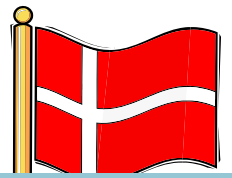


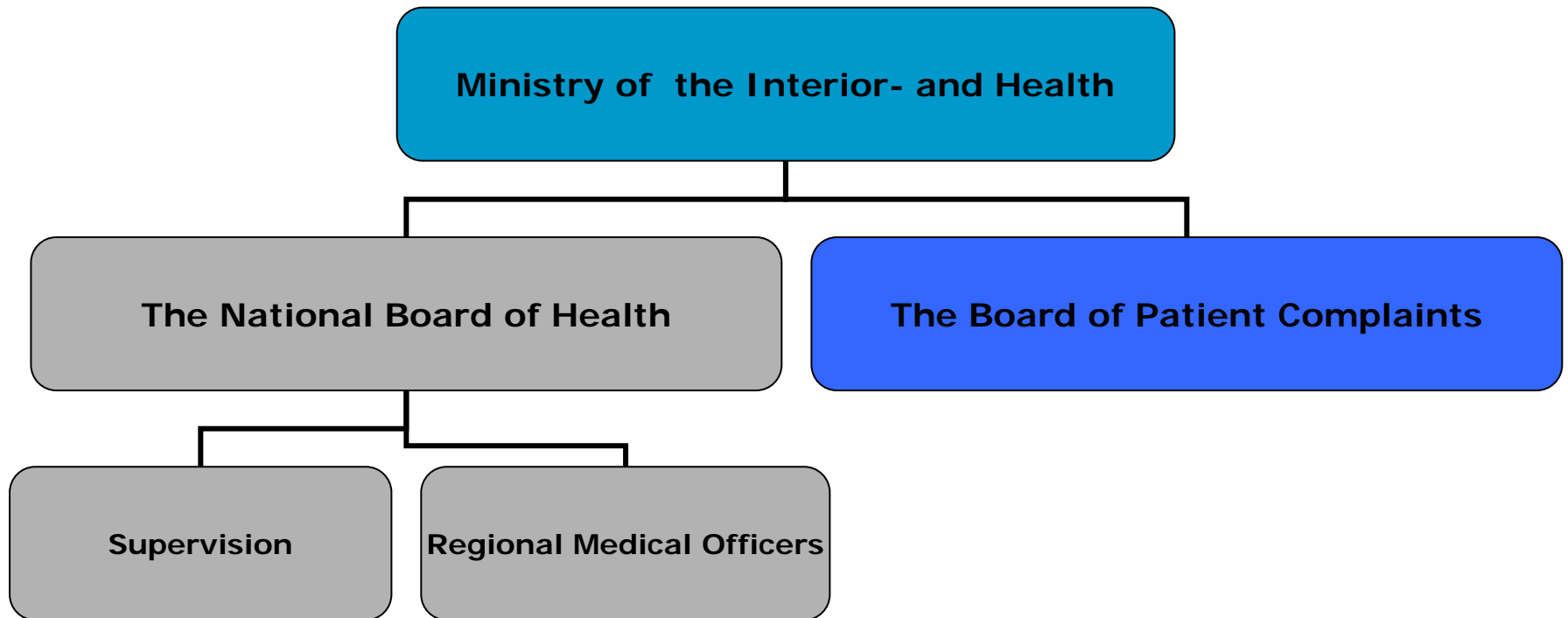


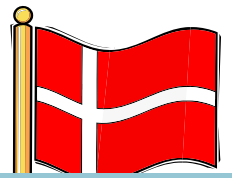
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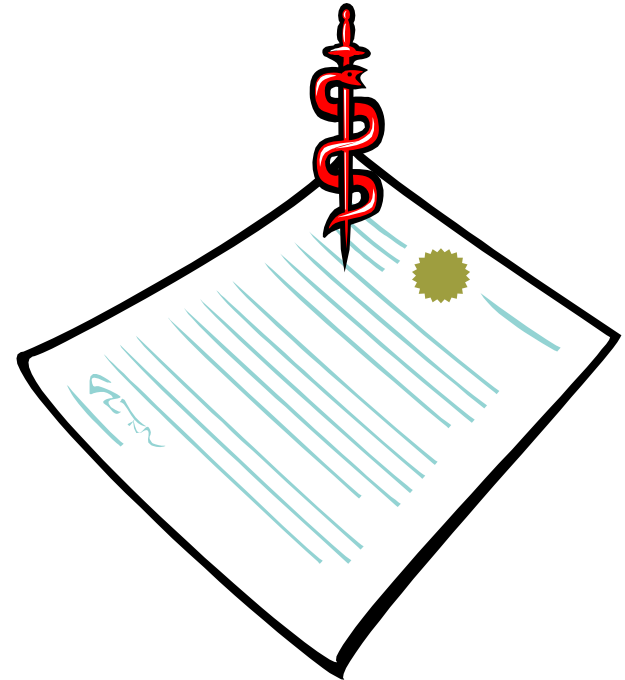
