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### **Cornelia Staehelin: A Case of Imported New World Hantavirus Infection to Switzerland**



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Cornelia Staehelin studied medicine at Basel University and completed her specialization in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases as well as Tropical & Travel Medicine. She also obtained her Masters in International Health (MIH) from the University of Basel within the network of tropEd partner institutions. This included the core course «Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries» from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute and courses at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam. She conducted her master's project in Tanzania (with the Swiss TPH) and studied the influence of helminth infections on the course of untreated HIV infection. Her specialization towards Tropical & Travel Medicine took her to Vellore in S. India and Lima, Peru.

Currently she is consultant at the department of Infectious Diseases, Inselspital, Bern University Hospital and is responsible for Tropical- & Travel Medicine and Migrant Health within the department. Within the Swiss HIV Cohort Study she mainly published on Sub-Saharan African participants.

Next to her clinical work in Switzerland, she has worked for the International Federation of the Red Cross on two Ebola missions in Sierra Leone (clinical work in 2015) and DR Congo (preventive work, May 2018). She works as an external consultant for projects focussing on HIV and tuberculosis for Swiss NGOs (Solidarmed, SAM Global) and currently mainly supports a HIV and tuberculosis referral hospital in Macenta, Guinée-Conakry, in rolling out viral load based antiretroviral treatment monitoring. Since 2018, she serves as the President of the Swiss Society of Tropical and Travel Medicine.