



HCIM 2026

Presentation Texts

Short Version

Healthcare Clowning International Meeting (HCIM) 2026

HCIM 2026 will take place on March 11-13 2026 in Lausanne, Switzerland. It celebrates 40 years of healthcare clowning and a decade of international collaboration. This global meeting brings together professional artists, healthcare teams, researchers, fundraisers, managers, and NGOs to share knowledge and explore best practices.

Under the theme «Shaping the future of healthcare together», the program explores five core areas: performing arts in healthcare, the art of connection, sustainable management, research and impact, and the future of humanizing care.

HCIM 2026 offers a unique space for cross-sector dialogue, inspiration, and collaboration – advancing the role of presence, play, and care in healthcare systems worldwide.

Let's shape the future of healthcare together!

More information: www.hcim2026.org

Long Version

Healthcare Clowning International Meeting (HCIM) 2026

HCIM 2026 marks 40 years of healthcare clowning and 10 years since the first Healthcare Clowning International Meeting. This global gathering – taking place at the SwissTech Convention Center in Lausanne from March 11 to 13, 2026 – brings together professional artists, healthcare teams, researchers, fundraisers, managers, and NGOs to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and shape the future of healthcare clowning.

HCIM 2026 welcomes everyone involved in this vital work – to connect, reflect, and imagine what's next.

Under the theme «Shaping the future of healthcare together», HCIM 2026 offers a space for cross-sector exchange, creative dialogue, and collective inspiration – strengthening the role of presence, play and care in healthcare systems worldwide.

The program focuses on five key areas:

- Performing arts and clowning in healthcare: The transforming power of imagination and play
- The art of connecting: Building presence, trust, and inclusive relationships.
- Sustainable management and fundraising strategies: Staying mission-driven and resilient in a fast-changing world
- Research, impact and social sustainability: Bridging evidence and practice strengthening the field
- The future of humanizing care: Imagining what comes next – for patients, professional clowns, and healthcare systems

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