

## Press release

### **New OR-X Translational Center for Surgery: green light for the start of construction**

**Zurich, 26 January 2022 – Construction work starts today on the OR-X, the new Translational Center for Surgery at Balgrist University Hospital. The test phase for the OR-X will be launched in the first quarter of 2023.**

The OR-X (Operation Room X) at Balgrist University Hospital is a new, translational surgical research and teaching Center. The first construction phase will start on Wednesday 26 January 2022, which constitutes a milestone for this significant project at Balgrist University Hospital. The launch of the test phase is scheduled for the first quarter of 2023.

The OR-X will create new opportunities for surgical research, development and teaching, based in Zurich but with national relevance. Researchers and developers will be able to develop and validate new technologies and innovations more efficiently. New technologies can therefore be used in clinical applications more quickly (translation). Future surgeons can learn and gather surgical experience in a realistic operating theater – without endangering patient safety.

Link: [www.or-x.ch](http://www.or-x.ch)

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#### **About Balgrist University Hospital**

Balgrist University Hospital is a highly specialized center of excellence for the diagnostic work-up, treatment, and follow-up care of damage to the musculoskeletal system. Interdisciplinary services combine the fields of orthopedics, paraplegiology, rheumatology and physical medicine, sports medicine, neuro-urology, chiropractic, radiology, and anesthesiology. The broad spectrum of interlinked medical treatment is complemented by nursing care, social, insurance-legal and psychological counselling as well as integrated measures for rehabilitation and return to work. All these activities aim to provide our patients with the best possible support.

Balgrist University Hospital and the Balgrist Campus set internationally recognized standards in orthopedic research and education.

The privately owned Balgrist University Hospital is operated by the Balgrist Association.

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