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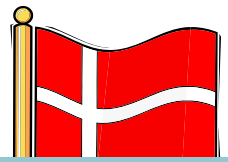




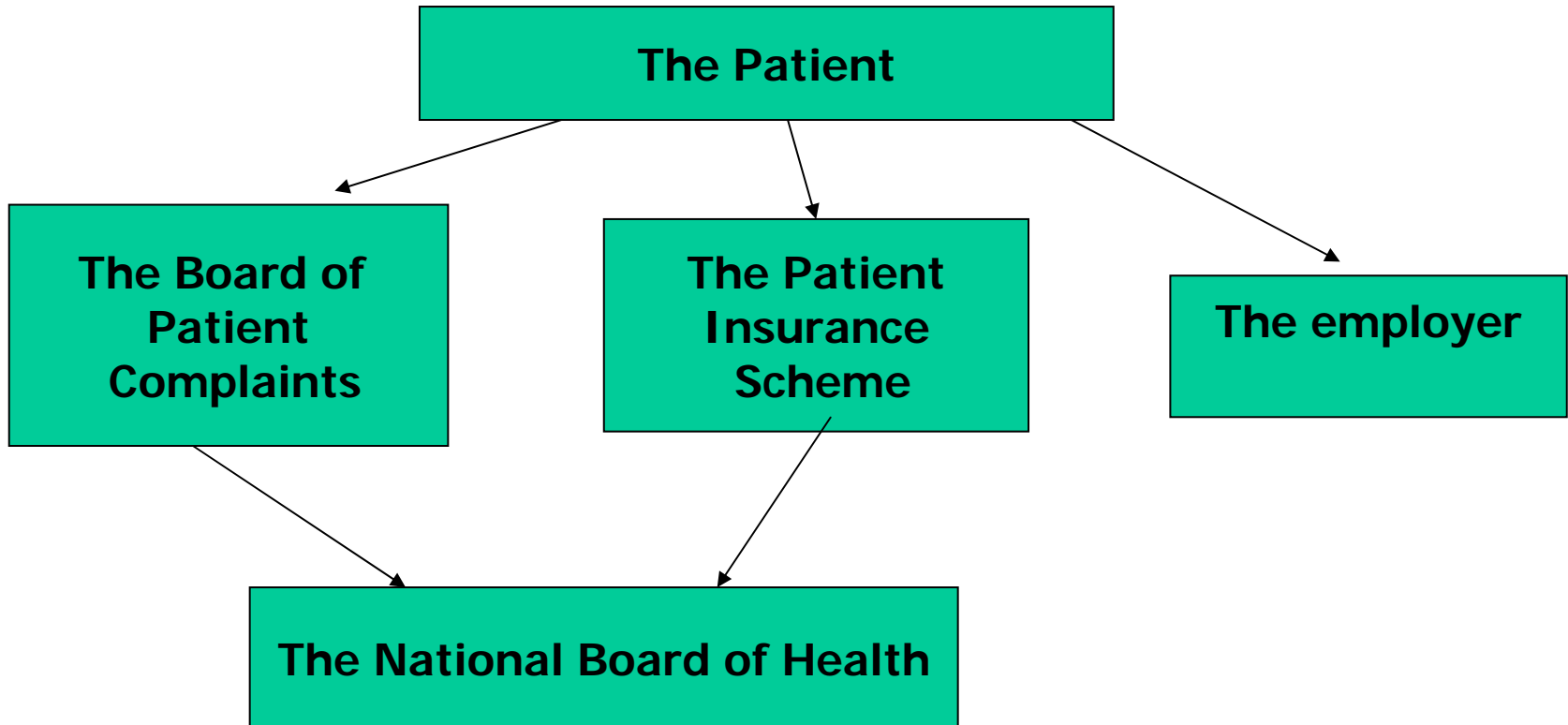
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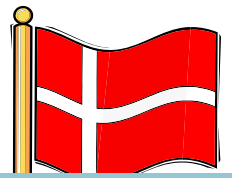
- Surveillance
- Counseling
- Supervision





