

Medical Tourism

Exploitation of vulnerable persons or a healthy supplement to the Nordic health care system?

Conference at Sigtunastiftelsen, Sweden
11-12 May 2009



The aim of the conference is to shed light on the growing number of patients from the Nordic countries travelling abroad to obtain medical treatment not approved or recommended in their home country. Furthermore we want to explore the need for information to both patients and health professionals.

Participation is free of charge.

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Deadline for registration: 30 April

Please inform us if you want to have dinner Day 1 and lunch Day 2. Dinner is free of charge for the 40 first to register; for others the price is 550 sek. Lunch is free for all.

PROGRAMME

Monday 11 May

- 11:30 - 12:30 **Registration**
- 12:30 - 12:45 **Introduction and welcome address**
Ole Johan Borge, Chair NCBio

Chair: Katarina Westerlund
- 12:45 - 13:00 **Medical tourism as a global phenomenon. Trends in Europe**
Niels Lynoe, member of NCBio and professor in Medical Ethics at KI, Sweden
- 13:00 - 13:40 **Consequences and suggested measures: fight it or accept it?**
Arne Sunde, professor, head of Section for Fertility, St. Olavs hospital, Norway
- 13:40 - 14:10 **Experience with IVF treatment abroad**
Ingvild Brunborg Morton, The Norwegian Support Organization for Infertility
- 14:10 - 14:40 **Ethical issues of cross-border reproductive care**
Guido Pennings, professor of Ethics and Bioethics at Ghent University, Belgium
- 14:40 - 15:10 **Coffee break**

Chair: Sirpa Soini
- 15:10 – 15.40 **Safe clinical use of stem cells**
Outi Hovatta, Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at KI, Sweden
- 15.40 - 16:10 **European Union and Health Law**
Elisabeth Rynning, professor at Department of Law, Uppsala University, Sweden
- 16:10 – 16.40 **Mobilities of Medical Care – a note on the political economy of health**
Ilpo Helén, Department of Sociology, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 16.40 – 17.10 **Anything wrong with the global IVF-industry?**
Klavs Birkholm, journalist and member of The Danish Council of Ethics
- 17:10 - 18:20 **Discussion**
- 19:00 **Dinner**

Tuesday 12 May

Chair: Ole Johan Borge

- 09:00 - 09:30 **International viewpoints of stem cell research and the regulation of clinical applications**
Lars Åhrlund-Richter, Professor of molecular embryology, Department of Woman and Child Health, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Patients perspective – pros and cons with treatment abroad**
Villy O. Christensen, chairman, the Independent Patient Association in Denmark
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Coffee break**

Chair: Ásgeir Haraldsson
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Justice in the health care sector – should private money talk?**
Niklas Juth, researcher of Medical Ethics at KI, Sweden
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Medical standard and experimental treatments – hopes and hypes**
Sigurður Guðmundsson, Dean of the School of Health Sciences at University of Iceland, Iceland
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Panel discussion**
- 12:30 - 12:40 **The take-home message**
Ole Johan Borge, Chair NCBio
- 12:40 **End**
- 12.45 **Lunch**

Practical Information

Transportation

By train and bus

SL:s commuter train departs twice every hour from Stockholm to Märsta, or you can take SJ:s train from Stockholm or from Uppsala, to Märsta. In Märsta, outside the train station, you take bus 570 or 575 to Sigtuna. Both buses depart in connection to the arrival of SL:s commuter train. If you travel from Uppsala railway station you can take bus 802 to Sigtuna, but you will have to change in Edeby to bus 883. www.sl.se

From Arlanda airport

From Arlanda airport you can go by taxi to Sigtuna. It takes approximately 25 minutes. Ask for Taxi 020:s fixed price from Arlanda to Sigtuna. Or you can take bus 583 to Märsta, where you will change to either 570 or 575 to Sigtuna. Another possibility is to take bus 803 from Arlanda directly to Sigtuna.

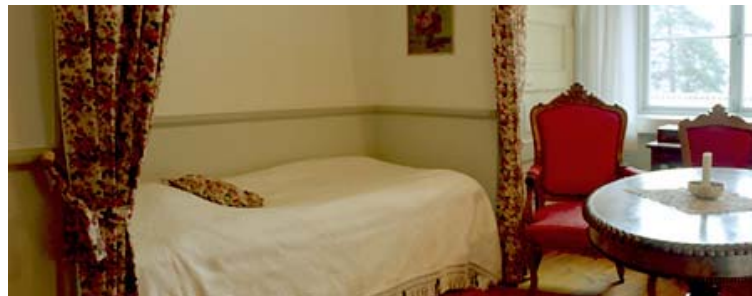


Hotel rooms

For hotelrooms, contact Sigtunastiftelsen. The price for a singleroom is 1 592 sek, including breakfast.

For other accommodations:

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Nordic Committee on
Bioethics

The Nordic Committee on Bioethics was founded in 1989 to promote Nordic cooperation and exchange of information between scientists, parliamentarians, opinion leaders and public officials in the area of bioethics.

The Committee has two members from each Nordic country. Members are appointed for three years at a time by the Nordic Council of Ministers from the nominations of the Nordic countries.

The mission of the Nordic Committee on Bioethics is to foster co-operation between the Nordic countries by bringing together representatives from different backgrounds to discuss and analyse issues in bioethics in order to achieve greater awareness, promote common understanding and improve policy in this area.

For further information: www.ncbio.org

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