



IDEAS CLINIC

How do we support hospital employees in being more innovative? How do we get hold of their ideas? And how do we handle ideas once we receive them?

These are some of the issues underlying the concept of the “Ideas Clinic” - a concept created and launched by Oslo University Hospital and expanded through KASK Innovation.

The purpose of the concept is to strengthen innovation at hospitals. By commercialising ideas from the health care system the KASK Innovation partners hope to improve the professional treatment of patients and the daily life of staff. To do so, it is essential to generate a model for collecting and developing ideas that exist among hospital staff. Such a model is the Ideas Clinic.

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Ideas Clinic – A Nordic concept

The Ideas Clinic concept has its Nordic roots in Oslo University Hospital, where the Ideas Clinic “Idépoliklinikken” was established in 2007. As part of the KASK Innovation project the experiences regarding this concept is to be shared between the three partners.

Aalborg Hospital has established a similar Ideas Clinic called “Idéklínikken” with a team specialised in idea and project development, engineering, industrial design, business law and commercialisation. Sahlgrenska University Hospital has chosen to cooperate with the regional initiative “Innovationssslussen” which purpose also is to collect ideas concerning health care.

Collect, evaluate and develop ideas

The focus of the Ideas Clinics is on employee and user driven innovation in the development of optimised products and services. The purpose is to facilitate and collect ideas, unmet needs and inventions originating from research and clinical work among hospital staff – including researchers, clinicians and service assistants.

Every idea undergoes a specific process when received:

- Diagnosing and processing a plan for each idea.
- Screening of existing solutions or products.
- Assessment of market potential.
- Investigation regarding IPR potential.
- Designing a solution in collaboration with an industrial partner if the market potential is promising.

To implement new products, the Ideas Clinic involves partners at different stages to ensure a successful commercialisation.

For more information about the concept visit:

www.idepoliklinikken.no and www.ideklinikken.dk

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