

PRESS RELEASE

University Hospital Bonn welcomes Florida Secretary of Health Care Administration Jason Weida, accompanied by a delegation of leading hospitals to promote international cooperation

Exchange of experience on innovations in the healthcare industry

Bonn, November 13, 2024 – The University Hospital Bonn (UKB) today welcomed a high-ranking delegation from the United States: Jason Weida, Secretary of the Health Care Administration, and representatives of leading hospitals in Florida were guests at the UKB's Venusberg campus to exchange experiences on innovations in the healthcare industry. The visit serves to strengthen international cooperation in research, teaching and patient care – with a particular focus on the topics of digitization, artificial intelligence in medicine and IT security at the UKB. The delegation received a warm welcome from the board of directors and experts from various UKB clinics and institutes.

Jason Weida, Florida State Secretary of Health, and representatives of leading Florida hospitals, who are working on topics such as digitalization and innovation in healthcare, visited the UKB today. Among the visitors were participants from the Mayo Clinic, Tampa General Hospital, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Jackson Health System, Baptist Health South Florida, SelectFlorida, the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance, the Florida Opportunity Fund and HCA Florida Healthcare. The aim of the visit was to share experiences and discuss possible approaches for transatlantic cooperation.

Presentation of the Innovative Secure Medical Campus UKB

During the visit, the successful development of the UKB into a digital pioneer in healthcare using the latest technologies was presented and topics such as IT security, AI and innovations in medical imaging and robotic surgery were discussed – including current projects at the UKB in neuroradiology, neonatology, surgery and experimental oncology. The delegation was impressed by the state and the innovation potential at the University Hospital Bonn.

In view of the shortage of skilled workers and demographic change, digitization, AI and cyber security are important topics for the future of medicine. In 2022, the UKB received 17.5

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million euros in funding from the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia for the digitization lighthouse project ISMC (Innovative Secure Medical Campus), which is unique in Germany.

“We are very pleased about the visit of Minister Weida, who wanted to find out about the state of digitization and innovation potential in healthcare in Bonn. The exchange with our renowned international colleagues is an invaluable asset that continuously advances our medical practices and research,” emphasized Prof. Bernd Weber, UKB's interim CEO and Dean of the Medical Faculty. “It is a great pleasure to jointly develop and share innovative approaches to digital innovations and AI-based solutions that improve the well-being of our patients and have a positive impact on health care in both countries. This German-American dialog strengthens our shared vision of modern, networked medicine that contributes to progress.”

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Image caption: Prof. Bernd Weber (4th from right), Prof. Alexandra Philipsen (2nd from right) and Clemens Platzköster (7th from right) from the UKB board of directors welcomed Jason Weida (6th from right), Florida State Health Officer, and the American delegation to the UKB this morning.

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About the University Hospital Bonn: The UKB treats around 500,000 patients a year, employs approximately 9,500 people and has a balance sheet total of 1.8 billion euros. In addition to 3,500 medical and dental students, 550 people are trained in numerous healthcare professions each year. UKB is ranked first among university hospitals (UK) in North Rhine-Westphalia in the Focus Clinic List, had over 100 million euros in third-party research funding in 2023, and has the second-highest case mix index (severity of cases) in Germany. The F.A.Z.-Institut has ranked the UKB first among university hospitals in the category “Germany's Training Champions 2024”.