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INTRODUCTION

Sweden is a small country often associated with terms like "quality" and "safety". This could be illustrated by several practical examples, as the leading safety principles constructing cars and by the fact that the very first national register to count surgical results in a nation wide database was created by Pr Peter Herberts in Gothenburg in 1979 ("The national hip replacement register"). Today the national quality registers in different surgical specialties are spread worldwide. In addition, Sweden has established a so called "Zero Vision" for lethal traffic accidents.

In health care systems all over the world the question of patient's safety is frequently addressed, and some hospitals have implemented quality systems like the ISO 9000. A new law concerning Patient's Safety was established in Sweden on the 1st of January 2011. However, despite all the efforts paid in this area, the questions about surgical skills are seldom mentioned when discussing patient's safety or ISO 9000 labelling. The need for structured learning in surgery, keeping the patient's safety in mind - as well as the surgeon's feeling of security entering the surgical profession - is probably one of the most actual questions in modern surgery. In our time the practical training is no longer time-based but competency based, and efficient stepwise training systems with in-built control functions are mandatory to form new skilled surgeons replacing the retiring generation.

The **1st World Congress on Surgical Training** is addressing these questions, gathering several key opinion leaders in surgery from different specialties all over the world. In addition the questions about the collaboration between universities, hospitals and surgical instrument companies concerning surgical training is also included in the program.

The intended target audience is a mixture of people dealing with these questions in their daily work, being surgeon's in practice, surgical teachers, residents in surgical training and decision makers of educational programs in surgery - or surgical course creators in surgical instrument companies.

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