

## Abstract for presentation

### Title:

The Smoking Cessation Database - How to develop an international clinical quality database.

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### Background

A national Smoking Cessation Database (SCD) has been well established. The SCD meets the criteria and needs for external monitoring and evaluation of established smoking cessation programs in order to assess and improve the quality. In 2005 Norway joined the SCD.

During the last year our focus has been on preparing the database to become a clinical quality database and to establish the international cooperation.

Two articles have been published in scientific journals.

### Aim

The aim of this presentation is to share our experiences in developing clinical quality database and how to secure a smooth transition from national to international database.

### Methods

In cooperation with the ENSH we work to

- evaluate and compare the strengths and weaknesses of smoking cessation databases in E.U.
- create a model for smoking cessation databases based on international quality criteria, best practices and recommendations

### Results

Relevance: The SCD is the first database in the field of health promotion which can be used by both hospitals and health services. The SCD can be used in the medical records, documentation, exposure, projects and research.

Level of evidence: Through the SCD new evidence is created on level 2, recommendation strength B.

Communication: When accepting a new country into the database we have experienced the importance of a very close communication throughout the start up, to ensure that any possible questions will be taken care of.

Transition: Experiences concerning language, security, economy and organisation will be presented at the conference.

### Conclusion

An international Smoking Cessation Database for smoking cessation programs has been well established. The database serves as documentation and evaluation of the health promotion activities within the field of smoking cessation. We have experienced a rising interest for international cooperation, and we have had the first experiences in expanding the SCD.

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