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Message from the Swedish Delegation



Dear Reader,

The United States is an important partner to Sweden, politically but also as a trading partner. The US is Sweden's largest export market outside Europe and Sweden is the 13th largest investor in the United States. Life Science is one important sector in this trade relation.

Sweden and the U.S. are both ranked among the top ten countries in the world when it comes to research and development. Both are committed to scientific discovery and improving the life of those affected by cancer. We believe that our two countries would indeed benefit from even closer collaboration. So let's use this opportunity to build an even closer dialogue between policy makers, companies and other stakeholders in life science and the health care sector.

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Message from the organizers

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to co-organize this high-level delegation to Washington DC with such an exciting mix of cancer care and control professionals. This delegation truly embodies the Swedish tradition of cross-sectoral collaboration, representing academia, Swedish health care and the public sector, including research-intensive and innovative companies, patients and NGO's. Common goals for all participants are the fight against cancer and contributing to a better life for all affected.

We hope that our visit will contribute to creating valuable connections between the Swedish and American ecosystems and serve as a catalyst for knowledge sharing and discussions on how to address the cancer challenges of today and tomorrow. Our ambition is that the delegation will open avenues for research & development, transformative collaboration, and business partnerships. Such interactions have the potential to contribute to the growth and success of the life-science communities in both the USA and in Sweden.

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A3P Biomedical's mission is to improve quality of life of men by radically increasing the precision in prostate cancer diagnostics.

The company's lead product is Stockholm3, a blood test for early detection of aggressive prostate cancer. Stockholm3 has been developed by scientists at Karolinska Institutet and validated in clinical studies including more than 90,000 men.

A3P Biomedical is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. For more information, please visit www.a3p.com

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Based in Cambridge, UK, AstraZeneca operates in over 100 countries and its innovative medicines are used by millions of patients worldwide. AstraZeneca is one of Sweden's leading export companies and has in total 7 800 employees at three locations.

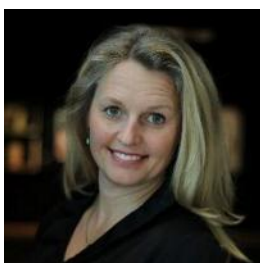
Gothenburg is home to one of AstraZeneca's strategic global research centers, Södertälje hosts the company's largest production facility and the new headquarters for the Nordic marketing company is situated in Stockholm at Life City.

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Elekta's innovative equipment and software are used to improve, prolong, and save lives in more than 120 countries. Our advanced, effective solutions are designed in collaboration with customers, and according to US News & World Report's annual hospital rankings, each of the best 50 cancer hospitals in the US relies on Elekta's hardware, software, or both.

With North American headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and facilities in St. Charles, Henderson, Sunnyvale, and Washington DC, nearly 1 000 of the company's 4 700 employees are spread throughout the US. Elekta is a proud employer of veterans and active as well as reserve-duty military personnel, with 80% of engineering and technical positions held by US veterans.

Additionally, Elekta's Atlanta office is home to a technical training facility that draws more than 300 visitors from around the world to attend cancer care-specific educational and training programs each year. Elekta is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.

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At Elypta, we aim to reduce cancer mortality by enabling earlier detection. Elypta pioneers a metabolism-based liquid biopsy with the potential to improve sensitivity in the earliest stages of cancer, affordability of testing, and distributable access like at-home sampling.

We are advancing a broad study program across different applications, including Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) and recurrence surveillance.

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Genomic Medicine Sweden (GMS) is a national initiative dedicated to ensuring an equal and resource-efficient implementation of precision medicine throughout the country. GMS is received national funding from Vinnova.

By establishing regional centers for genomic medicine at all Swedish university hospitals and a common infrastructure for data sharing, GMS has built up the capacity for precision diagnostics/medicine in rare diseases, cancer, infectious diseases and complex diseases. GMS is led by the seven regions with university healthcare, in collaboration with the seven universities hosting medical faculties. This collaboration also includes the remaining healthcare regions, the private sector, and patient organizations.

While actively supporting the implementation of precision medicine in healthcare, GMS concurrently enhances Swedish research and innovation to advance the development of future diagnostics and treatments. Ultimately, the overarching objective is to improve public health and empower patients to actively contribute to their own care and treatment.

GMS is a partner of Test Bed Cancer Sweden.

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Karolinska Institutet (KI), founded in 1810, is Sweden's foremost medical university. As a university, KI is Sweden's single largest center of medical academic research and offers the country's widest range of medical courses and programs.

