

# Clinical Risk and Professional Liability

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A photograph of a cemetery with numerous white crosses in a grassy field. The crosses are arranged in rows, extending into the distance. In the background, there are several trees and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

105 000 adverse events  
whereof 3000 deaths

2008

# Adverse events compared to traffic accidents 2008



	Traffic	Health-care
Injured	2888	105 000
Deaths	266	3000

1. Organization of Swedish healthcare

2. Risk assessment and professional liability in Sweden

3. Handling of adverse events

4. Questions from the organizer



A grayscale map of Europe with the country of Italy highlighted in a solid red color. The map shows the outlines of major European countries.

Population: 9 500 000

Healthcare financed with  
taxes

Costs for healthcare 9% of  
GNP

Swedish government



National Board of Health  
and Welfare

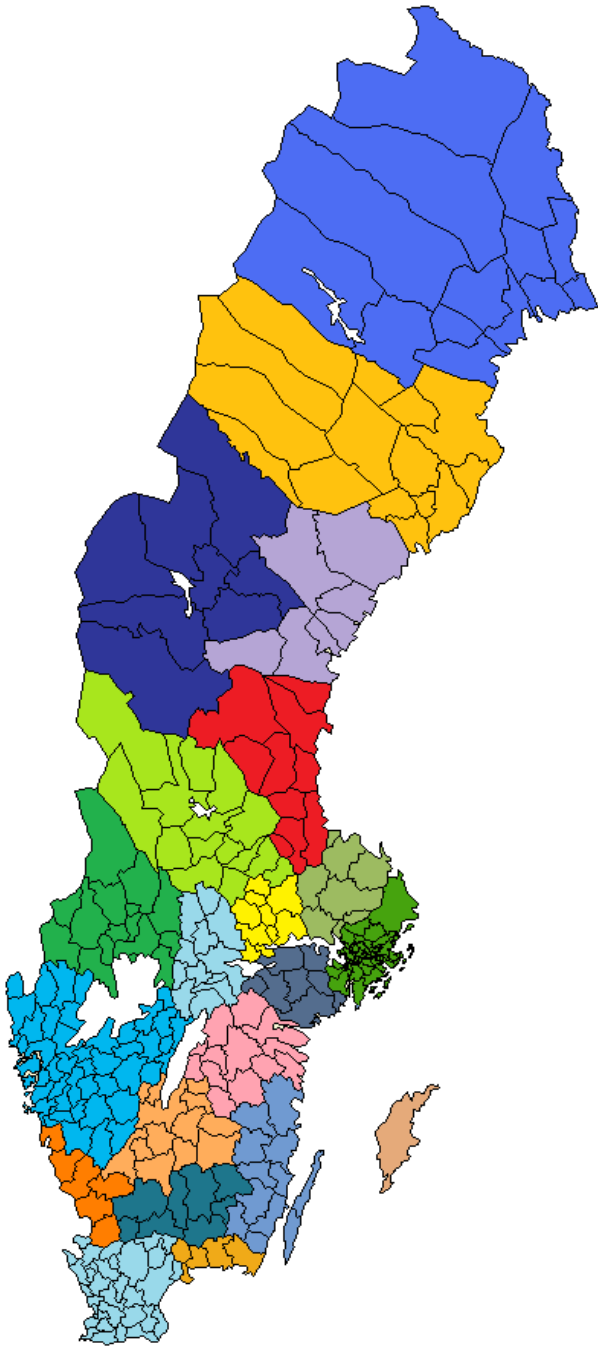


21 County Councils



21 County Councils  
with the right to tax

Number of inhabitants  
60 000 – 1 900 000



# Adverse event reporting system



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## SLUTA RAPPORTERA!

Kommentera artikeln på [www.sjukhuslakaren.se](http://www.sjukhuslakaren.se)

ni har gjort tillräckligt!  
Det finns ungefär 70.000 rapporter i systemet idag. Hur många behövs? 100.000? Kom igen. Ingenting kommer att hända om det blir 100.000 rapporter. Sluta rapportera!

Sluta rapporteringen har pågått länge nog för att ledningen skulle ha kunnat lista ut vad som behöver göras, men de har inte gjort det.

Sluta rapporteringen är en charad! Den ger bara ett falskt intryck av att man gör framsteg. Ni måste sluta rapportera, det bara uppmanar dem!

På scenen på Sjukhusläkarnas seminarium om patientsäkerhet står patientsäkerhetsprofessorn Richard Cook. Han är ut med armarna, han höjer och släpper röstens, han dricker öl! bang! An accident. That's bad!

Han talar om den utbredda tilliten till magiska lösningar.

Han säger: "By the way" är jag chafad för "Stoppa rapporteringskampanjen" i Sverige och visar upp ett eget tillverkat uppreparings-märke".

De kommer appliceras. Också går rakt in i hälsoråd



RICHARD COOK | DEL 2

I förra numret av Sjukhusläkaren publicerade en längre intervju med patientsäkerhetsprofessorn Richard Cook som menade att Sveriges sjukvårdssystem är som en arkipelag av isolerade öar.

För patienterna innebär det avsaknad av kontinuitet och ojämlig tillgång till vård i motsats till vad hälso- och sjukvårdslagen säger.

I det här numret återger delar av hans tal under patientsäkerhetsseminariet under Sjukhusläkarnas fullmäktigemöte för en tid sedan.

I talet riktar Richard Cook stark kritik mot tron på magiska lösningar och "meningslös rapportering".

