



Senior Leaders Programme Summary: Wednesday 21 May 2025

Timings	Session topic
09:00 - 12:30	Interactive discussions on topics such as leading for change amongst our current challenges, shaping the future of health and care, designing care with communities and populations
13:00 – 15:00	Site visits
15:00 – 17:00	Shared reflections and discussions on the afternoon's site visits. Sharing challenges, gaining insights and learning for the future
17:00	Closing



Site Visit Details:

Sustainable Healthcare at UMC Utrecht

UMC Utrecht is one of the largest academic hospitals in the Netherlands, employing over 12,000 staff, educating more than 4,000 students, and caring for 227,698 unique patients in 2023. The hospital integrates patient care with research and education and hosts the Medical Faculty of Utrecht University. At UMC Utrecht, we train future doctors (including medical specialists), nurses, (bio)medical researchers, and other health professionals.

We take our societal responsibility seriously and aim to contribute to fostering and protecting public health. The green transition in healthcare is central to our hospital's policies, offering a significant opportunity to improve health outcomes.

Launched in its current form in 2022, the 'Sustainable Healthcare Program' showcases how an integrated approach can effectively transform a healthcare organization to become more sustainable. The program's strength lies in its comprehensiveness, combining efforts across all core tasks and operations while encouraging both top-down and bottom-up initiatives.

UMC Utrecht is a leading example in embedding Planetary Health principles and sustainability into healthcare education.

Reception and guided tour by:

Celina Kroon, Program Manager Sustainability

Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology

The Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology is not an ordinary hospital—it is a research hospital and the largest pediatric cancer center in Europe. Every day, groundbreaking and passionate work is carried out to improve survival rates and the quality of life for children with cancer.



Over 400 scientists work on fundamental, translational, and clinical research. Collaborating with colleagues in Dutch academic centers, international hospitals, and specialized research institutions, they are making significant strides in curing pediatric cancer and enhancing long-term quality of life.

The representation of children and parents on the board ensures their perspectives are included in decision-making processes.

Since 2014, UMC Utrecht and the Princess Máxima Center have worked closely together in daily care for children with cancer and various research programs. Specialists from both organizations, including the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital (WKZ), collaborate on (neuro)surgical procedures to optimize nationally centralized care for pediatric cancer patients.

Reception and guided tour by:

To be confirmed

Regenerative Medicine Center Utrecht

Regenerative Medicine Utrecht fosters open innovation and close collaboration among academia, businesses, and government institutions. To advance this interdisciplinary field, most of our researchers work together at the Regenerative Medicine Center Utrecht.

Imagine that instead of fighting symptoms, it's possible to actually cure a disease by utilizing the body's own regenerative capacities. No more arthritis because we can replace or regrow the cartilage with the patient's own stem cells. No more genetic diseases because we can fix the DNA in a relevant and localized manner. No more dialysis for kidney patients because they get a kidney transplant. Not from a donor but from their own tissue, which means no more immunosuppressants either.

By focusing on cure instead of care, regenerative medicine can help minimize the cost of treating chronic conditions and improve the lives of millions of patients living with long-term chronic illness such as cardiovascular disease, kidney failure, rheumatic arthritis or diabetes. Personalized treatment for a group of patients or each patient individually is the long-term goal.



Reception and guided tour by:

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Calamities Hospital

The Calamities Hospital is a fully operational facility designed to provide care for victims during major accidents or disasters. This unique hospital is a collaboration between UMC Utrecht and the Ministries of Defense and Health, Welfare, and Sport (VWS).

In the event of a disaster—of any kind—the hospital can open within 30 minutes and accommodate up to 200 injured individuals.

Reception and guided tour by:

Joris Prinssen, Head of Calamities Hospital