



# Medical Technology

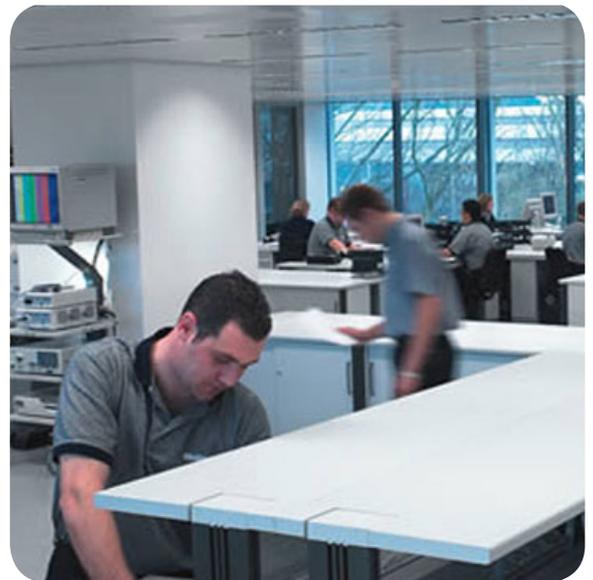
With the presence of global names such as Olympus Keymed, Medical Innovations and Surgical Holdings Southend is home to a growing cluster of medtech businesses which will soon be expanded through the development of the Anglia Ruskin MedTech Campus adjacent to London Southend Airport.

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**Southend enjoys a diverse economy with businesses of different sizes, origins and sectors spread across the borough. The town does, however, have a particular strength in medical technologies primarily due to the presence of Southend University Hospital and the global giant Olympus Keymed which has stimulated the cluster of spin off and supply chain companies.**

Keymed originated in Southend in 1970 with just four employees. They now employ over 1000 staff at their Southend headquarters. The medical technologies sector in Southend has continued to grow with many family-run businesses having flourished and expanded into national and international markets.



Medical Innovations produces with internationally known Mediwrap among other products and supplies to Johnson and Johnson. Having recently relocated into larger premises within Southend they continue to grow and enjoy the levels of skill and knowledge of the local workforce.

The market driven cluster has recently seen its next step forward with the announcement that the Airport Business Park in Southend will host the Anglia Ruskin MedTech Campus. This will provide one of the world's largest health innovation spaces for companies of all sizes – from start-ups and micro SMEs to large corporates – with the aim of establishing the UK as a global force in a sector worth £170 billion per year.

Specialising in near-market solutions for products and services, this cluster of expertise will be of enormous benefit to healthcare providers and commissioners, and the Anglia Ruskin MedTech Campus has

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already secured support from a number of key stakeholders in industry, local and central government and the NHS.

The MedTech Campus business services network has recently been launched for medical technology companies and their supply chains. This will offer unprecedented end-to-end support for companies in the field; from proof of concept funding to patenting advice and from clinical trials support to concept testing with clinicians. More information can be found at [www.medtechcampus.com](http://www.medtechcampus.com)

Southend wants to see further investment and development in this sector recognising its role in the local, national and international economy. Choosing to locate your medical technology business here you could benefit from:

- The unique Anglia Ruskin MedTech Campus business network services and planned development at the Airport Business Park
- An experienced and skilled workforce able to innovate and deliver world class medical technology
- Training and development opportunities with local education providers such as South Essex College, Southend Adult Community College and the University of Essex
- International transport links via London Southend Airport
- National transport links via the road and rail network



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