The legal protection of the patient

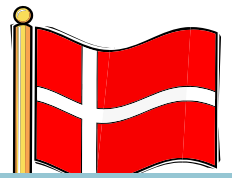




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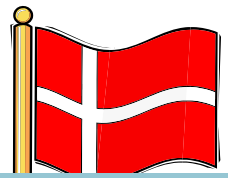
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- **Act on authorization of health care and on professional health care practice**

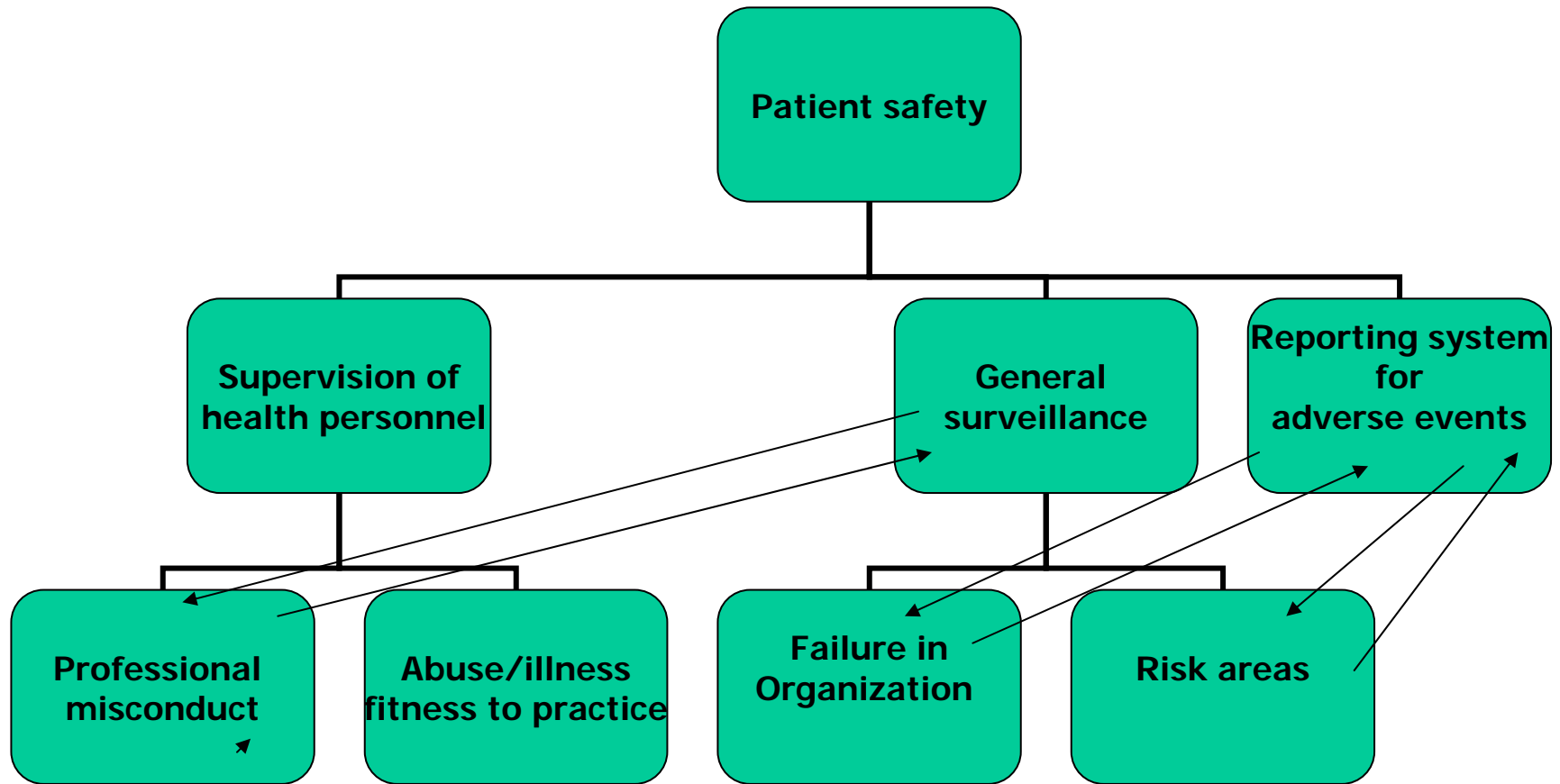


Highlights

- Acute limiting of the license, in case of danger for patient safety
- Regulation of cosmetic treatment and registration of all doctors performing cosmetic treatments
- Limited license at the at the age of 75

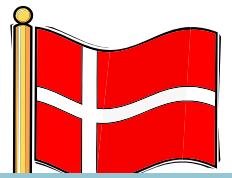


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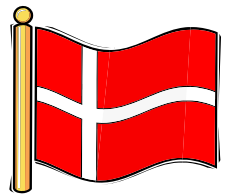
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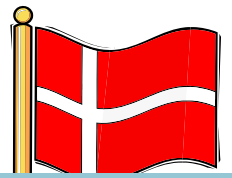
Target areas

- Identification and management of the professional misconduct
- Identify risk areas



Focus

- Prevention
 - Guidelines
 - Professional regulations
- Organization
 - Recommendations of change
- Risk personnel
 - Pursuit of persons with repeated deficient professional performance



Supervision of health personnel

- Personal inability to practice (fitness to practice)
- Deficient professional performance

