



As summer approaches, preparations for one of the highlights of our year are in full swing. Health Insights Week 2026 is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to welcoming healthcare professionals, researchers, companies, startups, investors, and innovation leaders to Kuopio this August.

At the heart of the week is Health Insights 2026, hosted by Kuopio Health at the Kuopio Music Centre on 19.–20.8.2026. Our flagship event continues to grow as an important meeting platform for collaboration, innovation, and future-oriented discussions in health and wellbeing. This year's programme will once again bring together inspiring speakers, practical insights, networking opportunities, and the latest developments shaping the future of healthcare and health technology.

This year is especially exciting because of the broader Health Insights Week 2026 programme, which strengthens the platform for learning, networking, and discovering new opportunities across the ecosystem. The week begins with Startup Summit Kuopio on 18.8. at Savonia UAS Kampussydän, bringing together early-stage startups and investors for pitching and networking. On 19.8., the Photonics4Health Workshop will explore how photonics technologies are driving innovation in healthcare and biotechnology, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and emerging technologies in the sector.

We warmly encourage our members, partners, and networks to explore the week's events, participate actively, and spread the word. Together, these events showcase the strength of the Kuopio region and the wider health ecosystem as a hub for innovation, research, and collaboration.

In this newsletter, you will also find member introductions, our member survey, and information about upcoming activities and opportunities across the ecosystem. We hope the contents provide useful insights, new ideas, and inspiration for your work and collaboration.

Thank you for being part of the Kuopio Health ecosystem. We look forward to seeing many of you during Health Insights Week 2026.

Warm regards,
Kuopio Health Team

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Health Insights 2026 is coming this August!



Are you ready for the Health Insights event? The two-day **Health Insights 2026** will offer a curated overview of the most relevant and talked-about topics in health today.

This year, the event is built around these key themes: **Future Clinical RDI, Personalized Medicine, Prevention, and Aging** – all more important now than ever as we shape the future of healthcare.

Day 1

The day begins with **Future Clinical RDI – From Collaboration to Innovation**, marking the closing event of the University of Eastern Finland & Wellbeing Services County of North Savo ERDF project.

In the afternoon, the focus will be on **Personalized Medicine**, exploring how

tailored approaches are transforming care.

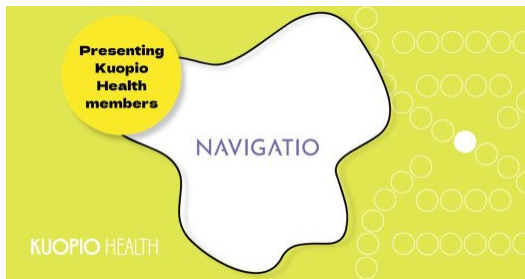
The day concludes with the traditional and much-loved **get-together cruise**.

Day 2

The second day is dedicated to **Prevention and Aging** – themes that are more timely than ever.

The event will conclude with a **closing dinner**, bringing participants together to network and connect.

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Presenting Kuopio Health members: Navigatio Oy

Navigatio operates especially in situations where understanding both research and business is essential. The company supports organizations in directing their research and development activities and helps identify where resources should be allocated. In addition, Navigatio assists in commercialization processes to ensure that ideas and innovations are successfully brought into practice and onto the market. Their work also includes strategy and sales development, conducting studies and analyses, and leading projects across different operational environments.



Presenting Kuopio Health members: FINBB

Finnish Biobanks – FINBB – aims to strengthen the competitiveness of Finnish health and biomedical research by making the sample and data resources of Finnish biobanks and their background organizations accessible to researchers. FINBB creates value for its members and owners by providing services both nationally and internationally.

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Jäsenet estradilla: Surgerix Oy



Mikrokirurginen työskentely vaatii äärimmäistä tarkkuutta ja keskittymistä. Samalla kirurgin on hallittava kokonaisuus tilanteessa, jossa näkökenttä on rajattu ja työ tapahtuu usein voimakkaasti suurennetun kuvan varassa. Kuopiolaislähtöinen Surgerix Oy kehittää ohjelmistoratkaisua, joka pyrkii ratkaisemaan tämän keskeisen haasteen.

Yrityksen teknologia pohjautuu Itä-Suomen yliopiston HUMEA-laboratorion ja KYSillä toimivan Itä-Suomen Mikrokirurgiakeskuksen tutkimukseen. Taustalla on erityisesti havainto siitä, että kirurgit joutuvat työssään jatkuvasti tasapainoilemaan tarkkuuden ja kokonaiskuvan välillä.

