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Nordic Research Network on Children and Adolescents in General Practice

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Background and Aim: At the Nordic Congress of General Practice in Tromsø in 2011, general practitioner researchers with an interest in research on child and adolescent health created a research network. Since then, an increasing number of researchers have joined the network. Our objective is to establish a forum for sharing knowledge and conducting collaborative research with children and young people in general practice in the Nordic countries. The scope of the network is to facilitate and promote interest and knowledge about research in child and adolescent health in general practice.

Methods: We conduct regular meetings of the network twice a year. Their scope is to keep participants informed about scientific findings in different countries, to collaborate in larger research funding applications and to facilitate and support each other's ongoing research projects. Furthermore, networking with local researchers and stakeholders in the field of child and adolescent health is facilitated. Additionally we participate as a group at international conferences with posters, symposia and workshops.

Results: The network has conducted meetings in Copenhagen, Bergen, and Oslo and the next is planned in Inverness, Scotland 2016. We have conducted symposia and workshops together at the Nordic Congress of General Practice in Finland 2013 and in Sweden 2015 with the topics of:

- “Most children are healthy but.... Challenges in general practice when children are not well”
- “Challenges in research and in clinical practice when dealing with children's and adolescents' health and wellbeing in a family perspective”
- “Family matters - children and adolescents' health and wellbeing in a family perspective”

We are currently planning several publications and larger grant proposals are under preparation.

Conclusion: The network facilitates and nourishes international and national studies on child and adolescent health and new members are welcomed.