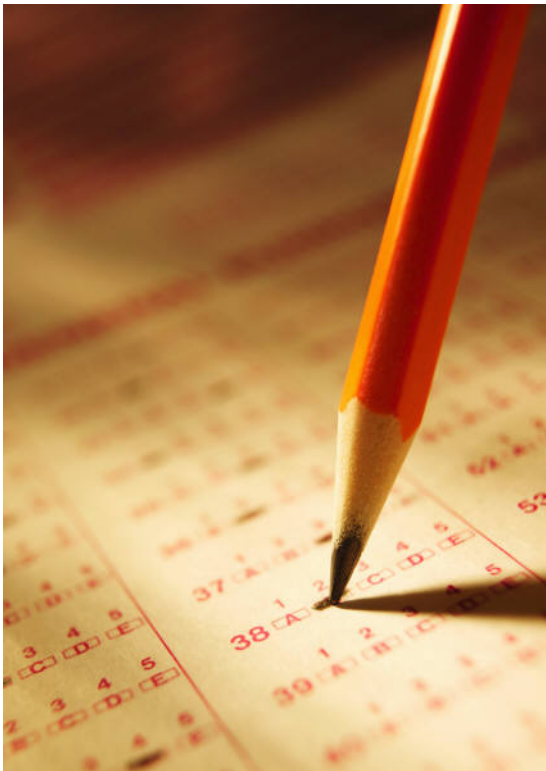
Personal fitness to practice

- Illness
- Abuse

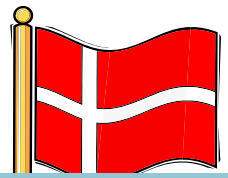
In close collaboration
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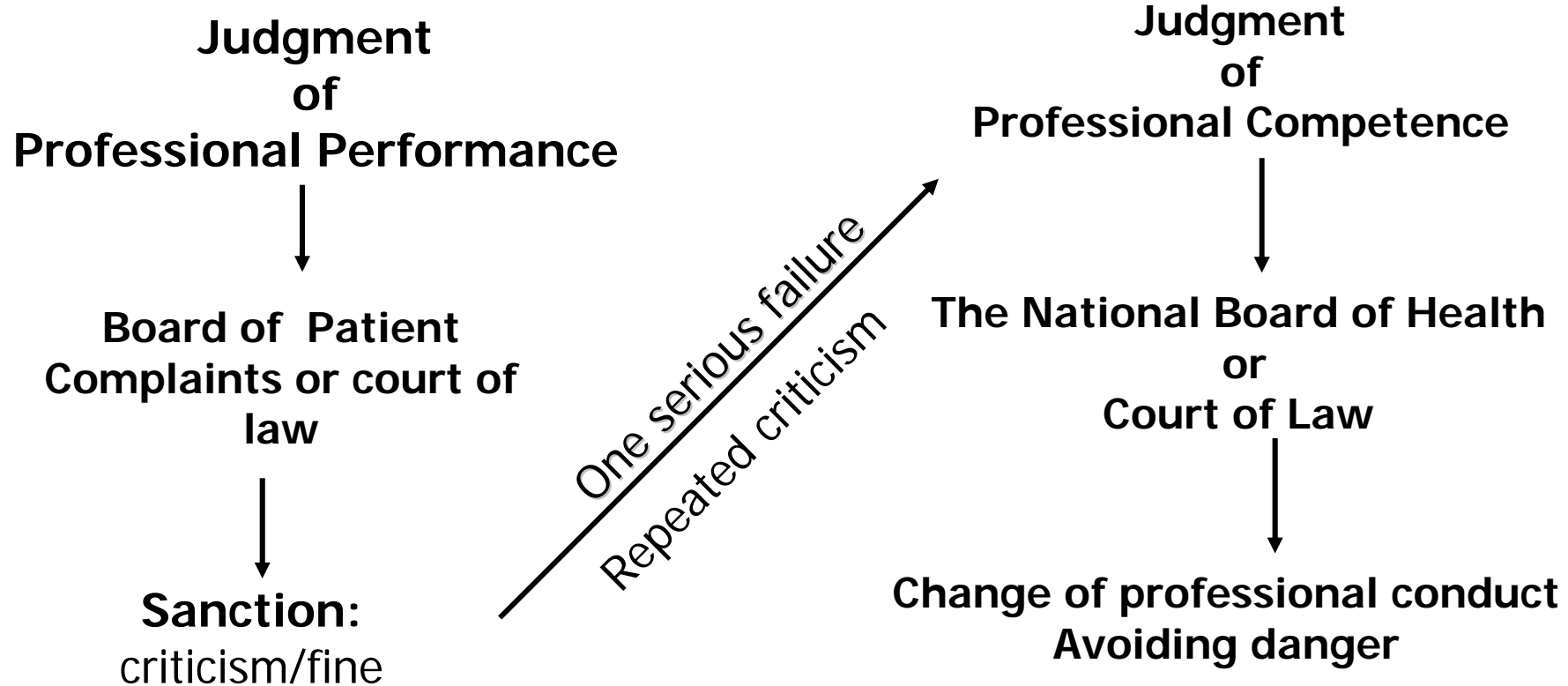
Modes of action



