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Having a heart attack is safer in Sweden or Norway than in Finland

Fresh results from European comparison show that more patients with acute myocardial infarction (AMI) are alive after one year in Sweden and Norway than in Finland. The mortality from AMI is about 5 percentage points higher in Finland than in Sweden, even when the impact of age, gender and other illnesses is considered.

The preliminary results of the EuroHOPE project (European Health Care Outcomes, Performance and Efficiency) were presented in a meeting held in Brussels on September 25, 2012.

Within four years (2010-2013) the EuroHOPE project aims to find out and explain the differences in health care outcomes, performance and efficiency by using national register-based data in seven European countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Italy, UK (Scotland), Netherlands, and Hungary. Six disease groups, AMI, stroke, hip fracture, breast cancer, and very little birth weight and preterm infants will be explored. Between Nordic countries the project team will study the cost-quality relationship among hospitals.

In the coming months the project team will review national level results and investigate reasons behind regional variation. The National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) is the coordinator of the EU funded EuroHOPE project.

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