

**WORKING
TOGETHER**
FOR TOMORROW'S
MEDICINE.

Dear Reader

University Hospital Zurich is a place where a sense of the future, courage, and trust combine to bring visionary ideas to fruition. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and support partners, the USZ Foundation – the body dedicated to raising funding for medical innovation at the university hospital – has already been able to realize over 190 initiatives. These are forward-looking projects that put people at the center and contribute significantly to improving patient care, advancing cutting-edge medicine, and strengthening Zurich as a hub of innovation.

What does this mean for our patients? Speedier diagnoses, less invasive therapies, and, hopefully, greater confidence in their daily lives.

We hope to inspire you with our mission and would be delighted to join forces with you to make a significant difference in the future. We invite you to learn more about our activities and how you can become a part of them.



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**INNOVATION
BEGINS WITH
COURAGE AND
TRUST – AND YOUR
SUPPORT**

YOUR HEALTH, OUR MISSION

WHAT MAKES THE USZ SPECIAL



People at the heart

The USZ is open to everyone. The professional expertise and empathy of our staff ensure that patients receive comprehensive and personalized medical care that transcends disciplinary boundaries. Everything revolves around our patients and their wellbeing.



World-class leadership

University Hospital Zurich ranks among the best hospitals in the world, and for several years has consistently been in the top ten of the world's leading medical centers (Newsweek Ranking: World's Best Hospitals).



Broad range of high-quality care

From primary care to personalized, world-class cutting-edge medicine, the USZ offers a broad range of services across more than 40 departments and institutes. With around 42,000 inpatients and 882,000 outpatient visits per year (2025), it's one of the largest hospitals in the German-speaking world.



From lab to clinical practice

The USZ has around 2,500 employees working in a wide variety of research areas across nearly all medical disciplines. With this interdisciplinary research continuously feeding into improved clinical practice, patients at the USZ are often among the first to benefit from these innovations.



At the heart of the academic hub

The USZ works closely with the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich and maintains a network of research collaborations in Switzerland and around the globe. The proximity of research, clinical practice, and highly qualified professionals creates an ideal environment for medical innovation.



«OUR HOSPITAL STANDS FOR THE
BEST CARE – PIONEERING MEDICINE
WITH PEOPLE AT ITS HEART.»

Dr. Monika Jänicke
CEO of University Hospital Zurich and Vice-Chair of the USZ Foundation

BRINGING HEART AND VISION TO TOMORROW'S MEDICINE

Is there a medical issue that's particularly close to your heart? Would you like to give concrete support to medical innovation? Or were you well cared-for at USZ and want to give something back?

Then you've come to the right place.

As an independent, non-profit foundation of University Hospital Zurich, we work with our donors to shape the medicine of tomorrow – and improve people's quality of life today. We can do this because our projects always prioritize direct benefits for patients and their families.

**100% OF
DONATIONS
GO DIRECTLY
TO OUR
PROJECTS**

Your donation enables medical innovations at the USZ

- that allow even more precise diagnoses and non-invasive treatments
- that treat the whole person, not just their illness
- that are the fruits of the creativity and dedication of USZ staff
- that serve as a springboard for young researchers at the USZ
- that strengthen the university hospital's status as a key center of cutting-edge medicine
- that have the potential to make an impact beyond the USZ.



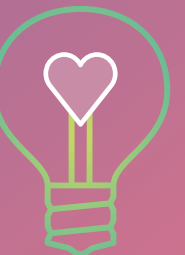
On the following pages, you'll learn how you can support the USZ and find out more about the kind of projects we make possible thanks to people like you.



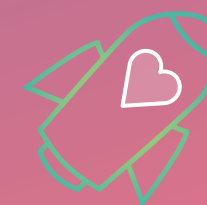
HOW OUR FUNDING WORKS



Caring
people like you ..



.. facilitate **medical
innovations at the USZ**
that directly benefit patients ..



.. and result in immediate
**improvements in the quality
of life of those affected.**



Our promise:
100% of your donation
will be used where it makes
the biggest difference.



FUND FOR THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE

GIVING THE GIFT OF A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

Support the Fund for the Future of Medicine now.
Your donation goes directly to help ensure that the
latest scientific findings quickly benefit patients.

