"Why Did Sweden Choose Nurses to Work on Ambulances?"

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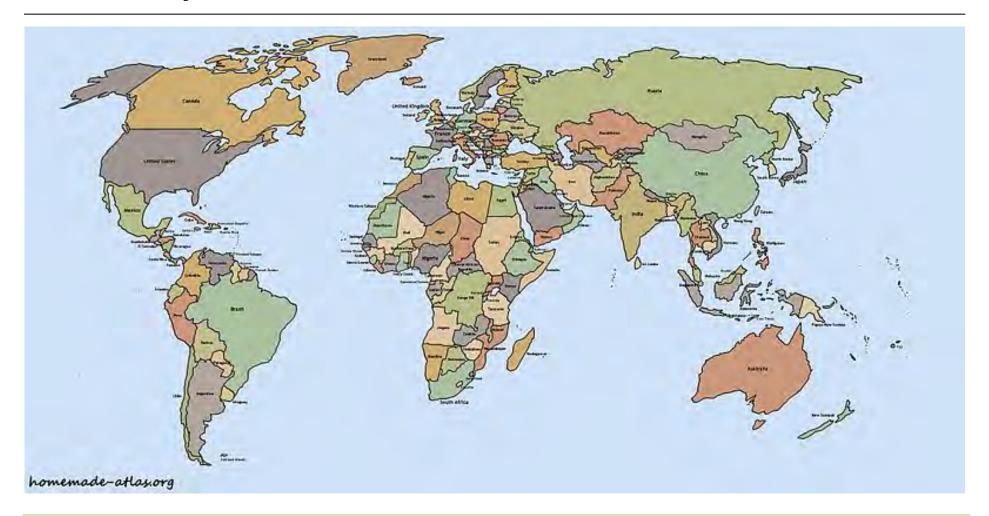
Master in Medical Science, Graduate Diploma as Nurse Anesthetist, Registered Nurse, Paramedic and has 27 years' experience in EMS Founded the Scandinavian Ambulance Forum on the Internet in 1997





"... and was it the right decision?"

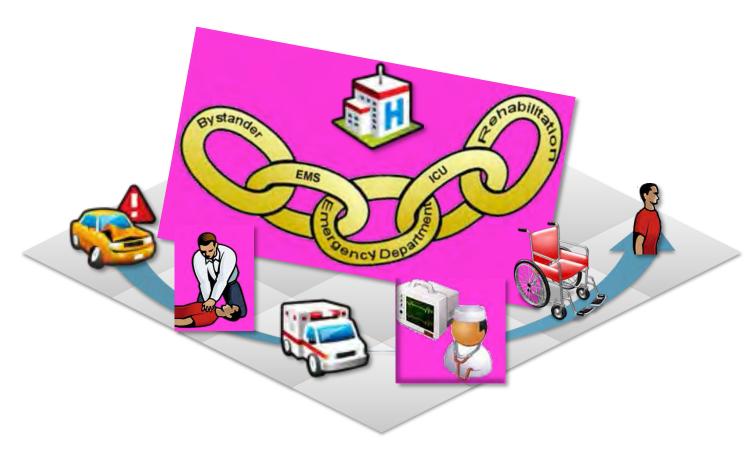
Which country has the best ambulance service?



Probably everyone has the best ambulance service!



