

Continuation of Nordic HTA collaboration

A strong commitment to Nordic collaboration

In May, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Joint Nordic HTA Bodies (JNHB) was extended for another five years. This marks an important step for continued Nordic collaboration on joint assessments of medicines and knowledge sharing across the Nordic countries.

Cross-border collaboration is becoming increasingly important, particularly in light of the upcoming Joint Clinical Assessments (JCA) under the European HTA Regulation (EU) 2021/2282. The extension highlights a strong and shared commitment to further strengthening collaboration, efficiency, and harmonization across Nordic HTA systems.

The Memorandum of Understanding describes the basis for cooperation and has been signed by the Director Generals of the collaborating HTA-bodies:

- The Danish Medicines Council (DMC)
- Finnish Medicines Agency (Fimea)
- Landspítali- The University Hospital of Iceland
- Norwegian Medical Products Agency (NOMA)
- The Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency (TLV)

Nine years of Nordic HTA-cooperation

The Nordic collaboration was initiated in 2017 by the authorities in Finland, Norway and Sweden and was then called FINOSE. When Denmark and Iceland joined the collaboration, FINOSE changed its name to Joint Nordic HTA bodies (JNHB). Since the start of the collaboration, the Nordic group has conducted nine joint evaluations of pharmaceuticals.

Knowledge sharing is a valuable aspect of Nordic collaborations. Therefore, in addition to conducting joint assessments, JNHB organizes meetings where methodological issues and procedures are discussed. Knowledge is also shared between JNHB and members of the Nordic Pharmaceutical Forum. These interactions give valuable understanding of the remit and perspectives of the different organizations involved in a new pharmaceutical's way to the Nordic market.

Further information on the Joint Nordic HTA-Bodies can be found at www.jnhtabodies.org. Members of the JNHB team can be reached by contact@jnhtabodies.org