

Health Technology Day

23 February 2026

Online/Zoom, time: 12.15–15.00



Programme

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| 12.15 | Welcome and introduction
<i>Xiaolan Dong, Doctoral Researcher, Department of Nursing Science, University of Turku</i> |
| 12.20 | Case Studies in Health Tech: Human Needs and Capital Efficiency
<i>Thomas Lemström, Expert on commercializing novel technologies developed by researchers in Finnish universities</i> |
| 12.50 | Process from idea to innovation collaboration between public healthcare and private company (video)
<i>Gitte Størup, Nurse, Sonographer, Aalborg Universitetshospital, Denmark</i> |
| 13.15 | Break (15 min) |
| 13.30 | From clinical nurse to innovation developer and CEO
<i>Pirgit Silvast-Äikäs, SPARK Alumni and founder of Kiwecare</i> |
| 13.50 | Identifying innovation opportunities in daily clinical practice: the first steps toward commercialization
<i>Pekka Nätti, SPARKEE and the inventor behind LimbMate</i> |
| 14.05 | Supporting healthcare innovation: networks, personalized guidance and learning opportunities
<i>Janina Stauffer, Varha, UTU and SPARK Finland</i> |
| 14.35 | Discussion and closing remarks
<i>Xiaolan Dong, Doctoral Researcher, Department of Nursing Science, University of Turku</i> |

Admission to the event is free. Please register by 19 Feb 2026. For more information, contact xiaolan.x.dong@utu.fi. The participation link will be sent by email to registered attendees before the event. Welcome!