

# A nationwide registration and monitoring of standardized cancer care pathways



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STATUS

Fully implemented and ongoing

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Cancer care pathway

## PROBLEM & OBJECTIVE

**PROBLEM** Sweden has implemented standardized cancer care pathways (CCPs) to reduce waiting times and ensure timely and quick diagnosis/treatment, however, there was variability in how these CCPs were implemented in each of Sweden's 21 county councils.

**OBJECTIVE** To utilize an existing national database to enable monitoring and comparing of the implementation of CCPs in the 21 country councils to ensure equal access to cancer care across Sweden.

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## KEY COMPONENTS / STEPS

- A standard set of codes / measure points to monitor the patient experience at local, regional and national levels.
- Established descriptions on how to use the codes
- Developed infrastructure for continuous gathering data from all county councils
- Built up analytic capacity
- Presented data online and sent out reports on outcomes to county councils on a regular basis
- In addition a national patient reported experience measures (PREM) questionnaire was also created and sent to all patients within the CCP to gather patient experience

## KEY CONTEXTUAL FACTORS

- The Swedish association of local authorities and regions are responsible for the database.
- Regional cancer centres are responsible for data presentation and supporting analysis.
- The particular target groups are councils, politicians and citizens.

## MAIN IMPACTS / ADDED VALUE

- Provides an effective tool to ensure that the county councils follow the CCPs and a tool to discuss differences in waiting times in cancer care with the county councils.
- Provides a direct way to get patient feedback on the cancer care.

## LESSONS LEARNED

- All county councils have different information technology systems which makes it difficult to deliver data automatically.
- Making data publicly available online leverages its value by triggering county councils to improve delivery of services.
- It is important to engage health care professionals in both the reporting of data and discussion of outcomes.

## REFERENCES & DOCUMENTATION

- Standardiserade vårdförflopp i cancervården (SVF)
- SVF-statistik

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