Chain of Emergency Medical Care – Clinical Outcome

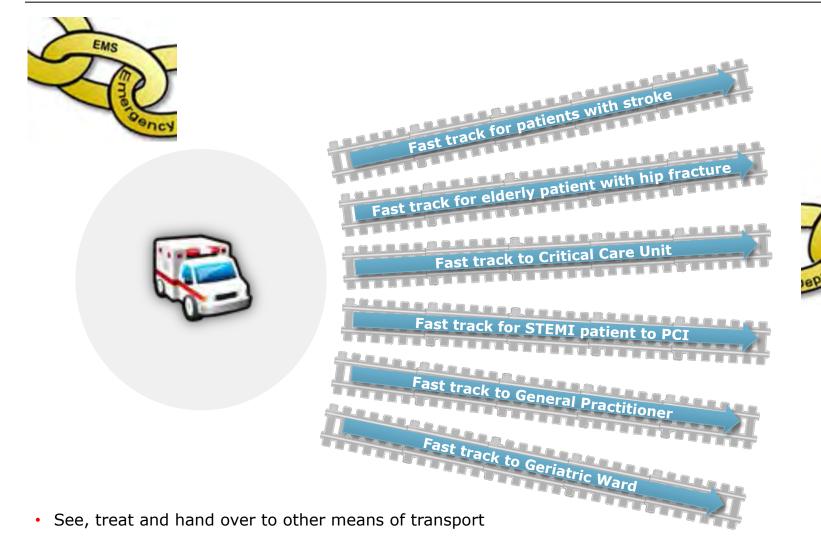


Fact box

- No chain is stronger than its weakest link.
- Bystanders need to have awareness of how to get and provide help.
- EMS Call Centre needs to triage and send specific unit with shortest possible response time.
- Emergency Department must be qualified to receive patients. This link could be bypassed in favour of direct transfer to for instance The Intensive Care Unit.
- The rehabilitation link is important to ensure that the patient eventually makes a full recovery.



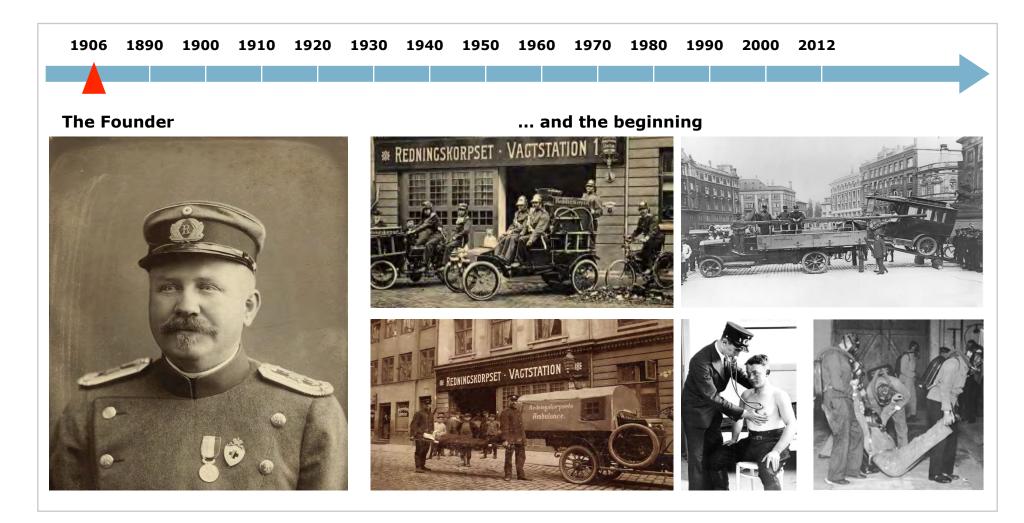
Chain of Emergency Medical Care – Fast Track



• See, treat and leave



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Falck's core services are all focused on the concept of dealing with anxiety....

Falck core services							
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 Revenue: £ 849 million Public fire fighting Full or partial outsourcing Dispatch centres Industrial fire fighting Full or partial outsourcing Full or partial outsourcing Airports, petrochemical, power plants, nuclear, other industrial Consultancy and training 	 Roadside repair services Home 	 Revenue: £ 114 million Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) Preventive cross- disciplinary, health checks and counselling Physical healthcare Psychological crisis aid and counselling Absense management Jobservice Staffing Temporary healthcare professionals Manning service 	 Revenue: £ 131 million Sea survival Training centres providing safety training services for sea survival Fire fighting Training in fire fighting techniques for initial response Other Safety enclosures Crisis management Windmill safety 				

