Kuopio University Hospital (KUH) is one of the five university hospitals in Finland. We are responsible for high-level specialised medical care for almost a million people in Eastern and Central Finland.

We provide high-quality clinical care, conduct internationally-renowned research activities, and educate top professionals for Finnish health care. Our patients are very satisfied with their treatment and our employees enjoy their work.

Annual figures for KUH:
- 4,700 employees
- 92,000 patients
- 450,000 outpatients
- 2,400 births
- 20,000 operations

Making things BETTER

The best part of the job is working with the patients.

Maria Sarasti, Medical Doctor,
Department of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
In the coming decade, KUH will be transformed into one of the nation’s most modern hospitals. New hospital buildings enable the use of the latest technology and more efficient treatment.

All the core activities, like surgical units, intensive care and births, are centralised at the new Kaarisairaala building.

The brand new Sädesairaala building houses radiation therapy, medical oncology, infusion therapy, and the Department of Pathology. KUH has also started its own radiopharmaceutical production using cyclotron-produced short lived radioisotopes in Sädesairaala.

The renovated hospital pharmacy uses automated systems, e.g., the robotic preparation of antibiotics and automated stock control and dispensing systems.

The old complex of the KUH Hospital will also be completely updated to meet the requirements of modern hospital care.

*I love working in our modern facilities.*
Kati Vaara, Perioperative Nurse
Our priority is to provide the best possible care for patients. We have representatives from all specialised medical fields, who work together in close multidisciplinary collaboration. Research into severe epilepsy and its surgical treatment, for example, has been centred here at the national level.

General common diseases are treated at separate centers of excellence, such as our Neuro, Heart, and Cancer Centers. In these Centers, the various specialised fields join forces in order to combat the disorder in question more effectively.

In 1999, the exceptional quality of our practice earned the hospital the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Certificate. This was awarded to KUH in its entirety, and we are the only university hospital in Finland to have received this specific status.

And most importantly, opinion polls show that patients are extremely satisfied with the care they have received here.

Teddy wasn’t scared at all at the hospital.
Oliver, 4 years
We train the greatest number of physicians in Finland, and the University of Eastern Finland has the most comprehensive nursing science unit in the country.

Each year about 1,000 physicians, dentists and specialising consultants train at the hospital. In addition, the hospital has about 1,000 health science and nursing trainees.

According to feedback, the students and trainees are extremely satisfied with the teaching they receive here. Our staff is exceptionally committed to the teaching activities.

KUH is one of the major actors in the Kuopio Science Valley, as is the university. The benefits of studying in Kuopio are the concentrated campus area, modern teaching facilities and equipment, as well as practice-centred patient-friendly education.

I’m happy the teachers at KUH trust the students. I’ve often been able to work independently.
Roosa Tanskanen, a health care student
Our research activities are internationally renowned. KUH is a worldwide pioneer in brain tumour and blood vessel gene therapy.

The hospital’s strongest areas of research are chronic diseases like diabetes, arteriosclerotic vascular disease, Alzheimer’s disease, cerebrovascular diseases and obesity.

Neuroscience, medical imaging research, musculoskeletal disorders and a wide range of clinical research are other important fields.

Our nursing science research focuses, for example, on the philanthropic aspect of the care, staffing and management development.

Competent researchers and state-of-the-art equipment make quality research possible.

Professor Pekka Jakälä, Director of KUH Neurocenter
Pursuing excellence.

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