

**The Swedish society of rural medicine** was founded in 2002. Its primary task is to develop healthcare in rural areas of Sweden. The society is open for all medical personnel with interest in the field of rural medicine.

The society will support and develop education of medical students in the field of rural medicine both during basic and postgraduate education.

In the fall of 2005 we were accepted as a member of the “Swedish society of medicine”.

The Swedish society of rural medicine is arranging a yearly conference. In 2009 it was held in Hemavan, Västerbotten. Alongside a scientific program there was foreign input from Scotland and Norway on topics of rural medicine, which was much appreciated. Discussions were held on the oncoming healthcare change in Sweden for 2010 regarding the effects on rural healthcare service.

The Swedish society of rural medicine has an ambition to develop contacts with other societies of rural medicine in the world either alone or through the EURIPA organisation.

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