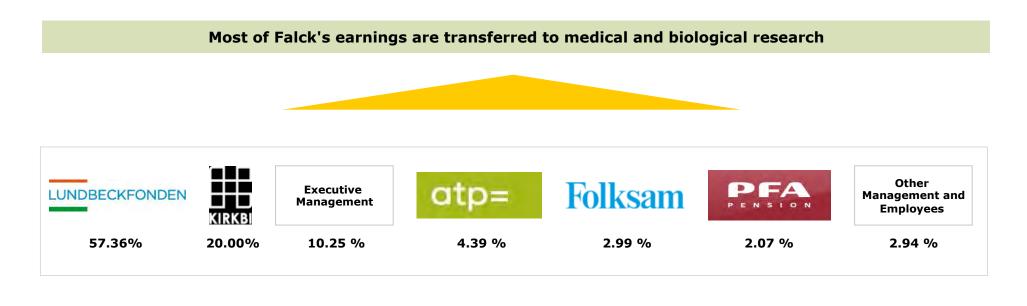
"Dealing with anxiety" (People and assets)

• Grand total revenue: £ 1 412 million

Note: Figures relating to revenue are based on 2012 financials



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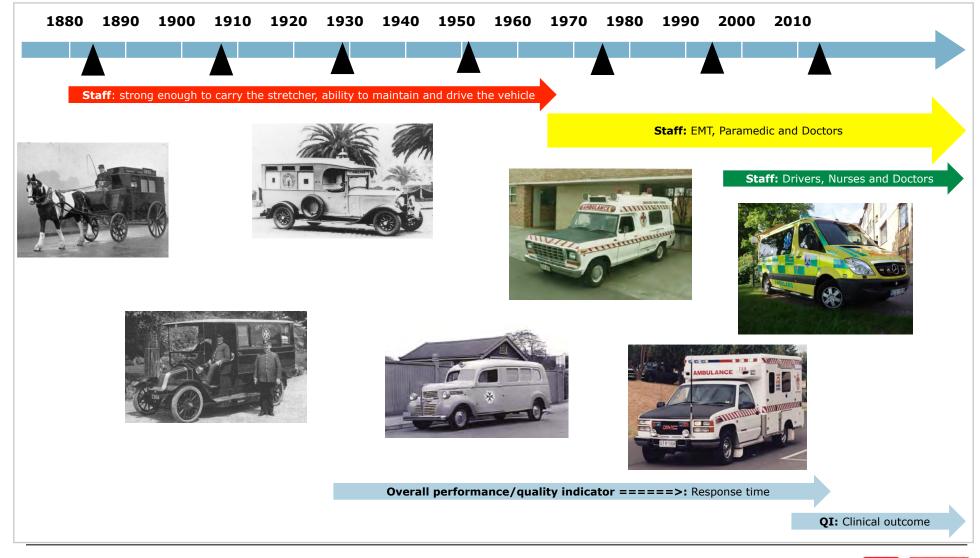


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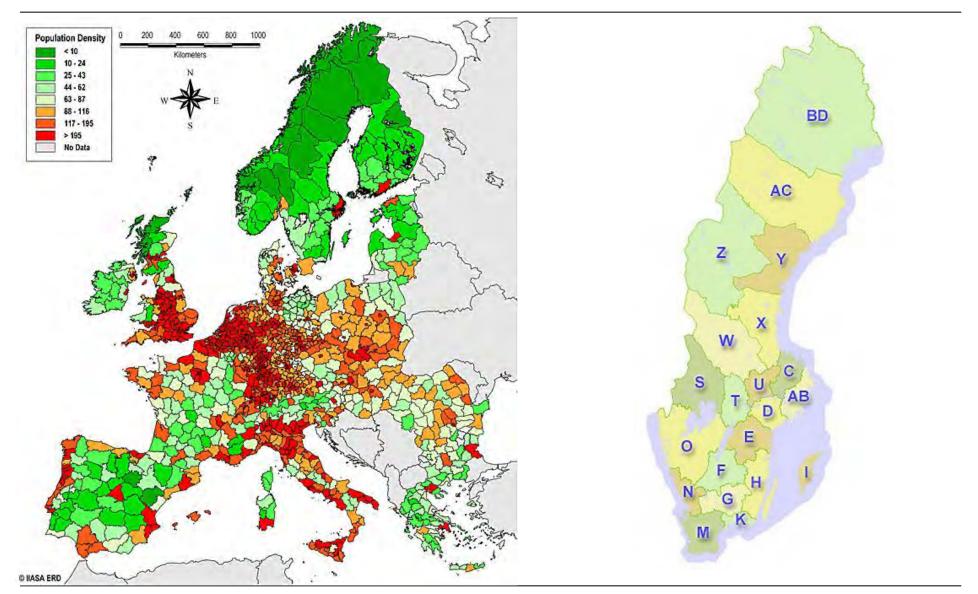




