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**The Pediatric Epidemiology Research Group, led by Prof. Claudia Kuehni**, conducts population-based and clinical studies in child health.

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*We are looking for a highly motivated*

## **Project manager for the Swiss Pediatric Inflammatory Brain Disease Cohort Study (50-60%/100%\*)**

*\*50-60% working for the study mentioned and – if desired - additionally 40-50% for other registries hosted by the Paediatric Epidemiology Research Group at the ISPM.*

**Pediatric inflammatory Brain Diseases (IBrainD) are potentially life-threatening diseases affecting previously healthy children and include different diseases such as pediatric multiple sclerosis.** Clinical presentation is variable, carrying the risk of diagnostic delay. Tailored successful treatments are available and outcome depends on timely treatment initiation. There is no population-based data on pediatric IBrainD in Switzerland. The Swiss Pediatric IBrainD Cohort Study will improve this situation by collecting and analysing data on children and adolescents with IBrainD to improve care of this vulnerable patient population.

**You will help to set up the Swiss Pediatric IBrainD Cohort Study – a national registry with longitudinal follow up**, in collaboration with the neuropediatricians, the SwissPedNet, the Co-leaders of the project (Prof. Dr. C. Kuehni, PD Dr. S. Bigi) and a young team of researchers involved in other registries at the ISPM. The registry will collect and analyse population-based epidemiological and clinical data on all children diagnosed with IBrainD in Switzerland.

**You will have an active role in designing and managing the study.** You will communicate with neuropaediatricians, coordinate project logistics, and write ethics applications, monitor data quality and data safety. Core funding for the first 2 years is assured, but you will help with additional fundraising and you are responsible for the budget. You will also write reports, participate in the design of a homepage and collaborate in scientific projects and publications.

**Applicants should have a university degree** in Medicine or a related field (Health & Life Sciences, Epidemiology) and **a strong interest in child health and epidemiology**. You should have working experience in a health-related field, preferably in a clinical environment. You should bring excellent organisational skills, social competence, the capability of working independently, and excellent oral and written communication skills. You should be initiative and motivated. Previous experience with fundraising, data collection, databases, data analysis and publications are of advantage. Sound computing skills (MS Office) are a must. The position requires fluency in both German and French, and excellent written and spoken English.

**The position is available from April 2020** (other dates can be negotiated). Salary rates of the Canton of Bern apply. If you look for an exciting position in a highly motivated team, please email your CV with motivation letter to our HR Administration office ([hr@ispm.unibe.ch](mailto:hr@ispm.unibe.ch)). For further information, please contact PD Dr. Sandra Bigi ([Sandra.Bigi@insel.ch](mailto:Sandra.Bigi@insel.ch)) or Dr. Anne Tscherter ([anne.tscherter@ispm.unibe.ch](mailto:anne.tscherter@ispm.unibe.ch)) by e-mail.