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Research Seminar in Health Sciences and Medicine, 02.11.2026

Location: Alpenquai 4, 6005 Luzern
Room: Break room
Time: 14.30-15.30h
Speaker: Daria Gutteridge, PhD, Unversity of Lucerne
Project: Aged Care On-Site Pharmacists: A New Model of Care from Australia

Session Information

Reducing avoidable medicine-induced harm and supporting the safe and effective use of medicines in long-term care facilities (LTCFs) is an international priority. Australia is among the first countries to implement a nationally supported Aged Care On-Site Pharmacist Program (ACOP), integrating pharmacists directly into LTCF care team. This seminar will provide an overview of this emerging model of care and present findings from research examining the role of on-site pharmacists and approaches to supporting quality improvement in medicines management in LTCFs. This includes findings from a survey investigating on-site pharmacists' experiences and perceptions of their new roles. The seminar will also describe the development of the PHARMA-Care National Quality Framework at the University of South Australia, designed to support the monitoring and evaluation of the safe and effective use of medicines and pharmacist services in LTCFs, including relevant quality indicators.

About the speaker

Dr. Daria Gutteridge completed her studies and her PhD in psychology and cognitive neuroscience at the University of South Australia. For the past three years, she worked there as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow, focusing on safe and appropriate medication use in Australian residential aged care facilities. Alongside her research, she regularly taught in psychology programs and supervised fourth-year students on their research projects.

Her research interests center on improving and developing health care services, including efforts to improve cardiovascular health, with the goal of achieving lasting improvements in the quality of life and health outcomes of older people.

Since mid-March, she has been working as a postdoctoral researcher at the Center of Primary and Community Care. Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Thekla Brunkert, she works on projects focused on interdisciplinary care and models of care in primary health care.