



Société Suisse d'Allergologie et d'Immunologie
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Allergologie und Immunologie
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The professional standing of the SSAI

In **1972**, with the founding of the SSAI, those working in the field of immunology obtain their own structure, but are still part of the medical fraternity. This takes place over several phases.

In **1973**, in several steps, allergology and clinical immunology begin to establish themselves as a medical discipline in its own right, introducing its own certificate of competence in order to attract the new generation of scientists.

In **1976** this certificate of competence is recognised by the Switzerland-wide medical organisation, the FMH.

In **1982** Allergology/Immunology is given its own professional title by the FMH.

Achieving this title takes four years of postgraduate study, at least one of which must be in a Type A education facility.

In **1982** the discipline of Allergology/Immunology is also recognised by the FAMH (The Medical Laboratories of Switzerland). The competent authorities are the Analysis List Board (PRAL) and the Laboratory Managers Board of Education (FAMH).

Achieving the FAMH Allergology/Immunology title takes two years of postgraduate study, at least six months of which must be in a Type A education facility.

In **1993** the FMH sub-title of "Allergology/Immunology" becomes the title of a fully-recognised and independent medical discipline.