Since 1901, the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has selected the Nobel laureates in Physiology or Medicine.

KI's close relationship with the clinical milieu, well-established infrastructure, and stable financial situation enable it to sustain high-quality research and education.

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Karolinska University Hospital is one of the largest university hospitals in Europe. Together with the world-renowned Karolinska Institutet (KI), we are at the forefront of medical breakthroughs with the aim of knowing more tomorrow than we know today.

As Region Stockholm's university hospital, Karolinska University Hospital plays an important role in the global arena in order to create international opportunities in highly specialized healthcare. As a global player in care, education, and research, Karolinska would not be where it is today without our many national and international collaborations.

The promotion of international exchange is also an essential contribution to Karolinska's vision to cure and relieve tomorrow, what no one can cure and relieve today.

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Lif is the trade association for the research-based pharmaceutical industry in Sweden with about 90 members and associate companies.

Lif represents the industry by bringing together member companies for knowledge and perspective, as well as to coordinate and act with a united industry voice. We strive to be an interesting, relevant, and familiar partner to decision-makers within life sciences and healthcare policy development on national and international levels.

We are members of the European trade associations EFPIA and AESGP and the international trade association IFPMA.

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Our customers are healthcare providers worldwide who, through great personal commitment, innovative thinking, and extensive industry knowledge, are offered a solution that significantly reduces society's costs, increases the efficiency of care, and increases the quality of life for the patient during prostate radiotherapy.

Our vision is to play an important role in modern prostate cancer treatment.

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Sahlgrenska University Hospital has been here for almost 250 years. We care for the sick, conduct research and save lives around the clock, 365 days of the year. Today, healthcare can do things that we could only dream of yesterday. By pooling the knowledge of many thousands of employees into the best care for our patients and with world-leading research, innovation and education, we build modern healthcare.

We are Sweden's largest hospital and one of the largest university hospitals in Europe.

Sahlgrenska Comprehensive Cancer Centre coordinates vital parts of the cancer field, from researchers and clinical professionals to patients and external actors. The goal is world-leading care and research for and with the patient.

Sahlgrenska International Care is Sahlgrenska University Hospital's center for international collaborations contributing to the development of healthcare – both locally and globally.

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SciBase develops and commercializes Nevisense, a unique point-of-care platform that combines AI (artificial intelligence) and advanced EIS technology to elevate diagnostic accuracy, ensuring proactive skin health management. Our commitment is to minimize patient suffering, allowing clinicians to improve and save lives through timely detection and intervention and reduce healthcare costs.

Built on more than 20 years of research at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, SciBase is a leader in dermatological advancements. The company has been on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market exchange since June 2, 2015.

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Skåne University Hospital has units in both Malmö and Lund, where a total of 12,000 employees belonging to more than 100 different professions and occupations work. We provide national specialised medical care in several areas. Skåne University Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Centre (SUHCCC) SUHCCC is a collaboration between Skåne University Hospital, Lund University Faculty of Medicine, Regional Cancer Center South, Medical Service and Palliative Care & Primary Care (Advanced health care at home).

VISION - Skåne University Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Centre will be devoted to delivering excellent patient-centred cancer care of high international standard based on scientific evidence and innovation.

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Sprint Bioscience develops small molecule first-in-class drug programs with a core focus on oncology.

With a fragment-based drug development method, the company develops programs in a time and resource-efficient manner. The programs are licensed to global pharmaceutical companies during the pre-clinical phase.

Sprint Bioscience has signed several strategic collaborations with leading academic institutions and industry partners, further validating the strength of its research and development efforts. The company is based in Stockholm with operations located in Huddinge.

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The Swedish Research Council is Sweden's largest governmental research funding body. We mainly support researcher-initiated basic research of the highest quality in all scientific fields and also initiate and support strategic research initiatives.

We furthermore promote international collaborative research, work to ensure that researchers have access to advanced research infrastructure, and communicate science and scientific research.

Finally, we analyze research conditions, evaluate research and give the government advice on future research policy.

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Cancerfonden, the Swedish Cancer Society, is an independent non-profit organisation that works to beat cancer faster through financing the best cancer research, over 500 projects per year.

Since the founding in 1951, the Swedish Cancer Society has contributed with roughly \$1,5 billion to Swedish cancer research. We fundraise through a wide range of communications and collaborations.

We spread information about cancer, treatments and research and we have a support line. Politics plays an important role in the fight to beat cancer and our advocacy work is very important.

