SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
A BETTER FUTURE WITH YOU

SNUH SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
“The Future of Medicine, With the People”
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Working Hand in Hand with the People Towards Becoming a Quaternary Hospital

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“Striving to become the center of future medicine.”

Established in 1885, Seoul National University Hospital (SNUH) traces its origins to Jejungwon (濟衆院), “House of Universal Helpfulness”), which was founded with the noble mission of Insuleyjung (仁術濟衆, “saving people through benevolent medical practice”). Throughout the modern history of the Republic of Korea, SNUH has steadfastly lived up to its mission with authenticity, leading the progress of Western medicine in the country. The present moment marks SNUH’s juncture to embark on another substantial advancement, reshaping itself into a prominent exemplar of a future-oriented hospital.

As the most trusted healthcare institute in the nation, we at SNUH are committed to continuously preparing for potential nation-level disasters. Additionally, we are resolute in our efforts to design future-oriented healthcare services that are tailored to the rapidly changing lifestyles and medical environment.

In the midst of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, we are positioned to synergize SNUH’s cutting-edge medical technologies with the paradigm of digital healthcare, thereby bringing to fruition the envisioned healthcare services of the future.

While fortifying the SNUH Medical Network, we shall concurrently allocate roles aligned with the distinct medical specializations of each branch, thereby safeguarding the nation’s health. Moreover, in collaboration with the government, we are resolutely committed to orchestrating a novel public healthcare framework. Our dedication extends to the seamless integration of the SNUH Medical Network and the nationwide public network, culminating in the establishment of an innovative healthcare system.

I respectfully seek your continuous support for SNUH, acknowledged as a foremost medical institution in Korea, as it strives to elevate its stature to that of the world’s premier hospitals, pioneering the way as a trailblazer of the future healthcare landscape.

Seoul National University Hospital President & CEO
Kim, Young Tae
Every footstep of SNUH is the legacy of medicine of Korea
Taking the lead in standardization and innovation of medicine in Korea

Major Achievements

The first university hospital to receive the Healthcare Organization Accreditation from the Korea Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW).

Selected as a ‘Golden Brand’ in the Korea Brand Power Index (K-BPI) survey by Korea Management Association Consultants (KMAC).

Awarded the highest rating for providing services in accordance with clinical care standards by the Health Insurance Review & Assessment Service (HIRA).

Internationally accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP), ensuring the safeguarding of human subjects ‘right and welfare’ in clinical research.

Designated as a ‘Research-Driven Hospital’ by the Ministry of Health and Welfare in Korea.

Received the ‘Medical Korea’ Award from the President of Korea.

Attained an ‘Outstanding’ rating in implementing the ‘Public Health and Medical Services Plan’ by the Korea Ministry of Health and Welfare.

In-patient Beds

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2023 Number of Patients
Offering world-class education, research, and patient care to help everyone enjoy a healthier and happier life.
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MISSION
SNUH shall offer world-class education, research, and patient care to help everyone enjoy a healthier and happier life

VISION
1. The most trusted hospital delivering best patient care
2. A hospital opening the future for life
3. A hospital training next-generation leader of medicine
4. A hospital aligned with government policy to promote advancement of health care

Core Values
- Best Care
- Partnership
- Excellence
- Innovation
- Contribution
Cultivating visionary leaders of future healthcare through comprehensive educational programs

In the landscape of future healthcare, it is visionary leaders who take the helm. SNUH is dedicated to cultivating talents capable of anticipating and steering forthcoming transformations in the healthcare landscape, effectively navigating the dynamic shifts of our rapidly changing world.
We are dedicated to fulfilling the mission of a national central hospital that nurtures genuine and exceptional healthcare professionals, ensuring the enhanced well-being of our citizens.

Fostering Physician-scientists (M.D.-Ph.D.)

In collaboration with Health Sciences and Technology (HST), a joint initiative between Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), SNUH is addressing complex and unresolved healthcare challenges. It is enhancing its educational offerings to nurture proficient professionals and has launched a research professor program, actively contributing to the development of ‘physician-scientists’ and the cultivation of an innovation-driven ecosystem.

