QUALITY OF LIFE
a fast track to clinical innovation
The mission of e/MTIC is to improve value-based health care by creating and growing an ecosystem that offers a fast track to high-tech health innovations in the fields of:

**Perinatal medicine**
**Sleep medicine**
**Cardiovascular medicine**

### Vision
Future health care is patient centric, value-based, and outcome driven. It builds upon innovation ecosystems that offer collaborative environments between clinical centers, knowledge institutes, and local industry. In this way commercialization and clinical implementation of high-tech health innovations are accelerated.

The Eindhoven MedTech Innovation Center (e/MTIC) is the logical next step in the longstanding and successful collaborations between Catharina Hospital, Eindhoven University of Technology, Kempenhaeghe Epilepsy and Sleep Center, Maxima Medical Center and Royal Philips. e/MTIC accommodates over 100 PhD students, jointly supervised by a similar number of experts from all e/MTIC partners.

### Examples of generated impact
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**TraceBook**
TraceBook is an innovative clinical decision support system that creates digital insight for care providers into patients’ individual care process. It helps prevent medical errors by making the entire care process transparent and unambiguous.

### 3D Needle
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### Smart Monitoring
Hypertension, Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Atrial Fibrillation are highly prevalent (over 30%, 9% and 2% respectively) and underdiagnosed conditions. If left untreated, patients are at elevated risk of developing more incapacitating medical conditions such as stroke and heart failure. Within e/MTIC, we are developing patient self-monitoring solutions using unobtrusive wearable sensing techniques integrated in watches or patches for timely detection.

### Smart Baby Bottle
The Smart Baby Bottle is a sensor-equipped sleeve that tracks bottle feeding routines and provides parents with personalized advice regarding their baby. This data-intensive sleeve is developed in collaboration with end-users: first exploring which data will be of value and next validating the design with prototypes. Philips AVENT is currently developing it for product launch.

### Anticipated impact
The anticipated impact of the ecosystem will be of great importance to:

**Society**
- New technologies will contribute to improved and sustainable future healthcare.
- Strengthening the innovative and economic power of the Eindhoven region.
- Development of leading-edge products and services for high-tech industry.

**Clinics**
- Implementation of new technologies that empower value-based, high-volume healthcare, resulting in higher quality at lower costs.
- Recruitment of top talent.
- Med-tech education and training of medical staff.
- Boosting of scientific reputation.

**University**
- Attracting scientific top talent.
- Education of med-tech engineers.
- Creating maximal societal impact.
- Excellent scientific results.

**Industry**
- Fast track to implementation of innovations.
- Recruitment of top talent.
- New med-tech spin-offs.

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Over the years, the partnership has established a strong scientific and valorization track record with numerous noteworthy outcomes, including:

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**Philips:** “We collaborate on topics that have a major impact on society. The hospitals are already excelling internationally on these topics. At a later stage, we hope to expand our collaboration even further to cover other topics.”

Gerome Friesen
**TU/e:** “Internationally, TU/e is number one in publications written together with industry. The publications reflect our extensive collaborations, based on our strategic partnerships.

Guid Oei
**Máxima Medical Centre:** “Cross-appointments throughout the chain have proven to be key to the success of this collaboration. Physicians advise Philips and are also part-time professor at the university. At the same time, a Philips employee is part-time professor at the TU/e and a TU/e employee also works for Philips or the hospital.”

Carmen van Vilsteren
**TU/e:** “This is a real strategic collaboration: the success of this collaboration is crucial for all partners in the realisation of their own strategic goals, and we have a long term, common roadmap in place.”

Lukas Dekker
**Catharina Hospital:** “This collaboration allows us to participate in innovations that matter, right from first inception. At the same time, valuable cross-pollination between research topics has already had positive impacts. For instance, in a project to study the effects of sleep disorders on cardiac arrhythmias.”

Jan Bergmans
**TU/e:** “Two criteria are very important for the success of such a large-scale collaboration: proximity and quality.”

Sebastiaan Overeem
**Kempenhaeghe:** “Complementary know-how ensures that we can accelerate meaningful innovations in healthcare. These would otherwise have taken much longer to develop.”

Kees van der Klauw
“I recently joined e/MTIC. One of the main reasons was that I was impressed by the passion in the team.”