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## Lunch Lecture

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We assume that decisions in health care are always made on the basis of facts and best evidence. But what if unconscious stereotypical ideas – so-called "unconscious or implicit bias" – are involved? Do such cognitive distortions influence the quality of care in clinical practice?
Within the framework of the diversity event series "Unconscious Bias" Prof. Dr. med. Samia Hurst will speak about her 2017 study "Implicit Bias in Healthcare Professionals: A Systematic Review". In this study she investigated the question of whether and how health professionals are subject to cognitive distortions and what consequences this can have for the quality of treatment.

### Prof. Dr. med. Samia Hurst

Prof. Dr. med. Samia Hurst is a specialist in internal medicine and bioethics. She heads the Institut Ethique, Histoire, Humanité at the University of Geneva and gives lectures in biomedical ethics. She is a consultant to the Clinical Ethics Council of the University Hospitals of Geneva and a member of the National Ethics Commission. Her research focuses on ethical issues in clinical practice, research and health policy, with a particular focus on lawfulness and the protection of vulnerable groups.

**The event will be in English.**

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