- What is a Physician Scientist (M.D.-Ph.D.)?
  A researcher who merges clinical knowledge with research expertise in fields like medicine, engineering, and other disciplines, offering a specialized perspective in areas such as biotechnology research and development, as well as clinical trials.

- Health Sciences and Technology (HST), the world’s most enduring interdisciplinary educational program, was co-founded by Harvard Medical School and MIT. HST serves as a foundation for cultivating physician-scientists with expertise in clinical knowledge, medical science, and engineering research acumen.
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SNUH is building an efficient and well-structured research framework to pioneer the development of advanced medical technologies for the future. We are enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration platforms that bridge various disciplines, including basic and life sciences, precision medicine, bioinformatics, IT, and AI.

SNUH Medical Research Innovation Center, a cutting-edge medical research platform

The cornerstone of the Center for Medical Research Innovation is the cohesive collaboration of professionals from hospitals, academic institutions, research centers, and the industry. With a primary focus on advancing medical technologies for patient care, the center brings together over 200 professors and 500 researchers and support personnel. Through collaborative open innovation, its objective is to drive innovation in medical technology by utilizing specialized expertise and fostering a culture of convergence.

Enhancing public accountability in research initiatives

As a national central hospital dedicated to public healthcare, we prioritize establishing the public accountability of our research initiatives through the dissemination of knowledge and technology. Simultaneously, we are proactively cultivating an ecosystem of collaboration among hospitals, industry, academia, and research institutions to drive technological innovation and nurture a robust convergent research infrastructure. Furthermore, we are in the process of developing a sustainable framework for R&D in innovative medical technologies, ensuring a continuous cycle of advancement.

Number of SCI publications from SNUH and SNU College of Medicine

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In collaboration with the medical professionals at SNUH, we are dedicated to the development of applied convergence medical technologies in real clinical contexts, nurturing talent, and striving for the practical implementation of convergence medical solutions. The institute plays a crucial role in SNUH’s transformation into a “research-driven quaternary hospital,” seamlessly integrating research and clinical practice. Driven by our commitment to address rare diseases and complex medical challenges, we continuously meet the increasing demand for innovative medical technologies across patient care and related fields. In line with this goal, the institute is actively setting up an “intelligent hospital,” where foundational convergence medicine research translates into practical applications.

Institute of Convergence Medicine with Innovative Technology (ICMIT)

Institute of Convergence Medicine with Innovative Technology leverages the expertise and visionary insights of globally acclaimed healthcare professionals in treatment and research. Our commitment lies in the development and research of cutting-edge medical technologies, with a focus on addressing challenges posed by diseases, disabilities, and medical complexities, ultimately contributing to the betterment of society.

Patient-tailed precision medicine using medical big data

SNUH uses medical big data to provide each patient with the best customized precision treatment. This enables customized chemotherapy that delivers superior anticancer results, taking into consideration a patient’s physical conditions and genetics, as well as predicting and preventing future illnesses.

Data-driven Medicine
- Medical Big Data
- Medical Artificial Intelligence
- Medical Informatics

Biomedical Science
- Convergence Fundamentals
- Medical Physics
- Convergent Biochemistry
- Biomedical Science
- Pharmacy

Biomedical Engineering
- Robotics
- Radiology
- Materials
- Electronics
- Mechanics

Medical Technology
- Healthcare Services
- Medical Device Commercialization

Health Policy
- Consultation
- Tissue Sampling and Diagnosis
- Data Analysis
- Precision Medicine Platform
- Molecular Tumor Board
- Treatment

Consultation
Assess the need for next-generation sequencing-based genetic testing

Tissue Sampling and Diagnosis
Prepare tissue samples for pathologic diagnosis and performing next-generation sequencing test

Data Analysis
Next-generation sequencing data analysis and interpretation

Precision Medicine Platform
Integrated management of clinical and genomic information

Molecular Tumor Board
Case assessment and treatment recommendations

Treatment
Optimal treatment for cancer patients

Mission and Vision

Our precision medical center aims to develop advanced medicine using medical big data and to ultimately guarantee patient safety. At SNUH, we provide accurate and tailored treatments by combining clinical medicine and individual genetic information. SNUH has continued to grow in leaps and bounds towards becoming a hub for precision medicine in Korea by developing genomic panels among many other achievements.
Delivering top-notch medical care and trusted healthcare services

SNUH harnesses its exceptional medical personnel to deliver healthcare services of international distinction. With an outstanding treatment framework for severe and rare diseases, we are committed to fostering a healthier world.

