9 -12 am	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	Piechowiak / Dorbocky
	– live surgery	Schär / Goldberg
Lunch-break		
1-4 pm	SIH - Live Training Courses:	
	– live myelogram	Piechowiak / Dorbocky
	– live surgery	Schär / Goldberg
Lecture	Whan do we stop?	E. Piechowiak
4 -5 pm	Debriefing and round table	

Team Bern

Prof. Dr. Andreas Raabe
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Prof. Dr. Jan Gralla
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6th Visitorship Guest Professor:

Dr. Diogo Guilherme Leão Edelmuth

University of São Paulo and Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein

FAQ:

Airports Frankfurt / Zuerich & Basel are well connected and close by; www.flixbus.de connects Basel Airport with Freiburg main station, FRA & ZRH are best reached viy train www.bahn.de / www.sbb.ch

Transfer Bern/Freiburg: best via train, 2h, www.bahn.de / www.sbb.ch

CME: applied for 3 points, Landesärtzekammer Baden-Württemberg

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Costs: participation fee is 300 Euros per person
Included: course program / get-together, / catering. Not included/not organized: transfer, accomodation, travel costs

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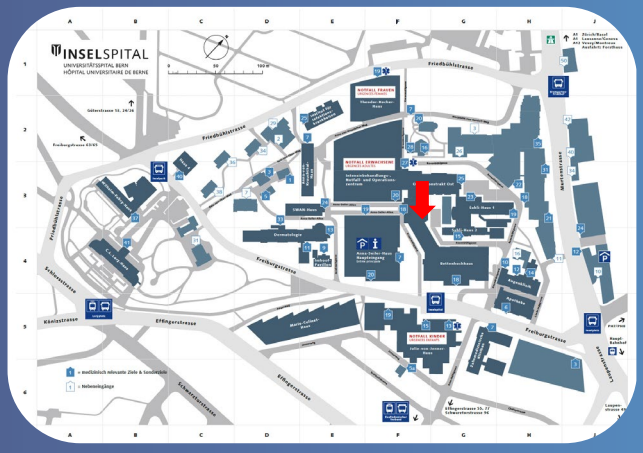

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