ECT Regulation and Quality Register

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Guidelines

- Currently no Swedish guidelines
- Pia Nordanskog et al at work on behalf of the Swedish Psychiatric Association



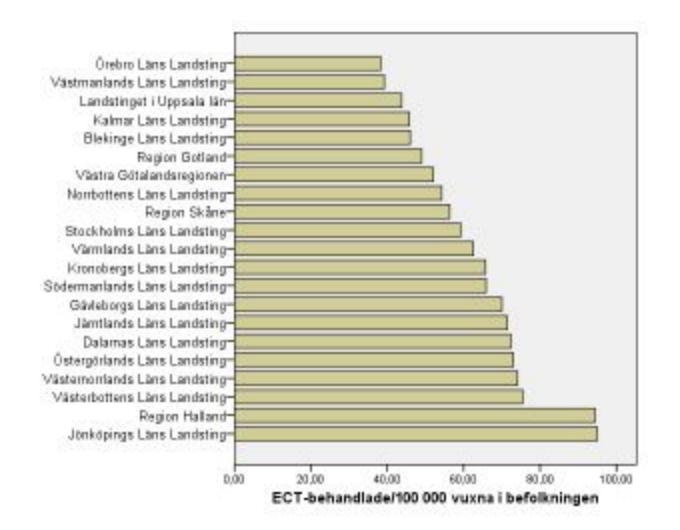


ECT in Sweden

- 4600 patients 2011
- 58 hospitals provide ECT











Information and consent

- Information regarding treatment alternatives
- Patient-doctor consultation
- No formal consent procedure
- If the patient does not resist treatment is accepted





Involuntary hospitalisation

- 1) A "serious mental disorder" usually a psychosis or melancholic depression
- 2) hospitalisation unavoidable
- 3) refuses or unable to form a well-grounded decision
- Physician 24 h
- Psychiatrist confirms 4 weeks
- Thereafter by court decision 4/6 months at a time





ECT during involuntary care

- During involuntary hospitalisation
- the treating psychiatrist can prescribe ECT
- independent of the patients desires
- independent of suicide risk





Patient register

- National Board of Health and Welfare
- mandatory
- Personal identity number, hospital-stay, diagnoses, interventions including ECT
- Quality register ECT
- non mandatory





Regulations

• 1) Systematic quality assurance and development (HSL § 31)

2) Finance, plan and conduct research (HSL § 26b)





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Quality register ECT

- quality assurance and development
- research
- Personal identity number
- indication
- symptoms
- treatment parameters
- effects
- complications and side effects





Quality register ECT

- Regional organisation 6 health care regions 10 hospitals each
- Lars von Knorring, director
- Tonny Andersén, North
- Niclas Bengtsson, North
- Martin Hultén, South
- Mikael Landén, West
- Johan Lundberg, Stockholm
- Pia Nordanskog, South east
- Axel Nordenskjöld, Middle (Uppsala-Örebro)
- Aki Johansson, neuropsychology,
- Ralf Ansjön, anesthesiology





Quality register ECT

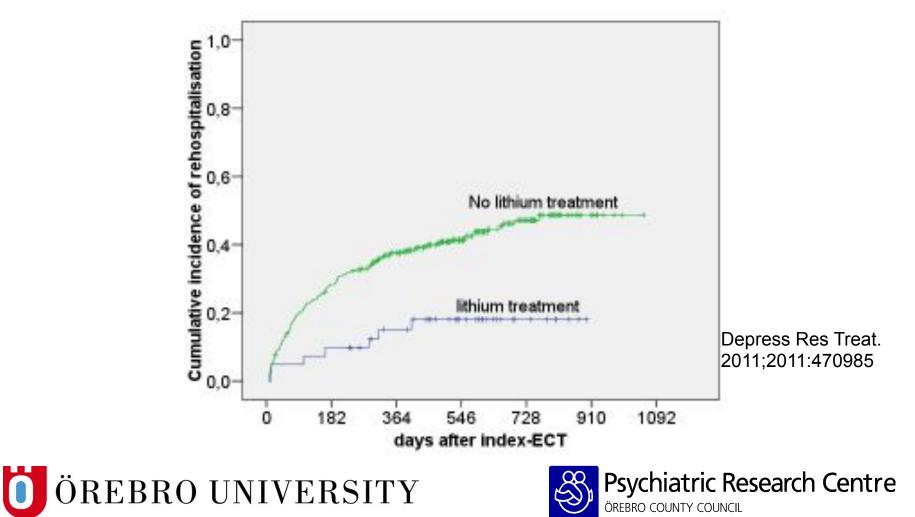
- Information
- Consent not necessary
- Opt-out
- 55 out of 58 hospitals, few patients opt-out





Register linkage

Quality register, medication register and hospital discharge



PREdiction For ECT (PREFECT)

- Genetic determinants for treatment effects
- Patients included in Quality register ECT will be contacted
- Written consent
- Blood is collected
- GWAS
- Information in linked national registers
- 5000 patients
- 2012 December to 2017