EMS history in the Western world







Sweden – population density and counties



Sweden in the 1950s



Equipped with:





Sweden in the 1960s







Still only equipped with:



County Councils got in 1964 the responsibility for commissioning and/or providing Ambulance Service



Sweden in the beginning of 1970s



Chevrolet Impala 1977-78. Foto GE. 1985.



Chevrolet 10 Custom 1978 i Göteborg. Foto SA.

Still only equipped with:





Mercedes Benz i Södertälje, omkr 1970.



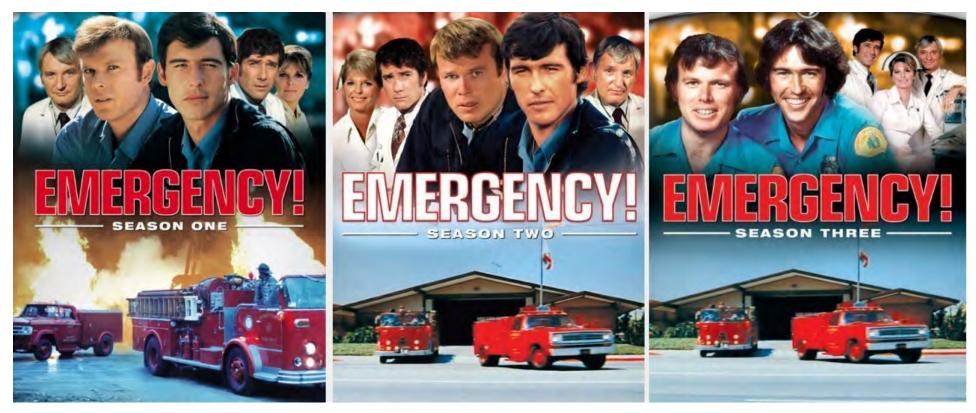
Mercedes Benz 230 1975 i Tranås.

... but the revolution starts in this decade



Sweden 1976

In June 1976 "Emergency" starts on one of Swedish Television's 2 channels



"The crew of Los Angeles County Fire Dept. Station 51, particularly the paramedic team, and Rampart Hospital respond to emergencies in their operating area."

In 1978 training of Emergency Care Assistants begins



Sweden in the beginning of the 1980s















Equipped with:











In 1984 training of Emergency Medical Technicians begins



Sweden 1984



Military Medic Training

• Similar to Emergency Care Assistants training but in a military context.

- but it did not match any job requirement in the Ambulance Service
- Emergency Care Assistant in a civilian context was mandatory in Swedish Ambulances from 1978 onwards and all employed staff had highest priority to this training
- The admission to the Emergency Medical Technician provided that the applicant was educated Emergency Care Assistant beforehand
- A catch-22 situation, but when you know what you want, and want it bad enough, you will find a way to get it



Sweden 1985





Sweden 1986 – trained and employed as Emergency Care Assistant



Sweden 1987 - 1988

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- Station Manager in 1987
- Emergency Medical Technician in 1988
- Delegated by a doctor to administer drugs and perform medical procedures as a part of a pilot study approved by the National Board of Health and Welfare

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- The right to administer each individual drug and to perform each specific medical intervention was not valid for more than 3 months; and the certificate had to be co-signed by both parties
- A salary supplement was given for the right to administer each individual drug and to perform each individual medical intervention.



