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EXPLAINING DIFFERENCES IN EUROPEAN HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES, PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY

Dear health care expert,

You are welcome to join us for this complimentary seminar to learn of and discuss the results from the four-year EuroHOPE-project on performance measurement in health care across seven European countries.

Remarkable differences in performance between countries, regions and hospitals are revealed. From a health care policy perspective, insights are offered on the factors behind the differences. Please see the program attached.

The main purpose of the seminar is to communicate the findings of the project to policy-makers, and to discuss among the experts the relevance, policy implications and transferability of the results. Leaders from the study partners behind this multidisciplinary research project will highlight the findings on the care of acute myocardial infarction (AMI), stroke, hip fracture, breast cancer and very-low-birth-weight infants. The costs of hospital care are weighed against quality among Nordic countries. Also, a panel consisting of leading health care experts and decision makers will discuss the outstanding findings of EuroHOPE with a view to future steps in researching health care performance. Physical sustenance will be provided in the shape of a buffet lunch, while the seminar will conclude with cocktails.

The seminar takes place on **Tuesday, 8 April 2014 from 9:30 – 16:00 hours** at the Karolinska Institutet, Gustaf Retzius (Cesar), Berzelius Väg 3, Stockholm, Sweden.

Please register through the link <https://www.webropolsurveys.com/S/08945FA90EA4150A.par> **by 31 March, 2014 at the latest**. Any inquiries concerning the program or overall arrangements please contact the emails given below.

Looking forward to meeting you in Stockholm.

Cordially,

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PROGRAMME

- Chair:** Markku Pekurinen, Director of Division, National Institute for Health and Welfare THL, Finland
- 09.30** Coffee
- 10.00** Opening *by Olivia Wigzell, Director, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden*
- 10.10** EuroHOPE - Taking health care performance measurement to the next level *by Timo T. Seppälä, THL, Finland*
- 10.30** Country-level differences – Are they related to health care systems? *by Clas Rehnberg, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden*
- 11.00** Regional-level differences – How much do regional-level factors explain performance variation? *by Fabrizio Tediosi, University of Bocconi, Italy*
- 11.30** Comparing use of resources between districts and countries *by Tor Iversen, University of Oslo, Norway*
- 12.00** Break – Light lunch
- 13.00** Hospital-level differences – Quality, uses of resources, and their interrelationship on patient-group level *by Unto Häkkinen, THL, Finland*
- 13.30** Results of the study on Nordic hospital productivity and quality *by Sverre A.C. Kittelsen, Ragnar Frisch Centre, Norway*
- 14.00** Break – Coffee
- 14.15** Synthesis of the main findings *by Richard Heijink, RIVM, Netherlands*
- 14.45** Panel: “Lessons from the project – How to go ahead?”
Chair: Giovanni Fattore, University of Bocconi, Italy
panel: Mats Brommels, Director, Medical Management Centre, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden; Niek Klazinga, Coordinator Health Care Quality Indicator Program OECD, Paris; Eva Orosz, Head of Department of Health Policy and Health Economics, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary; Olav Valen Slättebrekk, Director of the Division of Health Economics and Financing, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, Norway.
- 15.45** Closing of the seminar
Complimentary cocktails