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Swedish response to the Questionnaire from the UEMO Quality Assurance Working Group (2003/084)

Each delegation is kindly asked to answer the questionnaire. The answers to the questionnaire should be completed and sent to Dr Mateja Bulc, mateja.bulc@email.si, with a copy to uemo@uemo.org by **12 July 2003 at the latest**.

Thank you very much for your cooperation

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Questionnaire on the needs and barriers in quality assurance

1. Does regulation in your country help or hinder professional aspirations in quality assurance?

There is a national regulation which demands all health care workers to participate in Quality Assurance but the provisions are written in very general terms. The regulation neither helps nor hinders.

2. Disease management programs started in some countries.

- Are there any programs in your country?

YES

- Who establishes them?

The National Board of Health and Welfare, Medical Products Agency

- Are doctors or NMO involved in the formulation of these programs?

YES

- Are GPs or specialists involved in the formulation of these programs?

YES

- Are they practical?

The programs are generally too extensive and not always in line with the way family doctors handle their patients.

- Are they evidence based?

YES, mostly

- Are they cost effective?

Hard to say. There is a risk the programs increase the total costs for health care. A specific program sets a new standard, usually more expensive, for investigation and treatment.

3. How does funding of your practice affect your provision of quality?

There is no funding related to quality. The main financier is the employer (The County Council)

4. Does funding of the health regulators affect your provision of quality?

No

5. Does access to education affect your provision of quality?

Yes

6. What can UEMO do to help you in this regard?

The doctors must evaluate the collected data, and the outcome of the health care given, according to standards and programs set up by authorities, medical professional organisations etc.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation!

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