

Swedish trainee program in obstetrics and gynaecology:

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http://www.sos.se/sosfs/2008_17/2008_17.pdf

<http://www.socialstyrelsen.se/NR/rdonlyres/248C367A-6C33-4D42-9EF6-406DE5C2FD6C/0/stmalobestetrik.pdf>

The Swedish government orderd in 2005 The National Board of Health and Wellfare (Socialstyrelsen) to update and rewrite the specialication programes for trainee doctors in all specialities. Although applicable since July 1st 2006, the work is very much still in progress.

The training changes from beeing defined by a check-list with set numbers of procedures and set time spent at certain clinics, to beeing defined by goals. A clearer goal of knowledge and more thurrough documentation is thaught to give a safer education. The new regulations you'll find at the website on top, still only in Swedish. The twelve new goals and preliminary overview trainee manual you'll find on the second website. Three goals of communications, leadership and medical science and development are the same for all specialities. The individual speciality medical competency goals, the "check-list" in detail is still in discussion and in writing. A certain competence level has to be achieved, depending on the character of the procedure. For the procedures in the check-list, no set number to perform will be given. The check-list will be competence driven rather than merely a quantitative list of procedures performed during the time of training.

What courses will be mandatory and how the examination will take place are also under debate, but clear is that training in simulated/computerised environments before treating patients will be compulsory, as well as evaluation of teaching clinics by external sources.

The duration of the trainee program have changed to in total a minimum of 4,5 years, providing you have a previous approved sientific work fullfilled, if not, a minimum of 5 years. Like before you have special rules for teaching and guidance, but now stricter, for example the mentor of a trainee need to bee mentor-trained.

An update will follow when the guidelines are completely set. If questions, please contact malin.strand@nll.se

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