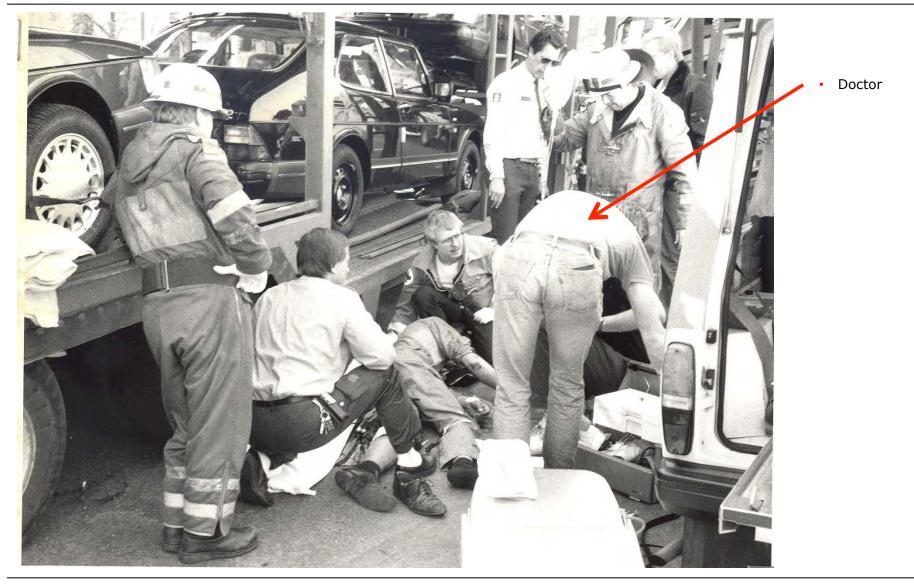
Sweden in the end of the 1980s



- Nurse Anesthetists in Emergency Response Vehicles in various parts of the country
- Doctors in Emergency Response Vehicles limited to very few areas
- Fire Services start to divide its staff into three categories Ambulance, Fire Service and Mixed
- However a majority of Sweden is covered by Ambulances with EMT/ECA or ECA/ECA



Sweden 1989





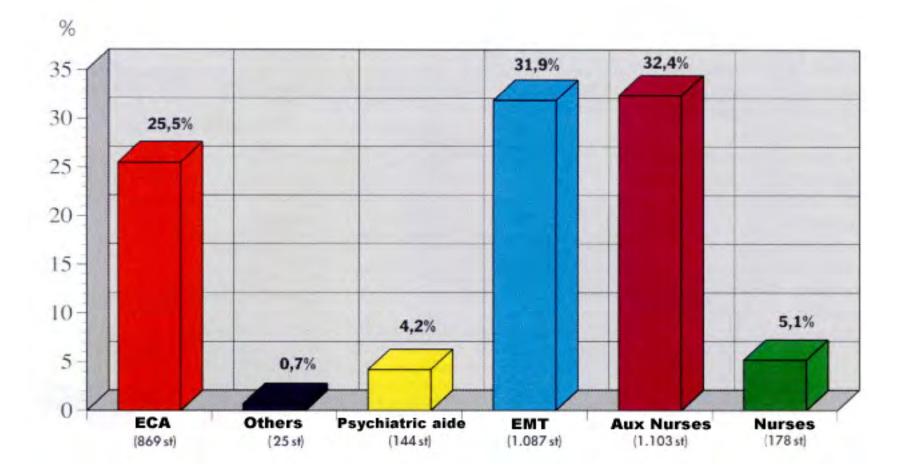
Sweden in the beginning of the 1990s



• Fire fighters had to respond to Category A calls since Ambulances where busy with Category C and D calls



Sweden 1991 – educational levels



- EMTs with empowerment to administer drugs and perform advanced medical interventions were called "Paramedics"
- Auxiliary Nurses and Nurses were not considered to have "Paramedic" level

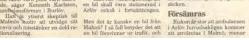


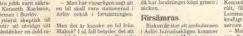


Här är gänget som vill ta över ambulanserna i Lund, Eslöv, Hörby och Burlöv. Alla fem sysslar redan i dag med ambulanssjukvård eller liknande akutvård. Förslaget har väckt ont blod bland de anställda, men gruppen hävdar att de kan göra en privat ambulanssjukvård

te räkna med att bli anställd av gruppen,

om deras anbud antas av Malmöhus läns landsting. SIDAN 5





- Man har visserligen sagt att då har landstinget köpt grisen i Kenneth Karisson. Om han har bil skall vara stationerad i äckon. Siv också i fortsättningen. kenftigt försämrad ambulans-- Malmö är den store vinnaren. Kommunen får landsting

ets milioner mot en garageupps tällningsplats i Arlöv. Kort sagt betalar landstinget Malmö för att avveckla en ambulans i regionen, fastslår Kenneth Karls-CURISTINA CUSTAFSOI

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SYDSVENSEAN . Torsdagen den 5 november 1992

"Äntligen gränslöst!" Åntligen får vi en gräns-lös ambulans! Det har jag kämpat länge för.

