Some Swedish laws in health care

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**Important Acts**

- The Health and Medical Services Act,
- The Act on Professional Activity in Health and Medical Services,
- The Secrecy Act,
- The Patient Records Act.

**Health care system**

Legal Rights

VS

Legal obligations

The Swedish law regulates that a patient has the right to obtain the care that his/her needs requires.

(Not the care he/she wants)
The Health and Medical Services Act, (1982:763)

- Basic regulation of health care sector
  - What and how to obtain...
- Outlines the responsibility between county councils and municipalities
  - Cooperation (interaction) 26 d §
  - Research 26 b §
  - Quality assessment 31 §

Objectives 2§ HsL

- Assuring the entire population
- Good health and care
- Equal terms
- With respect for dignity of all human beings
- Prioritize

Requirements to be met by health and medical services 2 a§

- Good quality
- Available
- Respect for self-determination and privacy
- Promote good contact between patient and staff
The Act on Professional Activity in Health and Medical Services (1998:531)

- Health-care professionals, 1:1
- Must perform its work in line with science and the best practice, EBM 2:1
- Workers wearing self responsibility for how they carry out their duties, 2:5

Costs for health care per capita, 2005, US-dollar*

Hospital beds per 1000 inhabitants, 2005*
Physicians per 1000 inhabitants, 2005*

Infant mortality, 2005*