Clinical research in Finland and Sweden – experiences from a jointly performed evaluation
Background

- An inquiry about clinical research in Sweden
- Important similarities between Finland and Sweden
- Similar organisations
Purpose

• Common obstacles affecting the quality of clinical research not only in Sweden and Finland, but in all of Europe:
  ➢ Recruitment of clinical investigators
  ➢ Infrastructure resources
  ➢ Collaboration between the university and the health service etc.

• These challenges may have been solved in different ways

• To find common solutions and follow possible recommendations presented by the evaluation panel in a synergistic way in Sweden and Finland.
Evaluation process

- Launched in spring 2008 with final report in March 2009
- International panel of experts
- Bibliometric analysis
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Lessons learned

- Planning (different panels)
- Easier to recruit panel members
- A lot of administration and expensive
- Terms of reference
Common concerns and problems identified

- Career of clinical researchers/scientists
- Relationship between academic medicine and country/county health care system
- Financial concerns
- Infrastructure for clinical research
- Mobility and internationalisation
Recommendations

- Radical reengineering or research careers for health care professionals
- Improve the research funding portfolio for clinical researchers
- Mount a clear uniform strategy for governance of academic hospital from top manager to daily practice
Questions

- Added value?
- Which research areas?
- Who should co-operate?