

A hub dedicated to medical innovation at the Genolier clinic

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The Genolier clinic (VD) and the private group Swiss Medical Network laid the foundation stone on Monday for a new center dedicated to medical innovation. Within two years, at the end of 2023, the Genolier Innovation Hub should open its doors on the clinic site.

The construction of this research and development center has just started on the Lake Geneva region. Its objective is to facilitate the transfer of preclinical experimentation to practical application, for example in the form of clinical trials or the training of medical or non-medical personnel.

Under one roof

This platform is “unprecedented in the Swiss medical ecosystem”, writes the group in a press release. Vaud State Councilor Philippe Leuba participated in the presentation of the project on Monday.

The new research center will host companies and researchers active in the medtech, pharma and biosciences sectors. Companies like Accuray and Raysearch, active in radiotherapy, will set up research and training centers there. Collaborations are planned with many partners, including Biopole SA (Vennes) and Haute Ecole La Source.

Direct link and time saving

The new hub will accelerate patient access to the latest products, technologies and services. It will allow a “direct operational link” and “time saving” between research carried out in companies and laboratories, and application to patients in the context of tests and clinical trials.

The building will include laboratories, functional operating theaters, medical imaging rooms and radiotherapy bunkers as well as offices and spaces dedicated to formal and informal meetings. A 300-seat auditorium will be used to organize conferences or training.

The total cost of the project is estimated at 100 million francs, including 65 million for construction. Work started last June. The structural work should be completed in the first half of 2023, for an opening towards the end of the year.

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