01 Precise diagnosis and superior medical care
Leveraging the expertise of a world-renowned medical team and a research-centered hospital, we demonstrate accurate diagnostics and optimal treatment outcomes.

02 Establishment of a comprehensive system for treating severe rare diseases
We have an all-encompassing treatment framework for complex and rare conditions, including cancer, brain and heart disorders, and organ transplantation.

03 A nameless hospital prioritizing patient data privacy
To enhance outpatient privacy, we assign unique IDs on the day of the visit, eliminating the need for name disclosure.

04 Speech recognition solution for hearing-impaired patients
In the clinic, we enhance patient convenience by allowing hearing-impaired individuals to access physician's emphasized instructions through mobile devices.

Patient Care
Practicing and taking on the responsibility for public health as the nation’s central hospital
Building an **innovative medical landscape** with a well-organized worldwide network.
Guiding the forefront of cutting-edge healthcare through a well-organized network

SNUH strategically established a global network to optimize diverse medical specialties, ensuring optimal patient care delivery. This network includes affiliated hospitals achieving remarkable advancements, driven by world-class competitiveness in their respective domains. SNU Children’s Hospital exemplifies our commitment to public healthcare and expertise in managing severe, rare, and intractable pediatric diseases. Simultaneously, SNU Cancer Hospital is renowned for its state-of-the-art systems and unwavering research, advancing cancer conquest. Across distinct medical specialties, we cultivate global competitiveness and pioneer accomplishments. Moreover, our objective is to solidify the position as a future healthcare hub accountable for global well-being. This will be achieved through practicalizing revolutionary medical technologies via international partnerships and propagating sophisticated hospital operational models and medical systems across the world.
Seoul National University Hospital Group

Establishing new standards for treating childhood illnesses with a dedicated system.

Inaugurated in 1985, SNU Children’s Hospital stands as a premier pediatric healthcare institution, boasting distinguished experts, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and cutting-edge medical technologies. Our commitment extends beyond delivering advanced treatments for severe and rare pediatric conditions, including childhood cancer, to setting new standards in childhood illness management through our extensive clinical expertise. Additionally, we offer a range of comprehensive services such as in-hospital schooling, home-based healthcare, and palliative care, addressing diverse social, educational, and familial aspects related to pediatric ailments. Designated as a ‘Children’s Public Medical Center’ and a ‘Pediatric Emergency Center’ by the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare, we continue to enhance our public healthcare contribution, supported by expanded professional resources and treatment facilities. Our holistic approach transcends traditional healthcare, reaffirming our mission to improve the lives of young patients and their families.
Forging a new paradigm in the pursuit of conquering cancer through cutting-edge treatment and clinical research

SNU Cancer Hospital is committed to a patient-centric approach referred to as “One Stop, Total Care.” A cohesive network of accomplished medical experts across more than 30 specialized centers works in synergy to provide comprehensive and structured cancer treatment and management. Anchored in top-tier medical care and research, we are committed to actualizing the aspiration of conquering cancer and ushering in a new era of health and well-being.

Emerging as a global hub for cutting-edge medical technology development and research

SNUH Biomedical Research Institute was founded in 1991 with the primary purpose of serving the research function among its multifaceted roles in education, research, and clinical services at SNUH. Within the institute, we persistently propel the domain of biomedicine forward through methodical and meticulously structured research initiatives that transcend international benchmarks. Furthermore, we diligently foster collaborative research endeavors in conjunction with public and private sector stakeholders, striving to achieve advancements in medical research, public health enhancement, and economic prosperity.
Inaugurated in 2003, Seoul National University Bundang Hospital (SNUBH) swiftly evolved into a premier Korean healthcare institution, spearheading digital transformation within the medical domain. It introduced a paradigm-shifting smart hospital concept, seamlessly digitizing an array of paper-based documents including charts, films, and prescriptions, thereby not only setting a domestic precedent but also garnering global recognition. Emerging as a leading force in the realm of healthcare software, SNU Bundang Hospital has achieved remarkable feats by exporting medical information systems to key markets such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the USA, and Japan. These accomplishments have generated substantial export revenue of approximately $120 million, showcasing Korea’s exceptional expertise in software on the international stage. Utilizing its unique medical IT capabilities, SNU Bundang Hospital has taken a decisive stride by establishing the ‘Healthcare Innovation Park,’ Korea’s first bio-cluster that spearheads the integration of hospitals, industry, academia, research, and local governance. This endeavor propels SNU Bundang Hospital into a pivotal role within the global bio-healthcare landscape, positioning it at the forefront of the world’s medical industry.

