

## Portal to Scandinavian Information for Patients

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Quality information for patients in one's own language may be difficult to find. The three Scandinavian languages, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian, are different, but interchangeably understood. The aim of the portal is to pool quality information on diseases and their treatments, relevant to patients, their relatives and the medical staff that informs patients – in Scandinavian languages. The first step will be to collect information in Swedish and Norwegian, but later we hope to include information in Danish, as well.

A project plan has been written, and a small working group of enthusiastic colleagues in Norway and Sweden, collect the information, check the quality of the information according to pre-established criteria, make a short comment to the link and do the actual linking to the website. The project is coordinated by one person in Norway and one in Sweden.

The work is being done within the participating persons' ordinary working hours. The group has met a couple of times to discuss content, structure and quality criteria. It is estimated that in the future only one annual meeting will be necessary to discuss major changes. Maintaining and updating the portal will be done by the working group.

The portal will be cross-linked to the "Norwegian medical and health sciences gateway", which is a part of the "BIBSYS subject based gateway project".