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Oslo Cancer Cluster is a non-profit member organization committed to accelerate the development of cancer diagnostics and treatment.

The incidence of cancer is on the rise all over the world. As a rule of thumb, the risk of getting cancer is one in three. Due to improved cancer care, more cancer patients survive the illness today than only a few years back. Oslo Cancer Cluster works to increase the number of cancer survivors.

Cancer Patients in Focus

Oslo Cancer Cluster is a research- and industry cluster, and also a non-profit member organization with public funding and support. The cluster is solely focused on developing new cancer treatments and diagnostics for the benefit of cancer patients. Oslo Cancer Cluster accelerates the development of cancer diagnostics and treatments by making the process from idea through clinical trials to new diagnostics and treatment faster than today. The cluster does this, for example, by sponsoring a senior consultant at the Clinical Cancer Research Unit at the Oslo University Hospital, increasing the capacity for clinical cancer trials.

Long Tradition for Excellent Cancer Research

Norway has a long and outstanding tradition in cancer research and development. It is this competence and knowledge that Oslo Cancer Cluster builds upon. The cluster was established in 2006 as a result of more than 80 years of cancer-related activities in the Oslo-region, realizing that a natural cancer cluster already existed. In June 2007 Oslo Cancer Cluster was awarded NCE (Norwegian Centres of Expertise) status by the Norwegian Government.

More than 60 Members

Oslo Cancer Cluster fuses together Norway's world-class cancer research, unique healthcare infrastructure such as the Cancer Registry and the biobanks, with innovative biotechnology companies. The cluster has nearly 60 members from the Government, research institutions, patient organizations, life sciences industry and hospitals from the whole of Norway and abroad. Oslo Cancer Cluster has several members outside the Oslo-region and is open for international members as well.

Oslo Cancer Cluster Innovation Park

Oslo Cancer Cluster is planning to build an Innovation Park in Oslo next to the Radium Hospital. Unlike other innovation parks, this will include a fully integrated high school as well as companies and research facilities. The Innovation Park is planned to be ready in August 2013, and will be voted on in the City Council in September 2010.

International Partnership

Oslo Cancer Cluster has an extensive international network, and is constantly extending it. As of today, the Cluster has formal Memorandum of Understandings with the Cancer Bio-Santé, a French cancer cluster, and Hanmer Institutes, an American nonprofit research organization. Together with Cancer Bio-Santé Oslo Cancer Cluster hosts the annual European Cancer Cluster Partnering (ECCP), which is an oncology focused partnering event. ECCP2010 will take place in Oslo, September 15th-17th.

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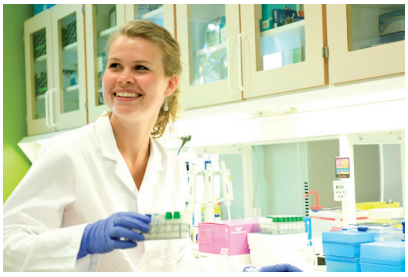

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