



## Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Fia Westerholm**

Work experience

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Start date: March 2025

End date: present

Position held: Head of Unit, Regulation of veterinary medicines

Employer's name: Finnish Medicines Agency (Fimea)

Country of employment: Finland

Main activities: Veterinary medicines, projects

Start date: April 2022

End date: February 2025 (unpaid leave March 2025-)

Position held: Change Management Specialist, Lead Data Officer

Employer's name: European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Country of employment: The Netherlands

Main activities: Data governance, AI regulation, projects

Start date: May 2018

End date: April 2022

Position held: Program Assurance Manager, Change Management Expert

Employer's name: European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Country of employment: The Netherlands

Main activities: Data analytics, change management

Start date: January 2017

End date: April 2018

Position held: Head of Division (Acting), Veterinary Medicines

Employer's name: European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Country of employment: UK

Main activities: Strategic resource and activity management, stakeholder engagement

Start date: March 2016

End date: January 2017

Position held: Head of Department, Veterinary Medicines Department

Employer's name: European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Country of employment: UK

Main activities: Resource and activity management, strategic planning, stakeholder engagement

Start date: January 2013

End date: March 2016

Position held: Head of Service, Development and Evaluation of Veterinary Medicines  
Employer's name: European Medicines Agency (EMA)  
Country of employment: UK  
Main activities: Resource and activity management, stakeholder engagement

Start date: November 2010  
End date: October 2011  
Position held: Veterinary Officer  
Employer's name: Finnish Medicines Agency (Fimea)  
Country of employment: Finland  
Main activities: VMP application assessment

Start date: October 2005  
End date: January 2013 (unpaid leave November 2010-October 2011)  
Position held: Scientific Administrator, CVMP General Secretary  
Employer's name: European Medicines Agency (EMA)  
Country of employment: UK  
Main activities: Committee secretariat, pharmacovigilance, stakeholder engagement

Start date: January 1999  
End date: September 2005  
Position held: Clinical Program leader / Research Manager  
Employer's name: Orion Corporation Orion Pharma Animal Health  
Country of employment: Finland  
Main activities: R&D. Development of veterinary medicinal products  
Pharmacovigilance

Start date: June 1997  
End date: December 1998  
Position held: Veterinarian  
Employer's name: National Agency for Medicines  
Country of employment: Finland  
Main activities: Assessment of veterinary medicinal products;  
Pharmacovigilance

Start date: 1995  
End date: 1996  
Position held: 1-6 month locums: Veterinary surgeon, veterinary officer

1. Pract. Veterinarian, Pet-Vet Veterinary Clinic, Finland
2. Veterinary officer, Food Hygiene, National Veterinary and Food Research Institute, Finland
3. Office veterinarian, Finnish Veterinary Association, Finland
4. Lecturer, Helsinki University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene
5. Municipal veterinary officer, Head of Food Laboratory, Mikkeli food and environmental laboratory, Finland

## Education and training

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Start date: September 2014  
End date: September 2018  
Degree or qualification: MSc Social Sciences, Public Administration (Politics magister)  
Institution: Åbo Akademi University  
Country: Finland  
Subjects/skills covered: Leadership in public administration

Start date: October 1996

End date: June 1997  
Degree or qualification: 60 credits of MSc program in toxicology  
Institution: Karolinska Research Institute  
Country: Sweden  
Subjects/skills covered: Toxicology, biomedical sciences

Start date: September 1989  
End date: June 1995  
Degree or qualification: Licentiate in Veterinary Medicine (DVM)  
Institution: College of Veterinary Medicine  
Country: Finland  
Subjects/skills covered: Veterinary medicine, food hygiene

Certificate RIPA International Leadership Development June 2014  
Certificate Change Management Practitioner October 2018

**Degree in Leadership in Public Administration (part of MSc) September 2018**

## Additional information

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### Publications

Evaluation of the clinical efficacy and safety of intramuscular and intravenous doses of dexmedetomidine and medetomidine in dogs and their reversal with atipamezole: [Granhölm M](#), [McKusick BC](#), [Westerholm FC](#), [Aspegren JC](#) in : Vet Rec. 2007 Jun 30;160(26):891-7

Clinical efficacy and safety of dexmedetomidine and buprenorphine, butorphanol or diazepam for canine hip radiography: Leppanen MK, McKusick BC, Granhölm MM, Westerholm FC, Tulamo R, Short CE in J Small Anim Pract. 2006 Nov;47(11):663-9

Evaluation of the clinical efficacy and safety of dexmedetomidine or medetomidine in cats and their reversal with atipamezole: Granhölm M, McKusick BC, Westerholm FC, Aspegren JC in Vet Anaesth Analg. 2006 Jul;33(4):214-23.

Effects of exercise-induced stress and dexamethasone on plasma hormone and glucose concentrations and sedation in dogs treated with dexmedetomidine: Raekallio MR, Kuusela EK, Lehtinen ME, Tykkyläinen MK, Huttunen P, Westerholm FC in Am J Vet Res. 2005 Feb;66(2):260-5.

Fodersammansättningens inverkan på tunntarmsslemhinnan, fettabsorptionen och avföringens enzymaktivitet hos hundar med exokrin pankreasinsufficiens. Licentiate paper. Westerholm, Fia; Helsingin yliopisto, Eläinlääketieteellinen tiedekunta, 1995

Levosimendan for use in treating Chronic Valvular Disease (CVD). Patent. World Intellectual Property Organization 24.07.2008 Patents A61K 31/50 (2006.01), A61P 9/00 (2006.01), A61P 9/04 (2006.01)Pub. No.: WO/2008/087248 <http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/wo.jsp?WO=2008087248> Westerholm Fia, Levijoki Jouko, Hamalainen Mira, Leppanen Minna (Inventors) (N.B. not beneficiary)

### Projects

EMA/HMA Clinical Trials Information System development project 2018-2022: change management

### Memberships

Fellowship at FDA's Center of Veterinary Medicines, 14 – 25 September 2015

Member of the Finnish Veterinary Association

### Other Relevant Information