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 och 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*
Costs for health care per capita, US-dollar, 2009

- Sweden 3,598 8.9 % of GDP
- USA 6,657 15.9 % of GDP
- China 81 4.7 % of GDP
- India 36 5.0 % of GDP
Hospital beds per 1000 inhabitants, 2005*

*Källa: OECD 2007  1) = 2004
* = indikatorm ångar i index resultat.
Physicians per 1000 inhabitants, 2005*
Infant mortality, 2005*