

Summary of educational courses during residency in the Nordic countries.

Finland: Two full days of education each year of residency (in association with the annual meetings of the national society). Board examination will take place, and doctors must pass before they can become specialists. 60 hours of education is needed, and additional to the national courses also participation in EADV courses etc. may count. There is no rule that courses cannot be sponsored by the industry.

Denmark: Twelve 3-day courses over 2 years are mandatory, paid by the National Health Board. No sponsorships are allowed. 3 day courses 6 weeks every year (total 12 mandatory courses)

Norway: 5 mandatory courses, 1-2 days. Supplied by other educational sessions, (like EADV etc.). No board examination. No sponsors.

Sweden: Most courses are 5 days, dermatopathology is only 3 days (unsponsored). No board examinations.

Iceland: Icelandic residents do their specialization in dermatology abroad. A total of 18 dermatologists educated in the Nordic countries, a few from US and one from Holland. If you are a specialist from one of the Nordic countries you are accepted in Iceland.

Courses:

The very successful surgery-course, started in 2014, and to be repeated in 2015 was discussed, and the committee greatly appreciate the initiative and energy put into this course.

Proposals for future courses:

Dermoscopy course
Pediatric dermatology
Psychodermatology

Other proposals:

PDT (basics, hands on, latest research)
Dermopathology (basic level)

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