Every day, staff at the forty-plus departments and institutes of the USZ develop new approaches to improve patient care. The Fund for the Future of Medicine helps bring the most promising ideas into practice quickly. **Your donation is used where it has the greatest impact and is most urgently needed.** Your support provides the necessary impetus to research new diagnostic, treatment, and therapeutic methods. This allows patients at the USZ to benefit directly. Together, we help give people a better quality of life.

If you prefer, your donation will be used exclusively for innovations in a specific field. Please let us know if you would like your **contribution to be earmarked** for cancer medicine, cardiovascular medicine, neuroscience or the promotion of junior researchers.

CAUSES CLOSE TO YOUR HEART INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT OPTIONS

Do you have something specific you want to support or far-reaching visions you'd like to realize at the USZ?

We offer our donors a variety of ways to support the causes closest to their hearts. Choose the option from the list below that best suits you. Together, we'll take the next step.



**PLEASE CONTACT
US TO DISCUSS YOUR
IDEA FOR SUPPORT
IN MORE DETAIL**

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SUPPORT OPTIONS AT A GLANCE



Individual project partnership

If you have a specific idea for support, we'll find the right research project at the USZ.



Fund for the Future of Medicine

We identify the most promising projects and allocate your donation where it will have the greatest impact and is most urgently needed.



Memorial or special occasion donation

You wish to commemorate a loved one or use a special occasion to support patient-centered projects at the USZ.



Named or thematic fund

You support a cause close to your heart and decide yourself where at the USZ the funds will be allocated.



Sub-foundation

You pursue your charitable goals at the USZ under our umbrella via a sub-foundation. We handle the administration.



Legacies and bequests

You provide long-term support and enable forward-looking medicine at the USZ – benefiting future generations as well.

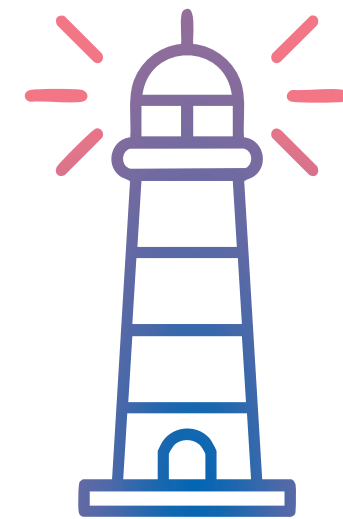
Further information

www.usz-foundation.com



INNOVATION PROJECTS WITH A DIRECT IMPACT **A BRIEF GLIMPSE**

From comprehensive flagship projects to effective support for junior researchers or bold initiatives with significant leverage, discover the exciting undertakings we and our donors make possible at the USZ.



There are

190

**innovation projects improving
the quality of life for patients
at the USZ – and beyond.**

USING AI AND ROBOTICS FOR THE EARLY DETECTION OF LUNG CANCER

Thomas Gaisl uses artificial intelligence and robotics to detect tiny, hard-to-reach lung tumors. The examination used to be very stressful and did not always yield clear results. Thanks to this modern procedure, tumors can now be detected and treated at a curable stage. It's a huge step forward for those affected.

MEASURING PREMATURE BABIES' BLOOD SUGAR PAINLESSLY

Low blood sugar is common in premature babies and can lead to lifelong impairments. Currently, monitoring is performed every three hours via a blood draw – a painful procedure with an increased risk of anemia and infections. This has prompted Aldo Di Costanzo Mata to develop the world's first non-invasive glucose sensor. The device measures blood sugar levels continuously, precisely, and painlessly through the skin.

USING GUT BACTERIA AS IMMUNOTHERAPY

Michael Scharl uses gut bacteria specifically to treat cancer and coronary heart disease. Certain bacteria are present in the gut of a person suffering from these diseases in lower quantities than in healthy individuals. When patients receive these bacteria via a fecal transplant, they strengthen the immune system and help the body fight the disease, significantly improving the chances of recovery.



JOINING FORCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

When people with dementia are treated in an acute care hospital, for example after a fall or a heart attack, they're usually overwhelmed. To better support them, the Center for Clinical Nursing Science has developed a program designed to strengthen collaboration between medical staff, patients, and their families. Myrta Kohler, Jutta Ernst, and Rahel Naef are now looking into the practical implementation of this program at several acute care hospitals.





**THANKS TO OUR DONORS,
PROMISING RESEARCH
APPROACHES ARE
BEING TURNED INTO
CONCRETE SOLUTIONS**

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