

# Medtronic in Switzerland at a glance



## *Home to four entities*

Situated between Geneva and Lausanne, near Lake Geneva, the Medtronic Tolochenaz site is home to four entities.

Medtronic's International Headquarters is responsible for activities in Europe, Middle East, Africa, India, Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

SMO - the Swiss Manufacturing Operations plant - is the most technologically advanced facility in the world for manufacturing pacemakers.

The Medtronic European Customer Education Center hosts each year hundreds of customers and healthcare professionals, ensuring a safe and effective use of Medtronic's highly innovative therapies and devices.

The Swiss Sales Office enables thousands of Swiss patients to benefit from Medtronic's therapies that alleviate pain, restore health and extend life.

## *In the heart of Europe*

Switzerland has been chosen for several reasons, not least because of its location in the heart of Europe, but also because of its reputation for quality and precision technology, and a humanitarian tradition consistent with Medtronic's Mission. With the proximity of advanced centers of scientific research, Medtronic actively wants to contribute to establishing the Arc Lémanique as a pool of technological excellence.

## *Ongoing expansion*

The construction of the Tolochenaz facilities started in 1996. At that time, the site was meant to host 120 employees. In 1997, the Headquarters building and the Swiss Manufacturing Operations were completed. The first Medtronic pacemakers made in Switzerland were delivered in May of the same year. In 2000, extension works were started to increase manufacturing capacity, support the growth and diversification of operations and build a Customer Education Center. The extension has been completed in 2002 and at the Tolochenaz site, Medtronic now employs over 500 people.

## *Actively participating in the life of the community*

Committed to supporting the vitality of the communities where Medtronic has a presence, the Medtronic Foundation supports worthy programs in the areas of health, education and community welfare in the Tolochenaz region.

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