

## SPARK and Aster DM Healthcare partner to shape future of healthcare research and innovation in UAE

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**To provide opportunities for joint academic initiatives, innovation acceleration programmes, and talent development**



In the presence of Sheikha Bodour bint Sultan Al Qasimi, Aster DM Healthcare, one of the largest integrated healthcare providers in the GCC, signed a master research collaboration agreement with the Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SPARK), one of the region's foremost innovation ecosystems established to promote collaboration between industry, government, and academic and research organizations. The agreement aims to drive cutting-edge research and innovation in healthcare.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone in advancing joint research initiatives focused on healthcare technology, clinical innovation, and sustainable solutions that will shape the future of healthcare in the region.

Under this agreement, SPARK and Aster will work together to conduct joint research projects in areas such as medical technology development, bio-innovation, artificial intelligence in diagnostics, and advanced data-driven healthcare solutions.

The partnership also aims to nurture an innovation ecosystem that bridges academic and research organisations, industry, and clinical practice, accelerating the translation of research into real-world impact.

The Master Research Collaboration Agreement outlines a clear framework for cooperation, covering areas such as intellectual property management, data protection, confidentiality, and publication of research outcomes. Aster DM Healthcare will have the rights to develop and commercialize innovations arising from the collaborative research, while both organisations will ensure compliance with UAE's data protection and ethical research standards.