Säkerhet handlar om förmåga att förstå vad som s



# Internal reporting system in the hospital of adverse events



## Measuring adverse events in Sweden 2010

System	Reporter	Number
Lex-Maria incident reporting by law	Mandatory for Healthcare provider	2051
National Chamber for withdrawal of authorization	Patients complaints	4563
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# Sanctions from the Medical Responsible Board

1. Doctors can be given probationary period
2. A restraint of the right to prescribe medicine
3. A revocation of a license



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The patients insurance company

Patient advisory committee (21)

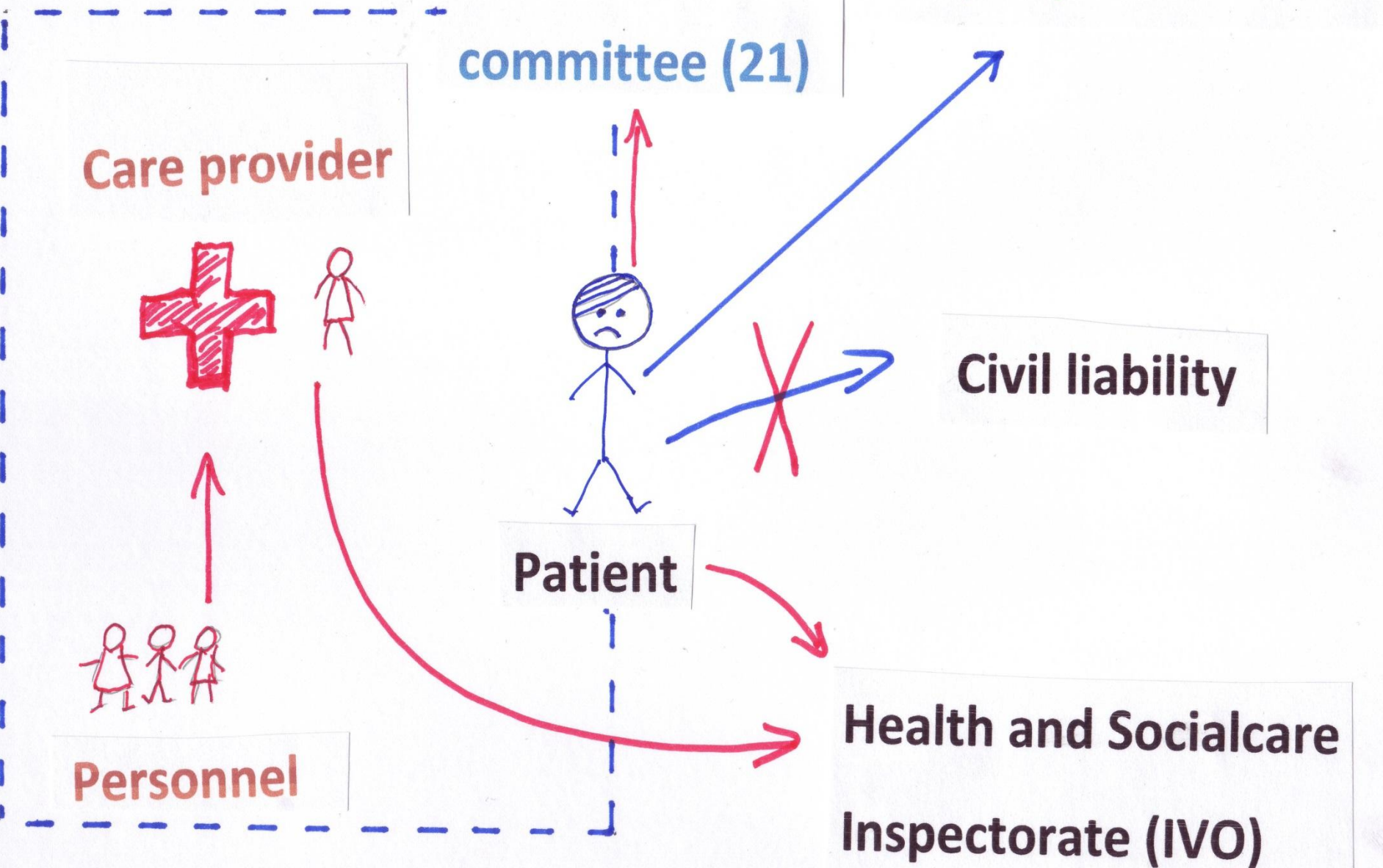
Care provider

Civil liability

Patient

Health and Socialcare Inspectorate (IVO)

Personnel



Are there educational training activities for management of adverse events?

National Conferences

University courses in  
Stockholm



Are there "networks" for adverse events?

How is the civil liability for damages caused by medical and health activities covered in your country?

The Patients Insurance Company  
12 900 applied for remuneration 2010  
39 % were accepted  
Average amount received 10 000 Euro

# The Patients Insurance Company 2010

	Reports in %	Reimbursement cost in %
Orthopedy	21,2	24,3
General Surgery	15,1	12.9
Gynecology	8,1	23.8.
General Practitioner	9,4	6.6
Dental	10,3	2.1
Others	35,9	30.3
	100	100



Do certain specialities have difficulties to cover their civil liability? What is the average cost of the protection/insurance?

**70 Euros**



How is the professional order involved?

Specialist diplomas are issued by the  
National Board of Health and Welfare

There is no professional order



## **Conclusions:**

**Healthcare in Sweden is probably not safer than in any other EU Country**

**Patient safety is a question of how healthcare is organized**

**Civil liability is a minor problem for doctors in Sweden**

**Harmed patients are reimbursed by a national insurance**





Thanks