

Innovation Center

A gateway to our clinics

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Tomorrow's healthcare is being developed in close collaboration between industry and Karolinska's clinicians, researchers and patients.

We connect industry and academia with our clinics

Karolinska University Hospital is one of the largest university hospitals in Europe – 15,300 employees, 70 clinics and 1,5 million patient visits per year. Together with Karolinska Institutet, we are leaders in clinical development and medical breakthroughs.

- The Innovation Center enables co-creation between industry, academia and healthcare.
- We match companies with the right clinicians, researchers and patients.

We value early involvement. Together we can identify needs in the care system, pinpoint new areas for innovation and develop the best possible solution – in the relevant environment.

Within the hospital - and beyond

As future care chains will encompass entire healthcare systems, innovators in life science need innovation environments that stretch far beyond the hospital walls. Through our network of national and international partners, we can provide such environments.

We drive innovation. Methodically.

The Innovation Center leads and drives innovation activities – strategically and in day-to-day work, in all settings, at all levels. We have a methodical way of handling risks and uncertainties to achieve rapid and continuous translational innovation – from identification of needs and opportunities to clinical and commercial full-scale implementation.



Innovation Partnership

Improving healthcare together in everyday clinical practice

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Strategically, this partnership and highly innovative co-development work is important to us and supports our efforts to expand our offerings to value-based solutions that complement our differentiated technology platforms.

Boston Scientific

Innovation partnerships with industry

Karolinska University Hospital creates long-term partnerships in order to continuously improve and develop healthcare together with industry, academia – and the patient. We identify needs and opportunities in everyday clinical practice and ways to address these.

The innovations – products, services, processes and business models – can be used as a basis for innovation in other areas, operations and parts of the world. Companies will be able to commercialise products and services and the hospital will be able to further develop solutions based on identified needs. The partnerships may or may not be linked to our procurement processes.

Our aim is, via partnership with major companies, to create an open innovation system in which also small and medium-sized enterprises can grow and flourish.

Current projects and partners

Today we support more than 25 innovation collaborations with a large number of companies, within partnerships or in individual collaborations. These include taking cell therapy from the lab to the patient and optimising the care pathway for patients who have experienced strokes or heart failure. We also work with mobile health and e-health, analytics, radiotherapy, automation in the care sector and patient influence in palliative care.

We have innovation partnerships with Boston Scientific, GE Healthcare, Philips Healthcare, Olympus, Siemens and Getinge.