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### **Danish National Report 2006**

I would like to present 3 issues that are important to the Danish Organisation of General Practitioners in 2006.

1. This spring we have negotiated a new agreement with the Danish Health authorities. Both parties are satisfied with the agreement which, besides regulating the known agreements and fees, has opened increased and more focused initiatives in the preventive medicine area. A number of new consultation categories, that all have a preventive initiative, has been agreed. In future, the general practitioner in Denmark will be “patient manager” on the same level as he is now a “gate keeper” – a role which is not weakened by the new agreement.
2. There will be focus on chronic diseases and “public diseases“, and for the first time a special fee for taking care of a single chronic disease: Diabetes Mellitus, has been agreed. Via annual status examinations which include a risk-stratification, the general practitioner sets the scope of treatment of the patient in the following year.

All information concerning treatment and condition is reported to a National Clinical Database, which shows the development of the patient’s disease and the development of the doctor’s management of the disease and the general development of the disease in the

society. ICPC diagnose coding and quality development and control are important elements in the new agreement.

3. The Danish society undergoes a transformation. 300 municipalities and 17 counties will be changed to 100 municipalities and 5 regions. The health care sector will undergo considerable changes both in the primary and the secondary health care sector. Institutions will be closed or moved, and this happens in a time with education reforms and deficit of doctors in almost all sectors.

The change will be implemented in 2007, but it will take some time before all changes have been incorporated. The general practitioner is an essential person in this process and in many situations he/she will be the person who adheres to the coherent patient course. A gigantic task is ahead of us!

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