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Seoul Metropolitan Government Boramae Medical Center, managed by SNUH since 1987, offers high-quality healthcare services to all Seoul citizens, supported by outstanding infrastructure. We are diligently pursuing medium to long-term developmental initiatives aimed at strengthening critical care capabilities, establishing a specialized respiratory care center, and enhancing the public healthcare delivery system. Through these efforts, we are creating a sustainable driving force for continuous growth. With a foundation of top-tier medical quality, we are introducing a new paradigm in public healthcare and taking the lead in advancing public healthcare in Korea.
Shaping the future of preventive medicine in Korea

SNUH Healthcare System Gangnam Center stands as a premier institution for specialized medical examinations in Korea. With an esteemed team of SNUH professionals and cutting-edge healthcare technology, we offer customized medical programs that address individual patient needs. To maintain our leading position in Korea’s preventive medicine landscape, we have enhanced our research capabilities in precision medicine using big data technologies and implemented an intelligent medical examination system.

Bringing Korean healthcare technology excellence to the Middle East

In 2014, SNUH entered into a consignment contract with the UAE government to manage the Sheikh Khalifa Specialty Hospital (SKSH), marking the pioneering instance of a Korean medical institution taking on operational responsibility for a foreign tertiary hospital. Our exceptional healthcare professionals and robust system led numerous UAE citizens to choose localized care over seeking advanced medical services abroad. Notably, we introduced state-of-the-art medical techniques from SNUH, encompassing cutting-edge valvular heart disease and streamlined breast cancer treatments. Our relentless efforts are dedicated to enhancing healthcare standards at SKSH and raising the bar for quality medical services in the UAE.
The National Traffic Injury Rehabilitation Hospital, established by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, has been under the operational management of SNUH since 2019. This public healthcare institution specializes in comprehensive rehabilitation programs designed to address traffic-related injuries and facilitate recovery. Comprising 10 specialized clinics, the hospital features four dedicated centers catering to distinct injury categories: brain, spinal cord, musculoskeletal, and pediatric injuries. The hospital stands as a pioneer, featuring the highest concentration of rehabilitation therapists and wearable walking-assist robots, alongside state-of-the-art aquatic therapy facilities, and strategically assigns therapists to patients for focused individualized care, ensuring optimal outcomes. Additionally, the hospital operates the Traffic Injury Rehabilitation Research Institute, dedicated to formulating novel policies and executing research initiatives concerning injuries and disabilities resulting from traffic accidents, as well as advancing rehabilitation care.

SNUH has initiated a KRW 300 billion project aimed at constructing a cutting-edge heavy-ion medical accelerator dedicated to cancer treatment in Gijang-gun, Busan. The project is set to culminate in completion by the year 2027. Particle therapy, utilizing a particle accelerator to propel carbon particles at 80% of the speed of light, embodies the forefront of cancer treatment advancement. This groundbreaking method facilitates precise eradication of cancer cells situated up to 30cm deep within the body. Beyond its potential for mitigating radiation-related side effects and treatment durations, it offers the promise of elevating survival rates and tackling resistant cancer varieties. In the upcoming years, SNUH is positioned to assume a leading role in particle therapy and related research domains by establishing the SNUH Heavy Ion Therapy Gijang Center.
Defining the future of healthcare through the convergence of clinical care and research

Presently underway in Siheung, Gyeonggi-do, SNU Baegot Hospital will be an innovative healthcare institution positioned to spearhead the future of medical services.

