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The increase in the proportion of elderly people in the population requires a greater focus on effective and safe patient care systems. The advanced technology used in healthcare today demands new knowledge and practices. When quality of care is discussed, the importance of patient safety is often stressed. However, research shows that a good working environment for healthcare professionals is a prerequisite to achieve high patient safety.

The Department at Lund University carries out extensive research in healthcare. The research team has comprehensive knowledge of the patient, often an elderly person and her family and their wishes and needs, but also of the working conditions of the staff.

I will present results from some of the health-related research projects at the Department, for example from operating rooms, taking into consideration the planning, design and learning of the overall healthcare environment.