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## What is a patent?

- 👻 A patent is a right granted to the owner of an invention that prevents others from making, using, importing or selling the invention without his or her permission.
- 👻 A patentable invention can be a product or process that gives a new technical solution to a problem. It can also be a new method of doing things, the composition of a new product, or a technical improvement on how certain objects work.
- 👻 Once the patent is granted, the term is 20 years from the date of filing, subject to the payment of annual renewal fees.

## What makes an invention patentable?



Is the invention new?



Is the invention not obvious to a skilled person? If the invention is obvious, it would not be inventive.



#### INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION

Is it useful and does it have practical application in the industry?

## Who looks into matters pertaining to patents at SingHealth?

### **Protecting SingHealth's Intellectual Property**



**Evaluate invention disclosures** for patent protection



Prior art search





Patent filing, prosecution & maintenance



Negotiate IP & commercialisation rights





#### **Commercialising SingHealth Technologies**



Promote SingHealth technologies



Structure/negotiate licensing deals



Identify & conduct due diligence on potential licensee

## What are some of the technologies being patented at the AMC?



**Drug** Delivery Methods & Devices



Diagnostic Methods & Devices



Therapeutics



Assistive Technology & Rehab Devices



**Medical Devices** 

Developed by Joint Office of Research, Information correct at time of production (February 2017).





















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