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Integration of academia with clinical ophthalmology at the Swedish university hospital

ABSTRACT

The mission of the university hospital is to provide tertiary healthcare, higher education, and conduct research. Physicians belong to one of the professions that have the ability to perform these three duties in an integrated fashion. For the individual physician, the integration of clinical, educational and scientific activities poses a great challenge, and it is thus important for the university hospital to provide viable career paths so that all three tasks can be conducted successfully.

The clinical career path up to the level of specialization is strictly regulated in Sweden by the The National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen). However, the corresponding academic path varies between the different regions and universities.

Clinicians with active research and educational activities are in great demand. One vision of the Swedish system is to create professional positions where clinical competence at the tertiary level still is in focus but, with the addition of continuous research and educational activity.

The aim of the current project is to identify and present current academic career paths for the clinical ophthalmologist at Swedish university hospitals.