Torsten Engvall, social-demokratisk ledamot av landstingsstyrelsen, är nöjd och glad. Avtalet med

Malmö kommer att ge inte bara Burlövsborna utan också invånarna i Svedala

ch Bara ökad service. Der

anbulans som stationeras Arlöv kommer att kunna

råra sig helt fritt i regioner dygnet runt, menar han

Ambulansservicen i Bur löv är en hjärtefråga för Torsten Engvall Det var

han som under sin tid som nalråd lyckades öv

ertala landstinget att place-ra en bil i Arlöv. Det var

den första externa ambu lansen utanför Lund.

Sedan han förvissat sig

om att Malmös anbud be-tydde fortsatt stationering av ambulans i Arlöv hade

han ingenting emot att stödja förslaget från den

borgerliga majoriteten landstingsstyrelsen att låta Malmö ta över Burlövsbor-

nas ambailansservice sot

ned det här utökas till att täcka dygnets alla timmar

Men sedan var det slut

med stödet. Att ge resten av anbudspaketet till dan-

ska Falcks motsatte sig

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- Sweden in a deep financial crisis
- Massive debate on how ambulance service should be developed
- National Board of Health and Welfare ratifies 13 different emergency drugs to be delegated to non-registered staff
- Many argued for a real "Paramedic" track where drug administration was part of the basic education
- ... but the National Board of Health and Welfare had other plans for involving Nurses in Ambulances







- From Fire Service to Nursing School (from 100% male environment to 95% female environment)
- Mainly a theoretical education with focus on General Nursing and Health Care Sciences
- No emergency care education except CPR
- Scientific Theory and Scientific Methods were emphasised in all courses



• FIRST YEAR OF STUDIES

The first year comprises 83% theoretical education and 17% clinical training

Theme: The Profession of Nurse based on Health Care Sciences and Health Care Ethics, 50%

Courses: The Profession of Nurse, Theoretical Foundation and Nursing, 16%, Scientific Theory and Scientific Method, 17%

Clinical Training, Basic Nursing, 17%

• SECOND YEAR OF STUDIES

The second year comprises 75% theoretical education and 25% clinical training

Theme: Humankind, Ill-Health and Nursing

Courses: Human Nursing Needs when Health and Bodily Functions Fail, 40%, Human Needs of Palliative Care, 12%, the Nurse's Instructional and Managerial Function with Responsibility for Systematic Improvement, 13%, the Home as the Care Venue, 10%,

Clinical Training, Somatic Care, 25%

• THIRD YEAR OF STUDIES

The third year comprises 55% theoretical education and 45% clinical training.

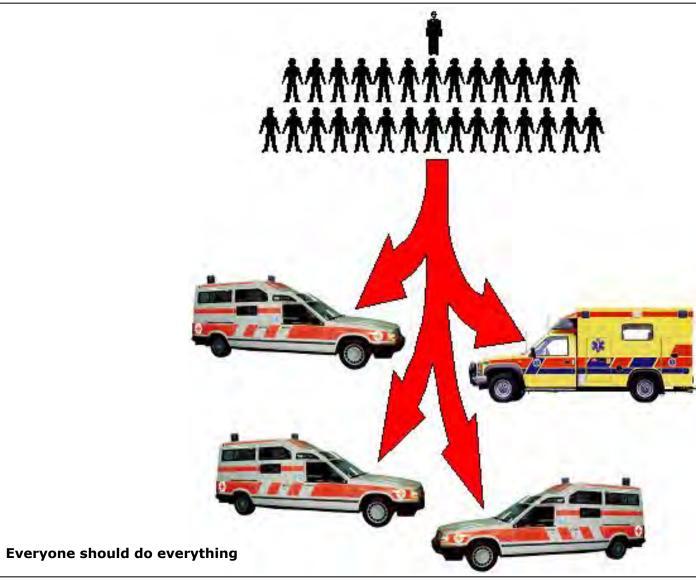
Theme: Project or Dissertation, 37%

Courses: Public Health in a Global Perspective, 5%, Health Care Ethics 13%

Clinical Training in Primary Care, Psychiatric Care, Geriatric and Palliative Care, 45%