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The Swedish Network against Cancer (NMC) is an umbrella organization for cancer profiled patient organizations. We have approximately 30.000 individual members in our member organizations.

Our vision is "A Society Free from Cancer" and our priorities are Prevention, Early Detection, Precision Health including precision diagnostics and precision medicine and Quality of life during and after investigation, treatment and with cancer.

We are involved in research and advocates for cancer care and quality of life for survivors. We are striving for co-creation with professionals, researchers, industry and decision-makers for better research and care.

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Ung Cancer (Young Cancer) is an NGO targeting young people between 16-30 years old who have cancer or who have relatives or friends affected by cancer.

Today the organization has around 4 300 members, all of whom belong to the aforementioned groups. The purpose of the organization is to improve the living conditions for young adults affected by cancer, through social, financial, individual and rehabilitation support.

In addition, the organization works as a knowledge base for health care and the general public, on issues regarding young people affected by cancer or family members to those who are. Ung Cancer receives no funding from the state and is dependent upon private and corporate donations.

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Future Precision Health is a Swedish initiative to promote, and accelerate transatlantic collaborations in the area of precision health. Focus areas for 2023-2024 is AI, quantum life science and cancer.

Future Precision Health is funded by the Swedish Innovation Agency, Vinnova and the Swedish Research Council, and is based in Silicon Valley at Nordic Innovation House.

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We have a long-term vision of transforming cancer from a deadly to a curable or chronic disease, making sure that more people live longer and better lives. Our ambition is to deliver impact by putting research and innovation into a new role, combined with new forms of governance and collaboration.

In 2021, Vision Zero Cancer, GMS and SciLifeLab joined forces with authorities, regions, healthcare, academia, industry and patient associations to create a testbed for precision diagnostics and clinical trials in precision cancer medicine with the purpose to prototype a comprehensive ecosystem for the equitable and sustainable implementation into routine care.

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Swecare is a unique non-profit platform where academia, public and private sector join forces toward enhanced export and internationalization of Swedish health care and life science.

Swecare was founded in 1978 by the Swedish government and the health care industry together as a semi-governmental non-profit organization. Today, Swecare has more than 115 Swedish companies and organizations in its network.

Swecare's work is based on the triple helix model where academia, public sector, and private sector jointly address health care challenges. Joining forces and addressing problems from multiple angles in turn increase collaboration and international competitiveness of Swedish health care.

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The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs is responsible for issues concerning the welfare of society. This involves promoting people's health, but also making sure that sick people get the treatment that they need. It includes insurance to provide financial security for those who are sick or elderly or have young children. Providing care for people with social difficulties, the disabled and the elderly is also included.

The Ministry has four ministers. Jakob Forssmed is Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health; Acko Ankarberg Johansson is Minister for Health Care; Camilla Waltersson Grönvall is Minister for Social Services and Anna Tenje is Minister for the Elderly and Social Security.

The Ministry is responsible for approximately 20 government agencies, such as the National Board of Health and Welfare, Public Health Agency of Sweden and Swedish Medical products Agency, as well as three publicly owned companies and two foundations.

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The Embassy covers a range of policy issues, including climate and sustainability, trade, security and democracy, gender equality, freedom of speech, and culture. The consular section of the Embassy provides Swedish-citizen services and assists with passports, visas, and travel advisory. The section also provides consular services to Swedish citizens in case of an emergency or crisis.

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Swedish Excellence in Healthcare

Sweden has done well in combining high levels of economic growth with increasing equality. From being one of the poorest countries in Europe, the 100-year period from 1870 to 1970 turned Sweden into the fourth richest country in the world. Today, Sweden's generous systems for health and long-term care for the elderly are regarded among the best in the world.



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Cancer Control



Swedish cancer care does well in international comparisons with good outcomes like lower mortality and longer survival. Initiatives for a more equitable and accessible high-quality cancer care in Sweden include the introduction of a national system of standardized care pathways, without unnecessary lead times and a good interaction between patient and care provider, based on reliable information and open and trusting communication. Sweden is a pioneer in cancer control and has excellent prerequisites for implementing precision health and medicine. The Swedish government has since 2009 a strategy for cancer.

Sweden has a well-established tradition of close collaboration between universities, healthcare providers and the life science industry. This has been a path to success for new advances in cancer care and treatment. Swedish companies contribute to medical breakthroughs in e.g. more precise pharmaceutical and radiation treatments; advanced, often digital, diagnostic technologies, innovative monitoring and follow-up methods.





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