

Nordic Network (NordicPEDMED*)

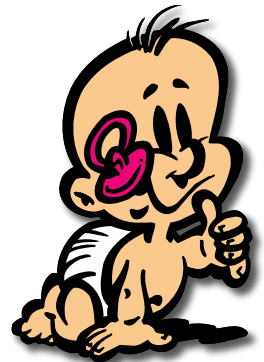
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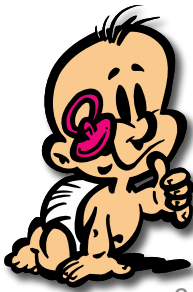
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*NORDIC investigators network for PEDiatric MEDicines



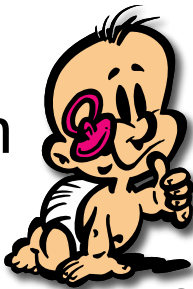
Nordic countries have many similarities

- Similar high living and educational standards
- Well-functioning public health-care systems
- Nationwide registries
- Positive public opinions for clinical research
- Patient's high compliance in trials
- Tradition of high-level expertise
- High technology and easy communication



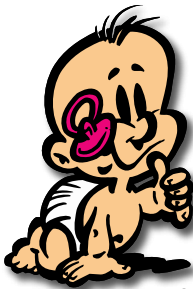
Nordic collaboration – Nordic Network

- To make practical paediatric clinical trials easier, faster and more effective in the Nordic area
- To improve possibilities for the Nordic area to take part in new European paediatric clinical trials
 - To meet the increased requirements
 - Paediatric Regulation, Research Directives (EC)
 - European network (Enpr-EMA)
- To ensure an extensive recruiting basis for trials
 - Due to a small population and many rare diseases in children, clinical trials are often multicentre and even multinational studies



NordicPEDMED a solution serving children, investigators and industry

- For sick children, the networks can offer an upfront opportunity to receive new promising medicines in a safe and controlled way in the clinical trials
- Sponsored and academic research can benefit from a larger recruitment potential (5.4 million children) and coordinated expertise of a high-quality collaborative Nordic network
- Benefits of Nordic collaboration already demonstrated in disease-specific networks like the Nordic Society of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology (NOPHO) network, which has been successfully running collaborative multicentre paediatric clinical trials for years
- Pharmaceutical industry organised in Nordic/North-European units and not country wise



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Nordic Trial Alliance

The purpose of the Nordic Trial Alliance (NTA) is to make it easier to carry out clinical research in the Nordic countries.

The overall aim of NTA is to enhance Nordic cooperation on clinical multi-centre trials.

Increased Nordic cooperation on clinical research will lead to a rise in the number of joint clinical trials and thus boost the attractiveness of the Nordic countries as partners in research. Such activities will also promote knowledge transfer as well as increased efficiency and research output.

The Nordic Trial Alliance is based on established national networks for clinical research, and will lay the foundation for increased collaboration between national and Nordic stakeholders.

The Nordic Trial Alliance (NTA) is a three-year pilot project funded by the [Nordic Council of Ministers](#) and [NordForsk](#).

For Patients

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The Nordic Trial Alliance (NTA) is a three-year pilot project running from 2013 to 2015, funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers and NordForsk.

News

[Report from NORDIC investigators network for PEDiatric MEDicines May 19, 2015](#)
[Spotlight on Nordic Collaboration between Industry and Academia Apr 30, 2015](#)
[Final report on Transparency and Registration in Clinical Research in the Nordic countries published Apr 09, 2015](#)
[NTA Stakeholders Meeting 2015 held in Helsinki Feb 13, 2015](#)
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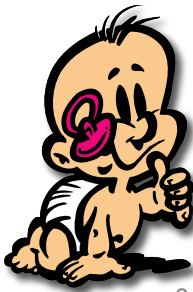
Events

- [Sep 09, 2015 - Sep 10, 2015 — Stockholm Nordic Life Science days 2015](#)

[Upcoming events...](#)

NTA Call 2013

- In order to engage a broad spectrum of involved parties and stakeholders into the collaborative Nordic work, NTA has identified 8 areas (Work Packages) where there is an immediate need for further development
- NTA Launched a call for applications ending September 2013
- WP9 - Work package on establishing a Nordic network for clinical trials in children



Project: NORDICPEDMED feasibility plan

- Proposal was approved by NTA 20.12.2013
 - Proposing countries: Finland, Norway, Sweden
- Funding received 249 800 NOK = 29 596,78€
- Project time March 2014 - March 2015
 - Iceland and Denmark joined in 2014
- Report on feasibility of establishing a Nordic Investigators Network for Pediatric Medicines submitted 7.4.2015
- Proposal for establishment and operation of a Nordic Investigators Network for Pediatric Medicines by 30.6.2015



Country	Year	Name	Current status
Finland	2007	FINPEDMED	• Personnel: 1 Executive Secretary (0,8 FTE) • Members: 157 investigators (experts), 5 University Hospitals and 13 Other units • Clinical trial proposals 2007-> 31.3.2015: 140 • Consultations/expert advise 2007->31.3.2015: 40 • Both academic and industry initiated studies
Norway	2013	NorPedMed	• Personnel: 12 part-time employed (3.7 FTE) • Units at all pediatric departments; total 20 • Clinical trials proposed or conducted: Total 30 • Both academic and industry initiated studies
Sweden	2014	"Swedish network"	• Interested individuals list established • Interim board established, as Swedish Pediatric Society's subcommittee; <i>Intresseförening för Barn och Läkemedel</i> • Permanent Board to be constituted in spring 2015
Iceland	2014	<u>IcePedMed</u>	• Children's Hospital Iceland (only centre in Iceland)
Denmark	2014	"Danish network"	• Representatives from the different regions identified • Interim board established with members of the Danish Pediatric Society and The Department of Clinical Pharmacology Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen. • First meeting January 2015

Next steps

At National level:

- Denmark
 - Finding right approach to establish the National Network
- Sweden, Iceland
 - Planning, securing funding and setting-up National Network
- Finland, Norway
 - Further development of National Networks

At Nordic level:

- Nordic Network activities to be set-up parallel to National ones
- Making use of existing FINPEDMED IT-infrastructure possible
- National contact points and a Nordic steering group a requirement
- Funding for NordicPEDMED activities needs to be secured