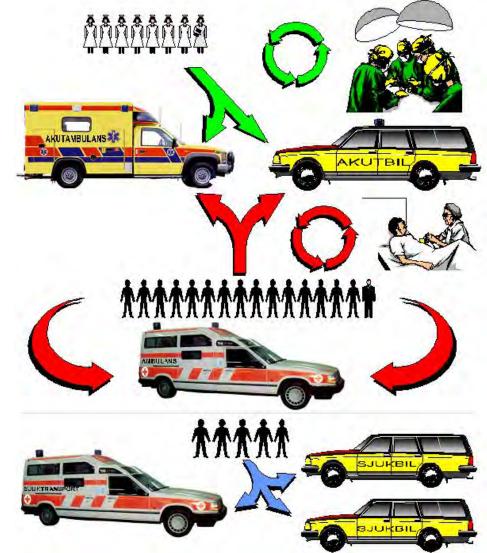


Sweden 1994 – Ambulance organization





Sweden 1994 – Differentiated organization



• In a prehospital context, rotation with hospital duty was considered essential





- The National Board of Health and Welfare restricted the possibility of delegating the right to administer drugs to nonregistered staff
- NBHW also stated that there ought to be two types of educational levels in Swedish Ambulances; Nurses and Auxiliary Nurses with EMT education
- 12% of all ambulance staff are registered Nurses
- Education in ambulance care for Specialist Nurses starts at one Nursing School



Sweden 1996 – Bachelor study



• "Empowerment in the prehospital environment – responsibility, scope, methods and monitoring"



Sweden 1997 to 1998 – Nurse Anesthetist





- Nurse Anaesthetist –independently induces, maintains and concludes general anaesthesia, with some support from the anaesthesiologist.
- Nurse Anaesthetists work in several countries, including Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the United States and Switzerland
- Workplace for a Nurse Anaesthetist is usually a surgical ward, but also on pre- and post- surgical wards, wards for treatment of pain, accident and emergency departments, prehospital care, accident and disaster sites, international humanitarian aid organisations, United Nations projects, or elsewhere
- 50% in an operating theatre and 50% in RRV to support ambulances
- National Board of Health and Welfare put in time limitation to 2005 in delegating use of drugs to non-registered staff
- 17% of all ambulance staff are registered Nurses
- First government approved education to become Specialist Nurse in Ambulance Care starts



Sweden 1999 to 2004 – RRVs with Nurse Anesthetist or Doctors



- RRV to support ambulances in the transition period for Nurses
- In 2001 32% of all ambulance staff are registered Nurses



Sweden 2005 – Master Study

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The future role of nurse anaesthetists in Swedish prehospital emergency care

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Scand J Trauma Resusc Emerg Med 2005; 13; 25-30

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RRV with Nurse Anaesthetists are replaced by Doctors or terminated

• More than 50% of all ambulance staff are registered Nurses



- Evaluation has shown that the decision base for the introduction of Prehospital Doctor's cars were shortcomings in the description of the quality-enhancing effects that could be expected.
- These shortcomings have both impeded communication regarding what benefits would come out of the service and additionally made it difficult to assess or measure whether the desired effects are actually achieved