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R&D actors in spotlight – Hearing Valley



Hearing Valley is an RDI project initiated by the University of Eastern Finland and co-funded by the EU. Its goal is to build a unique hearing research laboratory at the Savilahti campus and to develop a closely

connected innovation ecosystem around hearing healthcare. The aim is to improve hearing services, develop new technological solutions, and ultimately support people's everyday lives and quality of life. The project is part of the [Towards Better Hearing](#) research group, which has been actively working at Kuopio University Hospital since 2008. The group consists of a multidisciplinary team of medical professionals and experts in engineering and physics, collaborating internationally with researchers and companies.

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A whole Health Insights Week full of events!



18.–20.8.2026 will offer three full days dedicated to health, innovation, pitching, and photonics applications in healthcare!

The week kicks off on 18.8. with [Startup Summit Kuopio](#) — a pitch competition and networking event bringing together early-stage startups, investors, and innovation-driven companies.

The following day marks the beginning of [Health Insights 2026](#), two inspiring days filled with timely discussions, thought-provoking keynote speeches, networking opportunities, and the creation of new collaborations and partnerships. The event will focus on topics that are more relevant and important now than ever before.

On 19.8., the week will also feature the side event [Photonics4Health Workshop](#). The workshop will highlight the role of photonics in health and medical applications, bringing together experts and stakeholders to explore emerging opportunities, cutting-edge technologies, and innovations shaping the future of healthcare and biotechnology.

[Find out more](#)

Jäsenkysely on nyt avoinna!



Haluamme kehittää Kuopio Healthin toimintaa ja palveluita entistä paremmin jäsentemme tarpeita vastaaviksi ja siksi arvostamme jokaista vastausta.

Mikä toimii hyvin? Mitä voisimme tehdä paremmin? Millaisia toiveita tai ideoita sinulla on tulevaisuutta varten?

Jäsenkysely on anonymi ja siihen voi vastata suomeksi tai englanniksi.

Toivomme vastauksia viimeistään 14.6.2026 mennessä.

Kiitos jo etukäteen ajastasi ja ajatuksistasi!

Our Member Survey Is Now Open!

We want to continue developing Kuopio Health's activities and services to better support and benefit our members — and every response truly matters to us.

What works well? What could we improve? What kinds of ideas or expectations do you have for the future?

The survey is anonymous and can be answered in Finnish or English.

Please respond by 14.6.2026.

Thank you in advance for your time and valuable feedback!

[Take the survey](#)

Terveysdatan OMOP- harmonisoinnin mahdollisuudet



Itä-Suomen yliopistolla ja Pohjois-Savon hyvinvointialueella käynnistyneissä Health Data Infrastructure Kuopio ([HDIK](#)) rinnakkaishankkeissa on tavoitteena rakentaa Pohjois-Savoon yhtenäinen, eurooppalaiset ja kansainväliset standardit täyttävä datainfrastruktuuri sosiaali- ja terveystiedon luottamukselliseen ja tehokkaaseen hyödyntämiseen. Infrastruktuuri mahdollistaa harmonisoidun, joustavan ja laajennettavan terveysdatan käytön tutkimuksessa, kehityksessä ja innovaatioissa kaikilla tasoilla – alueellisesti, kansallisesti ja kansainvälisesti.

Tule mukaan [Health Data Infrastructure Kuopio EAKR-hankkeen aloitustapahtumaan](#) 8.6.2026 klo 14.00–16.00. Tapahtuma on avoin kaikille terveysdatan hyödyntämisestä kiinnostuneille yrityksille, tutkijoille, sosiaali- ja terveysalan ammattilaisille ja potilasjärjestöjen edustajille.

Ilmoittaudu mukaan

Kysely 3D- tulostuksen käytöstä terveysalalla



Savonia kartoittaa yritysten tietoisuutta, käyttöä ja tarpeita 3D-tulostukselle terveysalan sovelluskohteissa vuosien 2024-2026 aikana. Kysely on suunnattu terveysteknologian parissa toimiville yrityksille. Kysely toteutetaan 3D-tulostus terveysalan sovelluskohteissa (T3D) -hankkeessa

yhteistyössä Kuopio Health -ekosysteemin kanssa.

Kyselyn tulokset julkaistaan vuoden 2026 aikana.

[Voit vastata kyselyyn tästä](#)

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Is there a question, idea or suggestion for collaboration in your mind? Or would you like to join our multidisciplinary network?

Contact us to find out more!

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