

Welcome to the 6th NOVO symposium with the theme

# Sustainable Health Care: Continuous Improvements of Processes and Systems

Date: 15-16 November 2012

Place: Karolinska Institutet, Berzelius väg 3, Stockholm

## Keynote speakers

Professor Richard Cook, School of Technology and Health, KTH – Royal Institute of Technology  
Professor Mats Brommels, Medical Management Centre, Karolinska Institutet

## NOVO Symposium

The vision of the 6th NOVO symposium is “The Nordic Model for sustainable systems in the health care sector”. The specific niche of the Symposium is the elaboration of the characteristics surrounding the Nordic Model. Consequently, research relating to (directly or indirectly) this line of research, considering both competitive performance and working conditions, is of interest. The research may be either intervention research, methodological, theoretical or descriptive, as long as it can be legitimized in relation to our vision.

The focal point of this year is continuous improvements of processes and systems in health care. At present time, Nordic countries need to invest in improvements but at the same time cut costs. While the health care systems must become more efficient, this cannot be done at the expense of physical and psychosocial work environment of the health care professionals or the quality of care or patient safety. Improvements, ideally, should take all these aspects into account. Hence, the focus this year includes studies of design, implementation and effects of tools for continuous improvements, processes of work and patient flow as well as managerial systems for improvements. The work of managers and employees and their sustainable work environment are also of interest.

We welcome researchers from a wide range of disciplines to submit abstracts that integrate work environment, quality of care/patient safety, and efficiency.

## Tracks

Tools for continuous improvements  
Sustainable processes  
Sustainable systems  
Sustainable management and leadership

## Instructions regarding abstracts

The abstracts should be in English and contain a maximum of 350 words apart from title, authors and affiliations, and should contain:

1. Title, names of authors, name of presenting author bolded, affiliations of authors with indications in the same order.
2. Introduction, Material and methods, Results, Conclusions.
3. Tables or figures are not accepted.
4. The title should not have abbreviations and in the text they should be spelled out and explained the first time they are used.

Presenters are asked to indicate whether they prefer an oral- or a poster presentation, however, the scientific committee attains the right to decide. Please submit the abstract as a Word (or rtf) file, electronically to [info-mmc@lime.ki.se](mailto:info-mmc@lime.ki.se) with “Abstract NOVO” in the subject line no later than August 10. The scientific committee retains the right to decline submitted abstracts if they do not fulfill the above criteria, or general scientific standards. Further information concerning presentations will be provided upon acceptance (September 20).

## Place

NOVO 2012 will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, at Karolinska Institutet located at a walking distance from S:t Eriksplan (tube-station and airport bus).

## Program (time)

Day 1: Registration 9.00- 10.00, Conference sessions 10.00–17.00, dinner 19.00. Day 2: 8.30–16.00.

## Social

The social part of the symposium includes dinner on Thursday evening at 19.00. Also, a cultural and social boat trip in the city of Stockholm will be taken during lunch on Friday. Please state if you have any food preferences at registering.

## Hotel

We have reserved rooms (until October 1) at the nice hotel Best Western Time Hotel (approximately 15 minutes walking distance from Karolinska Institutet), also close to transportation and the city center. State "NOVO" as reference to receive the prize of 1 400 SEK (phone: +46 8 54 54 73 00). There are also other hotels in the same area. One alternative is hotel Connect City (also located in a 15 minutes walking distance from Karolinska Institutet with prices between 595-1200 SEK).

## Conference Fee

3 000 SEK which includes coffee, lunches, dinner and social program.

- Swedish participants: Bankgiro Danske Bank 5310-6720. *Deltagare från svensk statlig myndighet är momsbefriade och betalar därför 2 400 SEK.* Märk inbetalningen med NOVO + namn.
- Non-Swedish participants: IBAN SE94 5000 0000 0543 9102 4012, SWIFT: ESSESESS. Bank: SEB, SE-106 40, Stockholm. Please include NOVO + name in the payment.

## Registration and further information

Register at [www.ki.se/mmc](http://www.ki.se/mmc) →NOVO Symposium no later than September 30.

More information about the symposium: [www.novo-network.dk](http://www.novo-network.dk) & [info-mmc@lime.ki.se](mailto:info-mmc@lime.ki.se)

## Important dates

Abstract submission, deadline: August 10  
Decision of abstract acceptance: September 20  
Deadline for registration: September 30  
Hotel reservation: October 1  
Symposium: November 15-16

## The local committee

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**We look forward to seeing you in Stockholm!**



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