- Mandatory treatment and control
- Limited prescription rights
- Injunction not to work
- Loss of authorization



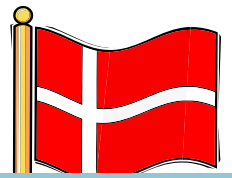
Individual sanctions



“Risk personnel” - Intensified Surveillance

- One serious failure
- Repeated lack of basic medical knowledge
- Publication

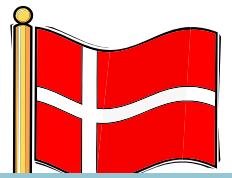




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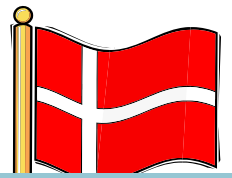
- Since January 2006
- Intensified Surveillance
- Mandatory change of conduct
- Limited prescription rights
- Limited authorization
- Lost authorization





General surveillance

- Nursery homes
- Cosmetic treatments
- Medication



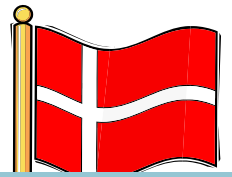
Nursery homes - background

- Since 2002
- One yearly inspection by the local offices
- Process of heightening the quality and equality of the inspections

Nursery homes – new standards for supervision

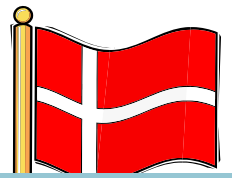
- 71 standards
- Health administrative issues
 - instructions
- Health issues
 - medical records
 - specialist visits
 - handling of medication
- Health related issues
 - hygiene
 - mobilization





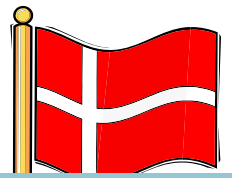
Cosmetic treatment 1. December 2007

- Treatments that represents a risk for the patients, can be regulated by the NBH
- The use of equipment that represents a risk for the patients, can be regulated by the NBH
- All authorized health personnel and their assistants have to be registered at the NBH since 1. April
- So far 129 applications and 102 registered



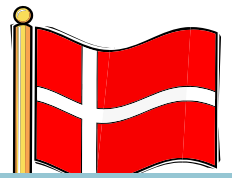
Medical substitution treatment of persons with opioid dependence

- Buprenorphine as first choice
- The general rules for substitution treatment
 - other health parameters
- Treatment with injectable methadone (06)
- Treatment with injectable heroin (09)



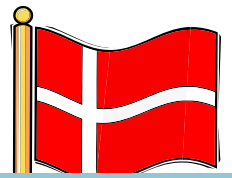
Increased surveillance of benzodiazepines

- Focus on the use since 2005
- Revised rules 2006
- Increased surveillance by the local NBH



Act on Patient Safety in Danish Health Care System (now The Health Act)

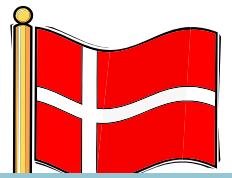
- The Act came into force on 1st of January 2004
- Includes the secondary sector
- Soon to be extended to include the primary sector as well
- Local responsibility – NBH responsibility



Characterization of the reporting system

- Mandatory
- Confidentiality
- Sanction-free
- Learning-orientated





Examples on follow-up

- Alerts
 - electrical sheets, anesthetic equipment, suffocating in soft fixation belts
- Reports
 - Suicide, medication
- Recommendations
 - preparation before surgery, follow-up on test results
- Binding Guidelines
 - Medication, avoiding wrong-side surgery (the five steps)