



Clinical
Nursing
Research
Unit

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CLINICAL NURSING RESEARCH UNIT

The Clinical Nursing Research Unit was established in 2000 to study the complex issues surrounding health and nursing. Our research aims at offering a focused and visionary contribution to the development of professional nursing practices, with the ultimate aim of providing optimal care and treatment to patients and their families.

The unit focuses on:

- Clinical nursing practice
- A healthcare system in transition
- Innovation in nursing
- Implementation of new knowledge

Contributing to the advancement of the health sciences in general, nursing science stands at the crossroads of the human, natural and social sciences. Nursing is a dynamic field characterised by great diversity and complexity. To accommodate the different research questions and fields under study, a variety of research methods and triangulations between them are employed.

We are



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Aalborg University Hospital

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With 6,500 employees, Aalborg University Hospital is North Denmark Region's largest hospital and employer, and is tasked with highly specialised functions that serve all 640,000 inhabitants of North Denmark. Apart from its key role in the co-operating regional health system, the hospital's contribution to research is recognised nationally as well as internationally.

Aalborg University Hospital conducts high-quality pregraduate and postgraduate training and research. Its staff publish some 500 peer-reviewed articles every year and take part in projects and networks sponsored by national, EU and other international research funds and programs.

Aalborg University Hospital enjoys a particularly strong position within research fields such as clinical epidemiology, medical gastroenterology, lipidology, visceral biomechanics, cardiology and haematology. The study of pain, metabolic disorders and clinical nursing are also highly prioritised areas.

The Clinical Nursing Research Unit is hosted by the Aalborg University Hospital Science and Innovation Center, which



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offers access to a number of facilities and administrative functions shared by other research groups and institutions such as Aalborg University's Clinical Institute, under the Faculty of Medicine. A fully equipped library, experimental and innovation laboratories, communications and patenting staff are all available to researchers. Research management, fund-raising and professional training are also located at the centre.

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