



Norsk Dagkirurgisk Forum
NORDAF

The Norwegian Association of Ambulatory Surgery (NORDAF) is a lively organization with about 229 paying members. The board is active and committed. We meet 3 times per year and participate in meetings promoting day surgery in hospitals around the country.

Our organization has its own Facebook account with 655 followers, a web site: www.nordaf.no, and a newsletter in paper (Dagkirurgisk Forum), that we send to all our members twice a year.

Our annual meeting is in January every year, and this year we had 309 participants and 25 exhibitor companies. The meeting got “all time high” evaluation score.

Our annual meeting is always divided in 3 main sessions:

1. Political session
2. New trends and development
3. “When something (almost) goes wrong”

This year, at our annual winter meeting we had the pleasure of having Carlos Manuel Vieira Magalhaes, president of the Portuguese Day Surgery Association, Hospital Santo Antonio/ Instituto Cuf Porto, and the host of this year 13th International Congress of Ambulatory Surgery in Porto, as our international lecturer.

In the political session, we had the secretary of health Anne-Grethe Erlandsen, how concluded that NORDAF is working for what our

government wants us to do – more ambulatory surgery. This together with the change in our DRG-refund system we experienced last year, benefitting procedures done as day surgery, shows us we have good reason to believe that Ambulatory surgery can increase over the next years to come.

We are in close contact with our neighboring countries ambulatory associations. Members of both the Swedish and Danish association joined our annual meeting, and Norwegian board members were present at both the Danish Annual meeting and the Swedish Annual Meeting in May.

Our president, Mariann Aaland participated in a TNT course/ workshop i Beograd, Serbia this year, and is now in at the final of a 5 years long project in Moldova as a representative of NORDAF as well as representing the Department of Health.

The day surgery concept is doing quite well in Norway, but we still see variations between the different hospitals.

We have national tools, providing us with data comparing the population’s consumption of health services in different geographic areas – it reports on 12 different day surgery procedures, www.helseatlas.no.

In addition to this, there is another national web site:

<https://www.helsedirektoratet.no/statistikk/statistikk/samdata-spesialisthelsetjenesten/bruk-av-tjenester-i-somatikken>

which is an analysis and a managing tool, considering method and variation in the service given.

This makes different practice from one hospital to another transparent, and useful in benchmarking national standards. Both sites are retrospective reports.