



Welcome to the HTA Methodology Conference in Stockholm December 3, 2009. The conference is being held in association with the Swedish EU Presidency in autumn 2009. All EUnetHTA Founding Partners are invited to the conference. SBU will cover the costs for the conference and dinner. However, participants must cover their own travel expenses and accommodation. All presentations will be held in English.

#### CONFERENCE SITE

Olof Palmes gata 17, Stockholm, Sweden  
Meeting room: Symfonin (on the ground floor)

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#### SWEDISH JULBORD

The conference begins with a traditional Swedish Julbord, a Christmas buffet, on the evening of December 2 at 7.30 pm, at the Swedish Society of Medicine (Address: Klara Östra Kyrkogata 10) in the heart of Stockholm.

#### COCKTAIL RECEPTION

After the conference on December 3 you are invited to a cocktail reception at the new SBU office on the 6th floor, in the same building as the conference.



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#### HOTEL

Travel and hotel are at your own expense. However, SBU has made a preliminary reservation at Clairon Hotel Sign, close to the conference site. It is only a few blocks between the hotel and the train station, as well as between the hotel and the conference site. Please use the web-based Registration Form ([www.sbu.se/conf\\_3dec](http://www.sbu.se/conf_3dec)) to reserve a single room at Clairon Hotel Sign for one night December 2 (SEK 2 132).

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#### AIRPORT TRANSFER

We recommend that you take the train "Arlanda Express" from the airport. The journey takes 20 minutes and costs SEK 240 (SEK 50 surcharge per ticket purchased on board).

If you intend to take a taxi from and to Arlanda airport, we recommend that you use a company with a set price, not exceeding SEK 500. We recommend the taxi companies Taxi Stockholm, Taxi Kurir, or Taxi 020.

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Deadline for registration is October 1, 2009. Please use the web-based registration form. Registration after October 1 is on availability basis. After the registration you will receive a confirmation by email.

#### CANCELLATION POLICY

The conference is free of charge, including lunch, coffee breaks, and cocktail reception. The number of participants is limited to 100. The social dinner on December 2 is also free of charge, but the number of guests is limited to 60 (2-3 persons per organisation).

Cancellation should be notified in writing, by email, mail, or fax to SBU, Jessica Tell ([tell@sbu.se](mailto:tell@sbu.se)). No-shows will be charged Euro 200.



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Welcome to an inspiring conference on HTA methodology in Stockholm, Sweden. The focus of the conference is to exchange experience on how to produce HTAs with high quality, transparency and transferability.

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is one of the cornerstones for achieving high quality health care on equal terms for all European citizens. Under the Swedish EU Presidency, the Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care (SBU) invites all members of the EUnetHTA Collaboration 2009 to a 1-day HTA methodology conference in Stockholm.

Following a successful completion of the EUnetHTA project, the EUnetHTA Collaboration is further developing tools and methods facilitating a transparent and efficient high quality HTA process. With the aim of contributing to development of common standards and methods, the Stockholm conference will be a forum for exchange of experiences on the processes of making high quality systematic reviews and HTAs.

Experiences on how to synthesize and grade evidence within fields of research that contribute to HTA will be presented and discussed.

Welcome to the conference!

## Preliminary Program

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Conference Registration and Coffee</b>	
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome Address</b>	
	<b>Why is methodology important? The importance of European collaboration</b>	<b>MÅNS ROSÉN</b> , Professor, Director, SBU, Sweden <b>FINN BØRLUM KRISTENSEN</b> , Professor, Chair of EUnetHTA, National Board of Health, Denmark
<b>9:10</b>	<b>Common Core Elements of an HTA</b>	
	<b>How can we continue to build on the work from the EUnetHTA Core Model?</b> <b>Adaptation, transferability, and toolkit</b> What are the methodological challenges in trying to adapt a report from another setting for your use?	<b>KRISTIAN LAMPE</b> , MD, FinOHTA, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland <b>RUAIRIDH MILNE</b> Professor or <b>ANDREW COOK</b> , NETSCC, UK
<b>10:00</b>	<b>What Evidence to Trust?</b>	
	<b>GRADEs approach to rating quality of evidence</b>	<b>REGINA KUNZ</b> , Professor Clinical Epidemiology, Nephrologist, Associate Director, BICE, University Hospital of Basel, Switzerland
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	
<b>11:30</b>	<b>What Evidence to Trust? Cont</b>	
	<b>Considering resource use:</b> <b>GRADEs approach for moving from evidence to action</b> <b>How does GRADE methodology apply to HTA?</b>	<b>GORDON GUYATT</b> , Professor, Departments of Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University, Canada <b>REGINA KUNZ</b> , Professor, BICE, Switzerland
<b>12:40</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Assessing and Synthesising the Clinical Evidence:</b>	
	<b>Under what conditions can we use observational studies in systematic reviews and HTA?</b> <b>Experiences from evidence gained through well-designed observational studies</b> <b>Managing the information explosion: a practical approach to Qualitative Research Synthesis</b>	<b>JON NICHOLL</b> , Professor of Health Services Research, University of Sheffield, England <b>MÅNS ROSÉN</b> , Professor, Director SBU, Sweden <b>MAGGI SAVEN BADEN</b> , Professor, Director Learning Innovation, Coventry University, UK
<b>15:40</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Aspects of Health Economics in HTA</b>	
	<b>Choice of perspective: Health-service vs payors vs societal vs patient, and threshold values in cost effectiveness in different European countries</b>	<b>JOAKIM RAMSBERG</b> , PhD, The Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency, Sweden
<b>16:40</b>	<b>The Ethical and Patient Perspective in HTA</b>	
	<b>Ethical considerations with and within HTA</b> <b>Patient perspectives and issues in HTA – What a challenge!</b>	<b>BJØRN HOFMANN</b> , PhD, NOKC and University of Oslo, Norway <b>HELLE PLOUG HANSEN</b> , Professor, Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark
<b>17:20</b>	<b>Towards the Future</b>	
	<b>Where should we concentrate transnational efforts during the coming years?</b>	<b>FINN BØRLUM KRISTENSEN</b> , Professor, Director of EUnetHTA, National Board of Health, Denmark
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Reception at SBU</b>	
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