

# Establishing an active working group

for pharmacists working within  
paediatric oncology and haematology  
in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark

## What was done?

A working group (WG) for pharmacists was established within the Nordic Society of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology (NOPHO) in 2015.

NOPHO was founded in early 1980's with the goal to increase survival rate of pediatric cancer patients. There are 22 centers: 4 in Denmark, 5 in Finland, 1 in Iceland, 5 in Norway and 7 in Sweden.

## Why was it done?

Need for pharmaceutical expertise within the field

In most centers it is not feasible to have more than one pharmacist

Collaboration and discussion between centers and countries was expected to be necessary and useful

NOPHO Pharmacol WG was in need of pharmaceutical knowledge to help its work



## Aim

- **To share knowledge and experience**
- **To improve medication and patient safety**
- To provide collegial support and help
- To make pharmacists and their work more visible and recognized

## How does it work?

- Monthly Skype-meetings
- 1- or 2-day meetings twice a year
- Online sharing of documents
- Tasks from NOPHO Pharmacol WG
- Address current problems in NOPHO centers

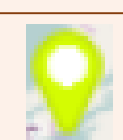
## What has been achieved?

- ✓ Exchange of knowledge and experience almost on weekly basis
- ✓ Guideline for extravasation of cytotoxics was published in Dec 16
- ✓ Shared stability data has led to cost savings
- ✓ Shared knowledge of procedures and operations models has helped planning new hospitals and their facilities



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Centers with Pharmacist WG members

