

PhD Alumni Swiss Paraplegic Research
Structured PhD Program in Health Sciences

2025

Boris Polanco 'The social cost of chronic health conditions and their potential for rehabilitation towards an aging population'
University of Lucerne, Switzerland

Enxhi Qama 'How self-management is integrated in daily life after discharge from initial rehabilitation in individuals with a newly acquired spinal cord injury'

Vanessa Vallesi 'Advanced Neuroimaging and in-vivo Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy Correlators of Symptoms in People with Paralysis'
University of Berne, Switzerland

Vanessa Seijas 'The current state of rehabilitation provision for older people: towards rehabilitation services that meet the needs of ageing populations and promote healthy ageing for all'
University of Lucerne, Switzerland

2024

Carina Fähndrich 'Risk factors of major complications after flap surgery in the treatment of stage III and IV PI in people with SCI/D'
University of Lucerne, Switzerland

2023

Marissa Diaz 'Voice, Disability and 'End of Life' Decision-Making'
University of Lucerne, Switzerland

Olena Bychkovska 'Responsive Health Care Systems for Persons with Spinal Cord Injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Ezra Valido 'Oral immunotherapy for the prevention of urinary tract infections in persons with spinal cord injury'
University of Lucerne, Switzerland

Marco Bennardi 'Barriers and facilitators to the use of specialized palliative care in oncology and hemato-oncology in Ticino'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Ana Lucía Ona Macias 'The health-income gap: to what extent does inequality explain the living situation of people with spinal cord injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Rebecca Tomaschek 'Collaboration of general practitioners and specialists for patients with complex chronic conditions: the case of spinal cord injury in rural Switzerland'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Collene Anderson 'Understanding the development and burden of neurogenic lower urinary tract dysfunction after SCI'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Oche Itodo 'Cardiovascular Risk in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury'
University of Berne, Switzerland

2022

Dima Touhami 'Collaborative Model in primary care for individuals with Spinal Cord Injury: Shared responsibility between general practitioners and highly specialized centers for the health of individuals with spinal cord injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Peter Raguindin 'Determinants of cardiometabolic health in spinal cord injury'
University of Berne, Switzerland

Katarzyna Karcz 'Sustained gainful employment after spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury: A mixed-methods work life course study'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Céline Braunwalder 'Pain following spinal cord injury: the role of psychosocial strengths and resources'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2021

Caroline Debnar 'Psychological Adaptation Following the Onset of Chronic Health Condition'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Mayra Galvis Aparicio 'Psychological adaptation following spinal cord injury: Life satisfaction and mental health in the clinical rehabilitation'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Jsabel Hodel 'Supported clinical decision making in first rehabilitation of persons with Spinal Cord Injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Jianan Huang 'Informal care by family members of persons with spinal cord injury in Switzerland – Service utilization in an informal care situation'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2020

Roxanne Maritz 'Enhancing continuous quality improvement in rehabilitation by standardized reporting of functioning'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Anne Buzzell 'Towards the longitudinal estimation of functioning and health in Spinal Cord Injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Delgerjargal Dorjbal 'Providing evidence towards strengthening rehabilitation in the Mongolian health system using spinal cord injury as a case in point'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2019

Núria Duran Adroher 'Towards a psychometric-based architecture to enable standardized reporting of functioning information'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Fransiska Bossuyt 'Factors associated with shoulder pain in persons with spinal cord injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Nandini Devi 'What does the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Demand of State Parties?'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Dimitrios Skempes 'Strengthening accountability and fostering performance measurement in disability rehabilitation: A study on the development of monitoring indicators'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Maren Hopfe 'Optimizing health systems response to patient's functioning needs'
University Lucerne, Switzerland
Dimitrios Skempes

Simon Kunz 'Posttraumatic growth after spinal cord injury: Predictors and associations with life satisfaction, physical, and mental health. A longitudinal study'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2018

Marina Nützi 'Towards a biopsychosocial and occupation-specific job matching tool for vocational rehabilitation of persons with spinal cord injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Per von Groote 'The science of implementing a public health report'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Hannah Tough 'Social relationships, functioning, health and wellbeing in persons with disabilities and their partners'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Elias Ronca 'Access to health care in persons with spinal cord injury in Switzerland'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Julia Amann 'Open innovation communities in healthcare. Theory, practice and implications for spinal cord injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

David Pavlicek 'Immunosenescence in Spinal Cord Injured People from the Perspective of Urinary Tract Infections'
University Berne, Switzerland

2017

Sue Bertschy 'Maternity Care Services for Women with Disabilities during Pregnancy and Childbirth in Switzerland'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Marie Fallon-Kund 'Implementation of Human Rights in mental health: Enhancing the Self-Determination of Persons with Psychosocial Conditions in Legal Capacity Proceedings and Beyond'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Albert Marti 'Labor Market Participation of individuals with SCI living in Switzerland'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2016

Jonviea Chamberlain-Cettou 'Estimating an Epidemiological Indicator of Traumatic SCI in Switzerland'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Urban Schwegler 'The ICF – A potential way forward transparent and standardized documentation of medical work capacity evaluation of claimants with chronic pain'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Claudia Zanini 'Bringing the patient perspective into medical decision-making. Supporting the exchange of views between doctors and patients in chronic pain consultations'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Carly M. Toepke 'Aligning State Party Legal Obligations in Education for Children with Disabilities under the UN CRPD'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2015

Carolina Ballert 'Towards the development of a clinical measure of functioning in spinal cord injury'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

Cristina Bostan 'In-depth understanding of health and health-related concepts according to the ICF'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2014

Inge Eriks-Hoogland 'Shoulder impairment in persons with a spinal cord injury & associations with activities and participation'
University Groningen, The Netherlands

Monika Finger 'Application of the ICF in Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)'
University Maastricht, The Netherlands

2013

Christine Boldt 'The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) in nursing: Persons with spinal-cord injury as an example'
Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

Rachel Müller 'Understanding the associations of social skills and social support with mental health, participation and quality of life in persons with SCI'
Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

Claudio Peter 'Adjustment to Spinal Cord Injury (SCI): The role of psychological resources'
Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

Pavel Ptyushkin 'Benefits and Challenges of the Application of the ICF in Health and Social Care Management'
University Lucerne, Switzerland

2012

Ursina Arnet 'Shoulder problems in SCI: is handbiking the key to prevention?'
Vrije University Amsterdam, Netherlands

Alessandro Bertolo 'In vitro models of cell-based therapies for treatment of degenerated human intervertebral discs'
University Berne, Switzerland

Bernd Fellinghauer 'Graphical Models for the Study of Human Functioning Data'
ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Andrea Glässer 'Functioning and disability after stroke: The patient and the health professional perspective'
Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

2011

Stefanie Hostettler 'Respiratory mechanics and quality of life after respiratory muscle endurance training in spinal cord injury'
ETH Zürich, Switzerland

2010

Felix Gradinger 'Development of ICF Core Sets for Sleep Disorders'
Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

2009

None

2008

Angela Frotzler 'Mechanical reloading – a promising approach to partially reverse bone loss in people with chronic spinal cord injury'

Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany

Gabi Müller 'Respiration in spinal cord injury: Time-courses and training'

Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands