

# NORDIC CONFERENCE ON AI IN UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS 2026

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## Speaker biographies

- August 25-26
- Karolinska University Hospital, Solna, Sune Bergströms Auditorium J3:07

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## Our speakers

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### Christophe Pedroletti

Christophe Pedroletti is CEO of Karolinska University Hospital. He is a physician with a background in pediatric and adolescent medicine, holding a doctoral degree and extensive clinical leadership experience, including roles at Astrid Lindgren Children's Hospital and Akademiska University Hospital in Uppsala.

Pedroletti has held senior executive positions across Swedish healthcare, including CEO of Danderyd Hospital and Södertälje Hospital, where he led organizational growth, strengthened care quality, and fostered collaborative cultures. His work emphasizes innovation, digitalization, and sustainable healthcare delivery, ensuring that Karolinska remains at the forefront of patient-centered care, research, and education.



### Saila Rinne

Saila Rinne is the Head of Unit "Artificial Intelligence in Health and Life Sciences" at the EU AI Office in the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) of the European Commission.

Her unit's mission is to support EU competitiveness, excellence and leadership in AI for health and life sciences, with the aim of fostering better health outcomes of citizens and sustainability of health systems across the EU. Her team deals with EU policies and EU-wide infrastructures on genomic and medical imaging data, virtual human twins and Artificial Intelligence solutions, to support personalised medicine, disease prevention and prediction, diagnostics and care.

Ms Rinne has had a long career of over 25 years at the Commission. She has previously worked on data policy and innovation projects in DG CONNECT and as a translator and terminologist in DG Translation.



### Björn Eriksson

Björn Eriksson has served as Director-General of the National Board of Health and Welfare since August 2024, previously holding the same role at the Medical Products Agency from 2021. He holds a medical degree and PhD in Cardiology and Clinical Physiology from Karolinska Institute, with clinical and research experience at Karolinska University Hospital and in the pharmaceutical industry.

His leadership career spans Regional County Director for Region Jämtland-Härjedalen, Hospital Director at Skåne University Hospital, and Healthcare Director in Stockholm Region during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. Internationally, he has served on the EMA Management Board, chaired the HMA Management Group, and currently represents Sweden in the WHO Regional Committee for Europe's Standing Committee (SCRC).



### Muhammad Mamdani

Dr. Mamdani is Clinical Lead - AI at Ontario Health and Professor and Director of the University of Toronto, Temerty Faculty of Medicine Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research and Education in Medicine (T-CAIREM). He has published over 600 studies and has extensive experience developing and deploying AI solutions in healthcare settings.



### **Olof Akre**

Olof Akre, MD, PhD is Professor of Cancer Surgery at Karolinska Institute and Senior Consultant Urologic Surgeon at Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden. Since April 2024, he has served as Director of Research, Education, Development and Innovation at Karolinska University Hospital.



### **Stephanie Klein Nagelvoort-Schuit**

Prof. Stephanie C.E. Klein Nagelvoort-Schuit, MD is Vice Chair of the Executive Board (deputy CEO) of the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) and Professor of Future Healthcare at the University of Groningen. With over twenty years as a medical specialist in acute internal medicine and intensive care, she combines deep clinical expertise with executive leadership focused on digital innovation and network-based care.

She holds national advisory roles including the Dutch National Growth Fund and the Healthcare Package Advisory Committee, and has contributed to several bodies on healthcare quality and digitalisation at the Dutch Ministry of Health. She previously served on the Supervisory Board of CZ and founded abcdeSIM and VirtualMedSchool, a serious gaming spin-out for medical education. In 2025, she was a member of the board group for Peter Wennink's report on the future earning capacity of the Netherlands.



### **Anca Scortariu**

Anca Scortariu is Deputy Head of Unit for "AI in Health and Life Sciences" at the European AI Office, European Commission. She has nearly two decades of experience working at the intersection of digital technologies, research policy, and innovation. Her work focuses on advancing European initiatives that integrate artificial intelligence with health data, digital infrastructure, and life-science research ecosystems, to support AI-driven innovation and accelerate responsible AI adoption in healthcare.



### **Joni Komulainen**

Joni Komulainen is a social affairs, healthcare and eHealth lawyer with more than 25 years of experience, having worked for the City of Helsinki, the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), and since 2018 as Senior Ministerial Adviser at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland.

He has been closely involved in key Finnish legislation including the Act on the Secondary Use of Social and Health Data and the new Act on the Processing of Social and Healthcare Data. At EU and international level, he has served as delegate in negotiations on the European Health Data Space (EHDS) regulation, the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, and the Steering Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies (CDNET).

He also chaired the drafting group of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), which produced the report on the impact of AI on the patient-doctor relationship.



### **Eric Sutherland**

Eric is a Senior Health Economist leading the OECD's work in Digitalisation of Health, bringing together policy guidance for digital security, integrated data, and responsible analytics including artificial intelligence. His passion is bringing data to life to help people's lives.



### **Lilas Ali**

Lilas Ali is an Associate Professor and researcher in psychiatric care at the University of Gothenburg and Sahlgrenska University Hospital. Her work focuses on person-centred care and AI-supported interventions, including co-creation and evaluation of digital conversational tools, with particular emphasis on ethical, clinical, and implementation aspects of AI in healthcare.



### **Gunnar Thorarensen**

Gunnar Thorarensen is Chief Medical Information Officer at Stafræn heilsa, Iceland's new national digital health agency, and a practising anaesthesiologist and intensivist at Landspítali University Hospital. His academic work spans ICU ethics, clinical decision-making and cognitive human factors in high-stakes medical environments, providing a thread that runs directly into the fundamental questions about AI's effect on how clinical knowledge is organised, transmitted and applied.



### **Stefan Einhorn**

Stefan Einhorn is a Professor of Molecular Oncology and a specialist in medical oncology. At the age of 45, he left traditional academia to pursue a broader intellectual path as the author of 16 books, including the well-known *The Art of Being Kind*. Living with Parkinson's, he has also developed the skills and insights that come with being a patient, enriching his perspective as he explores: Is AI the question of the day – or the answer?



### **Mads Mathias Kyed**

Mads drives strategic innovation at CAI-X (Odense University Hospital) and MedTech Odense. He successfully bridges clinical needs with technological solutions. His work supports AI adoption in healthcare by uniting clinicians, researchers, and industry partners to strengthen the innovation ecosystem. Leveraging extensive experience across regional and municipal healthcare sectors, he brings a strong cross-sectoral perspective.



### **Nis Johannsen**

Nis Johannsen is the Head of Digital Innovation at the South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority, where he is responsible for emerging technologies and leads the regional initiative on implementation of AI. Previously, he worked with Danish hospitals and national health authorities on e-health strategy and implementation. He holds a PhD in Science and Technology Studies, specializing in the digitalization of maternity care, from the IT University of Copenhagen.



### **Rikard Lövström**

Rikard Lövström is a physician and Senior Health Data Expert at Karolinska University Hospital, working at the intersection of clinical practice, health informatics, and research. He is internationally engaged in advancing interoperable health data ecosystems through standards such as SNOMED CT, openEHR, HL7 FHIR, and the European Health Data Space.



### **Lorna Bartram**

Lorna Bartram is AI Transformation Strategist - Healthcare at AI Sweden, where she leads its strategic healthcare initiative and is project lead for the Nordic AI Health Map. She drives national collaborations to accelerate the responsible use of AI in healthcare, coordinates a healthcare AI network, and co-edited Handbok för informationsdriven vård och AI (Handbook for Information-Driven Care and AI, 2026).