We aspire to establish a state-of-the-art smart hospital that harmonizes a medical research center specializing in diseases related to the brain, spinal cord, muscles, special sensory functions, and rare neurological disorders, with advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies. SNU Baegot Hospital will present a model where research, clinical application, and technology utilization coalesce, thus paving the way for medical device and pharmaceutical innovation.

Korea’s First Firefighting Medical Institution: Building a Secure Society Against Diverse Disasters

The National Fire Hospital will be established in Chungbuk Innovation City, dedicated to fortifying the healthcare safety net for firefighters and local residents. (Scheduled to open in the second half of 2025)

At the forefront, National Fire Hospital will provide specialized treatment for prevalent health issues among firefighters, encompassing burns/injuries, musculoskeletal rehabilitation, and mental health. Additionally, we will lead groundbreaking research in firefighting medicine and function as a pivotal regional medical institution, fulfilling a crucial role in the community.
Committed to enhancing the quality of public healthcare.
As a prominent national central hospital, SNUH is committed to upholding the fundamental principles of public healthcare. In the face of the nationwide public health crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, the entire SNUH community united their efforts to establish a robust healthcare safety net and diligently strives to restore everyday life while safeguarding the well-being of the population.

Furthermore, we collaborate with the government and relevant agencies to bolster the public healthcare system, aiming to eliminate regional disparities in essential medical services. Engaging directly at the local healthcare level, we are actively forging a new public healthcare network. SNUH is dedicated to wholeheartedly fulfilling its role as a national central hospital, responsible for the well-being of the nation’s citizens.

Upholding public healthcare values to safeguard citizens' health

Dispatched a medical emergency team for students involved in an overseas accident (Cambodia, 2018).
Expanding healthcare accessibility for rare disease patients through collaboration with regional networks

**SNUH Rare Disease Center**
Rare diseases comprise over 8,000 distinct types, exhibiting a wide range of variations and intricate clinical symptoms that frequently present diagnostic complexities. SNUH Rare Disease Center leads the way in the diagnosis and research of rare diseases, leveraging the collaborative expertise of specialized medical professionals across various disciplines. Functioning as multidisciplinary specialized clinics, the center integrates cutting-edge diagnostic and therapeutic technologies to spearhead the progress of rare disease care and research.

Designated as the ‘Central Support Center for the Central-Regional Rare Disease Network’ by the Korea’s Ministry of Health and Welfare, SNUH has established a network of 11 rare disease centers across the nation. This strategic endeavor is aimed at strengthening the diagnostic expertise for rare diseases within the country and expanding the provision of high-quality medical services.

- **11** Establishment of a network of 11 rare disease centers nationwide
- **40** Operation of 40 adult clinics at the SNUH (main) and Cancer Hospital
- **38** Operation of 38 pediatric clinics at the SNU Children’s Hospital

Providing holistic care for pediatric patients and their families

**SNUH Nexon Children’s Palliative Care Center**
Despite advancements in medical care that have improved survival rates, the release of high-risk pediatric patients reliant on medical interventions such as artificial respiration has placed a burden on many households, impeding their family and economic activities. The SNUH Nexon Children’s Palliative Care Center, an unprecedented endeavor in Korea, is the result of collaboration among Nexon Foundation, the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and SNUH. Its mission is to alleviate the challenges faced by these families by establishing the nation’s first independent short-term care center for children.

The dedicated medical professionals at SNU Children’s Hospital offer tailored care and nursing for children, ensuring the most appropriate support in lieu of their guardians. Moreover, a team of pediatric specialists is present 24/7 to monitor the child’s condition, providing emotional stability and exceptional experiences through a range of programs including play therapy, music therapy, and art therapy, all within a comforting environment akin to home.
Shaping Korea’s future healthcare path together

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With the invaluable support of our esteemed benefactors, SNUH embodies the ethos of “Insuljejung” (仁術濟衆), practicing benevolent medical principles as a central national hospital. Elevating our excellence in the realm of medicine, we stand at the forefront of future healthcare as a globally eminent institution in education, research, and clinical services.

- Development Fund
- Research Fund
- Clinical Environment Enhancement Fund

**Efforts for optimized patient care**

- A meaningful sharing for the next generation
- A global leader in pioneering future medicine
- A healthy society that we all build together

**Other Designated Funds**

- Low-income patient support fund
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