

Network of services of the SPG

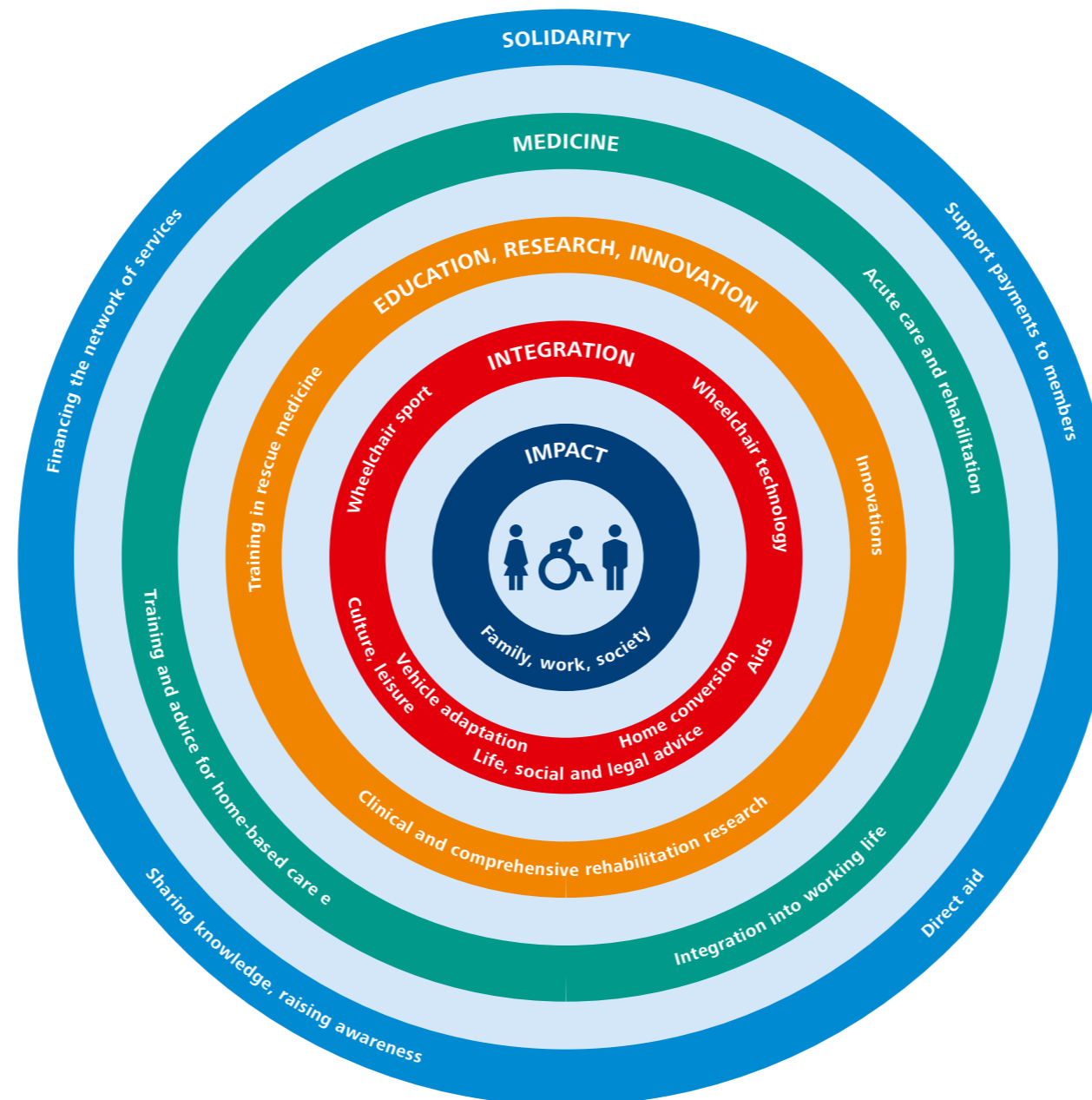
The Swiss Paraplegic Group (SPG) provides a unique network of services for people with spinal cord injuries, from primary care through to the end of their lives. Its aim is to provide comprehensive rehabilitation and to reintegrate people affected into family, work and social life. This strategic basic objective comprises four areas of services.

■ Solidarity

- **Maintain a comprehensive approach.**
The SPG provides a comprehensive, practical range of services for people with spinal cord injury – in every area of their life, and for the rest of their lives.
- **Encourage interaction.**
The SPG intends the Nottwil Campus to be a centre of excellence for integration, assistance and lifelong learning for patients of all ages.
- **Ensure goodwill.**
The SPG makes sure that its benefactors and donators are aware of the unique network of services available and support us sustainably in the long term.
- **Encourage multidisciplinary exchanges.**
The SPG seeks to establish a strong network both nationally and internationally that will guarantee better basic conditions for people with spinal cord injury.

■ Integration and Lifelong Assistance

- **Create networks throughout Switzerland.**
In association with its partners, the SPG establishes a network structure that helps people with spinal cord injury in Switzerland.
- **Improve integration.**
The SPG offers comprehensive services to meet people's needs in order to improve the integration into society of people with spinal cord injury.
- **Support people with spinal cord injury and their family and friends.**
The SPG helps people with spinal cord injury to lead an independent life and educates their friends and family so that they can provide the necessary support. It optimises the range of services available in the field of prevention.



■ Medicine

- **Ensure comprehensive care.**
In the Swiss Paraplegic Centre in Nottwil, the SPG offers all the medical services needed to guarantee the professional acute care and rehabilitation of people with spinal cord injury. It encourages them to become involved in their therapy and to take responsibility.
- **Strengthen partnerships.**
The SPG strengthens relationships with partners in specific disciplines and local institutions for the benefit of people with spinal cord injury.
- **Play a role in defining health policies.**
The SPG is a member of specialist committees with a political influence that endeavours to ensure that highly specialised medical care for people with spinal cord injury will continue to be provided within the healthcare system.

■ Education, Research, Innovation

- **Combine research and practice.**
The SPG contributes to the sustainable improvement of the health, social integration, equal opportunities and self-determination of people with spinal cord injury by carrying out clinical and comprehensive rehabilitation research. The SPG plays a leading role in this area.
- **Exchange know-how.**
The SPG liaises closely with universities, institutions, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and patient organisations. It shares all findings promptly and in full to support their worldwide application.
- **Drive innovation.**
The SPG promotes innovation and looks for the latest findings in order to help people with spinal cord injury to become as independent as possible.
- **Provide education.**
The SPG encourages initial and further education in all its fields of activity. It trains and fosters the best talents and highly qualified new professionals in order to continue to guarantee the highest level of care for people with spinal cord injury.