


Criteria/Country	Denmark 	Finland 	Germany 	Lithuania 	Norway 	Poland 	Sweden 
<u>Demographics:</u> Squares No. of populaton in million Population per square km Local special focus	43 000 km ² 5.38 125 85% of population in towns.	305 000 km ² 5.2 17	357 000 km ² 82.5 230 Complex health care system federal/regional, corporal	65 300 km ² 3.7 53 68% of the population live in urban areas	386 958 km ² 4.53 11.7	322 500 km ² 38.2 122	449 964 km ² 9.0 22
<u>Health Care System</u>	Mainly public task financed through traxes, 2 sectors, primary and hospital where-by general practitioners act as gate keepers, free and equal access to most health services, free choice.	Mainly public task financed through taxes. Total health expenditure comprised about 8% of the GDP.	Mainly public task financed through taxes. Newly introduced private part also for legal health insurance members. Free access to most health services.	Mainly public task and plan to partially privatize primary care.	Mainly public task financed through taxes, 2 levels primary care and hospitals, small part of private specialists. For primary care and consultations you pay a small fee. Hospital stay free.	Mainly public task.	Mainly public task.
<u>Health Care Organisation</u>	273 local authorities, 14 counties and the State.	21 different health care districts with university and central hospitals. Primary health care in the municipalities.	2 levels: 1. State (federal level, regional level with 16 federal States) and 2. corporal level (e.g. health insurance companies).	State and its 10 regional branches.	The municipalities have the responsibility for primary care through 5 health regions the state is responsible for the hospitals and specialised care.	National Health Fund and 16 regional branches.	Each county council has the overall responsibility for the health of the population in its area.
<u>Health Care Insurance System</u>	Public Health Care Scheme, you have to choose between Group 1 and Group 2 insurances.	Public Health Care Scheme.	300 legal health insurance companies with 72 million members and 52 private health insurance companies with 7.1 million fullinsured persons.	Compulsory health insurance for all permanent residents.	Public health care theme.	One National Health Fund and its 16 regional branches.	County council is responsible for health care; social welfare to disabled and elderly individuals belong to the task of local municipalities.
<u>Number of general practitioners, dentists and hospitals</u>	3,400 general practitioners with 1,600 patients per practitioner, 2,700 dentists.	5 university, 16 central hospitals and around 265 municipal health centre hospitals 3.2 doctors/1000 population and 21.7 registered nurses/1000 population	In Schleswig-Holstein: 89 hospitals (28 in free-non-profit, 25 in public and 36 in more private sponsorship), 53 precaution and rehabilitation hospitals.	1,500 general practitioners with 2,300 patients per practitioner.	2,880 general practitioners 5,218 dentists, 35 medical trust (hospitals).	Poland/Pomorian Region: medical doctors: 122,500 / 7,500 dentists: 32,600 / 2,200 hospitals: 767 / 27	Skane: 1,000 general practitioners with 1,500-2,000 patients per p., 50% of families have a family doctor (free choice), 500 dentists, 10 hospitals.
<u>Communication between different professionals concerning the single patient</u>	MedCom health care communication network.	In 2003 the EHR was used in primary care (94%), in private sector (82%) and in specialised medical care hospitals (85%). Nation-wide EHR will be introduced by the end of 2007.	MediCom Net Flensburg, the network blood and the radiology network.	Communication is mainly paper based.	Norsk Helsenett as a provider of a communication pathway. Exchange of laboratory results between hospitals and GP electronically. Otherwise mostly paper based. Pilots for electronic exchange of infor.	Communication is mainly paper based.	Own national network, telemedicine projects between counties and counties municipalities, Carelink (communication, e-lak, e-mail, e-learning, and more like Görel).
<u>Main Realised Telemedicine Activities</u>	Electronic patient registers are widely spread over hospitals, hospital networks, digital x-rays, videoconferences, teledermathodogy and more like PatoBank.	Telecardiology, ITSE-project, Electronic Health Records, digital X-rays, videoconferences, eNurse, administrative systems	Electronic patient document of identification „eHealth card Schleswig-Holstein“, Telemedicine supply of coronal patients (TSGZ), Teleradiological supply of an island region.	Project Litmed 1: infrastructure for telemedicine, ProjectLitmed 2: telepathology, Baltic Medweb, Baltic eHealth, Electronic Patient Register, Internet Patient Card, E-booking, Cardiology.	Electronic patient registers are widely spread over hospitals, hospital networks, digital x-rays, videoconferences, teledermathodology and more like PatoBank.		Patient administrative System (PASIS), radiology administrative system, medical record, x-ray, surgery planning.
<u>International cooperation on patient basis</u>			Exclusively 5 hospitals of Schleswig-Holstein have treated by now more than 1,200 Norwegian patients through the patient bridge Norway.	Common Swedish-Lithuanian networking for 2nd opinion, distance education, information exchange, creation of common databases; dermanet Swiss corporation			