### **Pia Hollsten-Friman**

Registered Nurse and Public Health Nurse with extensive executive leadership experience in healthcare. Currently serving as Leading head of care at Ålands hälso- och sjukvård, providing strategic leadership for nursing services, quality improvement, workforce development, and clinical research and innovation. Member of the executive management team, driving organizational development and healthcare transformation. Key achievements include leading the implementation of a new HR and payroll system and serving on the steering committee for a major healthcare information system implementation.



### **Magnus Kjellberg**

Magnus Kjellberg is Director of the AI Competence Center at Sahlgrenska University Hospital and Head of the Regional AI Office at Region Västra Götaland, Sweden. With a PhD and 20+ years' experience applying data and AI in pharmaceutical R&D and healthcare, his work bridges research, technology and organisational leadership. He is engaged in national and international AI and health-data initiatives.



### **Odd Arild Lehne**

Odd Arild Lehne is an experienced project manager specializing in healthcare technology, digital transformation, and international collaboration. At Oslo University Hospital, he leads complex innovation and implementation projects, including the adoption of AI-driven surgical planning solutions that enhance precision, workflow efficiency, and clinical outcomes.

He brings an extensive background in strategy, IT, and large-scale transformation programs across industries. His expertise includes health tech commercialization, artificial intelligence, EU-funded initiatives, and organizational development, backed by decades of leadership and advisory experience.



### **Stephanie Lübbe**

Stephanie Lübbe works as a Clinical Health Informatics at the AI Competence Center at Sahlgrenska University Hospital. She has more than 20 years of experience as a registered nurse and has also worked in healthcare service development. Today, she acts as a bridge between developers and healthcare professionals in AI-related projects within both operational development and research.



### **Martin Lundsgaard Hansen**

Martin Lundsgaard Hansen is Head of Radiology at Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark, and President of the Danish Society of Radiology. He serves as Chair of the Regional Clinical AI Imaging Board and co-founder of the DEPICT AI Center at Rigshospitalet. His work focuses on bringing artificial intelligence into everyday clinical practice while building scalable imaging services across hospitals and borders, ensuring that expertise—not geography—defines access to high-quality care.



### **Paolo Parini**

Paolo Parini is Professor of Clinical Chemistry at Karolinska Institutet and Director of Research, Education, Development, and Innovation, alongside my role as Senior Consultant in Endocrinology at Karolinska University Hospital. With over three decades in cardiometabolic research, Paolo leads translational, network medicine, and AI projects and co-invented novel orally active PCSK9/SOAT2 inhibitors.



### **Sunniva Bjørklund**

Sunniva Bjørklund is a molecular biologist with a PhD in cancer genomics and bioinformatics. She has several years of experience in the field of precision medicine biotechnology. She currently works as a senior advisor in the innovation department at the Norwegian Directorate of Health, with a particular focus on artificial intelligence. Sunniva is especially passionate about how new technologies can be developed and used to improve healthcare services for patients and healthcare professionals.



### **Boubou Hallberg**

Dr Boubou Hallberg is a physician, researcher, and senior healthcare executive with extensive experience managing large medical organizations. Since 2023, he has been CEO of Sahlgrenska University Hospital. Recognized for his collaborative leadership, Dr Hallberg unites diverse stakeholders to drive progress. As a neonatology specialist and neuroprotection researcher, he has deep expertise in clinical care. His past roles include department head at Karolinska University Hospital and leadership in public and private healthcare. Dr Hallberg has served on the Swecare board since 2021, advancing health innovation and international collaboration.



### **Henri Huttunen**

Henri Huttunen is an experienced specialist in the development of health and social care information management and currently works as an Enterprise Architect at UNA Ltd. He possesses a strong understanding of architecture practices and the implementation of enterprise architecture, as well as extensive experience in supporting information management development. Henri collaborates closely with wellbeing services counties and national stakeholders across Finland, including facilitating the activities of the Wellbeing Services Counties AI Network.



