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Capio St Görän's Hospital in Stockholm becomes a university healthcare unit

As the first private healthcare provider in Sweden, the Medicine- and Surgery flow at Capio St Görän's Hospital have qualified as university healthcare units (so called USV units) and becomes part of Region Stockholm's university healthcare at the turn of the year 2020/2021. The application has been reviewed by the Research Council and the Education Council at Karolinska Institute (KI) and their opinion reads: "The applicant describes strong Research and Development (R&D) activities with good structure and a clear organization and working methods."

"It is highly rewarding news and a quality stamp for us. Now we are creating more collaborations with KI within research and education. We are increasing our attractiveness for both students and employees. It strengthens our role in both research, education and as a healthcare provider, says Peter Holm, CEO of Capio St Görän's Hospital.

Merit success

"It is honorable and a success that the hospital's R&D activities receive this recognition from KI, which is Sweden's largest medical university. It is also a merit that we have been able to meet the more than thirty criteria and requirements that have been imposed on us in this process", says PA Dahlberg, Head of R&D at the hospital.

Clinical research and education – a win for everyone

"We will now be able to offer patients improved care and introduce new evidence-based forms of care, treatments and new knowledge into our activities. Students in all healthcare professions will increase the demand for healthcare-based education specifically at Capio St Görän's Hospital. For our employees, clinical and educational competence will increase through this", says R&D manager PA Dahlberg.

Long-term partnerships

He further points out that the desire to be able to conduct university healthcare is not only from Capio St Görän's Hospital's side, but also a wish from the other actors who were involved in the process. Karolinska medical university wants to stimulate clinical research and education at the hospital and Region Stockholm county wants to educate more students within healthcare professions. The work with getting the units approved is a process that has been going on for several years.

"The next step for us, in collaboration with KI, is to announce new positions for researchers/teachers with so-called unified employment at our future USV units. The researchers will share their employment between a clinic in the hospital and a suitable institution at KI, says PA Dahlberg.

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About Capio St Görän's Hospital

- Sweden's largest emergency hospital in number of acute patients.
- Stockholm's most centrally located emergency hospital servicing an area with approximately 420,000 inhabitants.
- Emergency hospital for adult patients offering acute care within approximately 30 specialties.
- Approximately 100,000 acute patient visits during 2019.
- Sweden's only privately operated emergency hospital. Run by Capio since 1999. Capio awarded extended contract from year 2022 to 2026 by Region Stockholm.
- Construction of two new hospital buildings which will include e.g. a new child delivery department when opening in 2022.

Achievements

- High quality and availability according to yearly survey by Region Stockholm (2019), scoring highest among the emergency hospitals in Stockholm for quality indicators for the fifth year in a row.
- Shortest average waiting time to see a doctor (31 minutes) among the emergency hospitals in Stockholm 2019 (despite an increase in number of patients at Capio St Görän's).
- First place in the "Best hospital 2019" award in the category small hospitals (i.e. without obstetrics) by the leading medical newspaper in Sweden (Dagens Medicin). High medical quality, in which the hospital is "best in class" - high efficiency and short waiting times are some of the factors behind the award.

About Karolinska Institutet

Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden, is one of the world's leading medical universities.

As a university, KI is Sweden's single largest centre of medical academic research and offers the country's widest range of medical courses and programmes.

Since 1901 the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has selected the Nobel laureates in Physiology or Medicine.