Clinical pathways in community care
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To promote the enrichment of teaching and exchange in educational care programs in global perspective of caring this lecture will offer an general overview of actual Swedish health care system.

The essential principles of the Swedish health care structure are that for the most part the public sector is responsible for providing and financing health services for all citizens. The governmental level of national boards is devoted commissioning and strategic coordination for health care arrangements. The county councils are devoted to organise provision of regional health and social care (Figure 1. Source www.skl.se).

Although there are number of important differences with respect to the nature and organisation of a range of health authorities there are also important similarities. Most health care professionals develop and express identities that are shaped by the specific professional norms, values and the organisation in which they function.

This seminar will provide broad spectrum of actual changes and examples of clinical every day practices among various care gives in Swedish health care as well as social care. The similarities and differences in relation to your home country will be discussed.

Figure 1. Summative organization of the Swedish health services.