### **Ruth Rørvik**

Ruth Rørvik is Project Manager for the implementation of AI ambient scribes at Haukeland University Hospital and leads the hospital's AI working group. She has extensive experience in innovation management from healthcare, management consulting, the public sector and research. Her current work focuses on ensuring that AI delivers meaningful value for clinicians by reducing documentation burden, improving workflows, and supporting successful adoption at scale.



### **Bjørn Atle Lein Bjørnbeth**

Bjørn Atle Lein Bjørnbeth is the Chief Executive Officer of Oslo University Hospital, Norway's largest hospital. A surgeon and researcher with a PhD in liver physiology, he has extensive experience in clinical practice, research, and healthcare leadership. Since 2020, he has led Oslo University Hospital with a focus on high-quality patient care, medical innovation, research excellence, and organizational development.



### **Flemming Littrup Andersen**

Flemming Littrup Andersen, PhD is Clinical professor in Nuclear Medicine with a special focus on AI and medical image analysis at Copenhagen University. He has more than 30 years of experience working with hybrid imaging techniques, advanced methods for medical image analysis and deploying novel imaging methods into the clinic to benefits for the patients.

He is co-heading the center for AI in Medical Imaging, DEPICT, at Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen - a collaboration between the departments of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine, and Department of Radiology, with the ambition to develop artificial intelligence and medical image application and moving them into clinical routine.



### **Markus Lingman**

Markus is the Chief Medical Intelligence Officer of Sahlgrenska University Hospital and professor of medicine at Halmstad University with affiliations to the Sahlgrenska Academy and Karolinska Institutet. He is member of The Swedish Research Council and the board of Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research and advisor to the WHO and the Swedish E-health Agency.



### **Annika Elfström**

Annika Elfström is Acting Managing Director at AI Sweden, driving the acceleration of applied AI on a national level and across industries and sectors with 180 partners and growing. Annika's expertise lies in driving large-scale digital transformation, successfully integrating business, people and technology development for impactful change. Prior to joining AI Sweden as Operations & Impact Director in 2025, she served as the Chief Digital Officer at Lindex, where she lead significant digital initiatives, including the launch of Lindex Copilot, one of Sweden's first generative AI pilot projects within the retail sector.

Her background also includes working within the Stena Group, where she established a lab dedicated to transformative digital innovations. A recognized leader in the field, Annika champions a leadership style that is both receptive and courageous. She believes in creating clarity amid rapid change, emphasizing the importance of being ready for anything and taking decisive actions even when the path ahead is not fully charted.



### **Joel Preger**

Joel is the Chief AI Officer and Head of Operations for Cardiovascular and Neuro at Karolinska University Hospital. With more than 13 years of experience at the hospital, he has led transformation initiatives, organizational development efforts, and AI projects, while also establishing cross-hospital collaboration across Region Stockholm. He holds an MSc in Engineering and Management.



### **Veronica Hernström**

Veronica is an PhD student at Radiology diagnostics, Lund university. Veronicas research, in the MASAI team, concerns artificial intelligence in breast cancer screening. She is also a physician with residency in radiology at Skåne university hospital.



### **Petra Noreback**

Petra Noreback is State Secretary to Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed. Petra Noreback's areas of responsibility are public health policy, sport, conditions for civil society, faith communities, psychiatry, dental care, communicable disease control, eHealth, life sciences, relations with the World Health Organization (WHO), burial and cremation services.



### **Rasmus Møgelvang**

Rasmus Møgelvang is Chief Executive of Rigshospitalet. He is a cardiologist with a PhD from the University of Copenhagen and extensive experience in clinical practice, research, and healthcare leadership. Prior to becoming Chief Executive in 2023, he served as Deputy Chief Executive and Centre Director of the Heart Centre at Rigshospitalet. Møgelvang is a strong advocate for the transformation of the healthcare system and the evolving role of university hospitals in integrating patient care, research, innovation, and education. He is also a member of the Danish Life Science Council, fostering collaboration across healthcare, academia, and industry.