- Bringing doctors' competences into the prehospital environment is not an automatic guarantee of increased quality
- If the doctors' resource is not used sufficiently, it is by definition not cost-effective; the reasons for this lack of use are various, generally it is an overestimation of the need in relation to the basic tasks defined or the inability or unwillingness to exploit the added resource properly
- A necessary step in the continuing work to develop the pre-hospital emergency care must be to conduct a medical evaluation with a focus on the benefits of pre-hospital doctor's assistance on site.
 - What measures are taken that would not have been taken unless these doctors assistance has been in place?
 - Will care and medical outcomes be better (higher survival rate, better quality of life) by doctors support at the incident site?
- This evaluation should be instituted, particularly from a credibility standpoint, but also in view of the massive criticisms from the ambulance service.
- ... but there was no further medical evaluations done since it was considered to be obvious to terminate existing Doctors Cars.
- * Evaluation made by Region Scania, June 2007



Sweden 2013 – variations in competence*

- Eight Counties require as a minimum one specialist nurse in each ambulance. Most of these eight Counties demand that specialist training should be focused on Ambulance or Emergency Care such as Anaesthesia and Intensive Care
- The remaining thirteen Counties think it is enough with the stated fundamental requirements of the National Board of Health and Welfare, namely that each ambulance must be staffed with at least a basic trained Registered Nurse
- In addition to the requirements of formal education setting, ten Counties require that all personnel in the ambulance should have previous experience in Emergency Care, while four Counties require that at least one staff in the ambulance has this experience
- The remaining seven Counties make no requirement that staff have previous experience in emergency care; however, it is seen as an advantage

* *Central government activities in ambulance services*, SWEDISH NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE (RiR 2012:20)





Sweden 2013 – Fire Service act as RRV

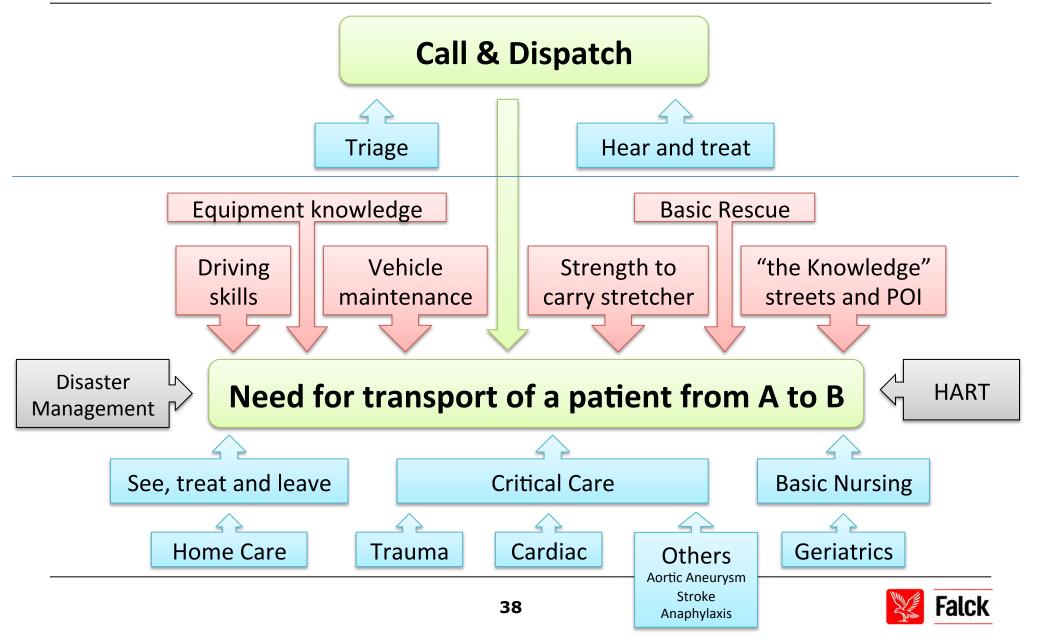




- More than 70% of all ambulance staff are registered Nurses but nobody knows the proportion of Ambulance Specialist Nurses
- Back to where everything started. Nurses do all kind of call outs from High Dependency to A&E and Fire-fighters act as First Responders due to heavy workload on ordinary ambulances
- Many ambulances are double-crewed with Nurses
- No regulation for education in Blue-light driving
- No regulation for Specialist Education in Ambulance Care for Nurses working in ambulances. Only recommendation.



Summary - Needs and expectations of modern Emergency Medical Service



Thank you for your attention!



ANY QUESTIONS?

