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**Thursday 23 – Friday 24 September 2010 • CPD: applied for**  
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## Health, wealth and ways of life – what can we learn from the Swedish, US and UK experience?

Thursday 23 – Friday 24 September 2010

A two day international conference jointly organised by The New York Academy of Medicine, Swedish Society of Medicine and The Royal Society of Medicine

**Background** The UK the US and Scandinavia are all part of one Western culture, and yet as well as many similarities we also see big differences. There are differences in lifestyle, in social policy and in healthcare systems between our three societies. And we can also identify differences in health. So can we share our experiences and learn from one another? Can we make changes that will bring a better and healthier future for all three societies?

**Aim of the symposium** To explore the public health issues relating to the Western economic culture and lifestyle, including the impact of the current economic crisis, learning from the similarities and contrasts between Scandinavia, the UK and the US. To consider a range of issues from policy to practicalities, and to help all of us adapt to future uncertainties.

### Objectives

- To examine inequalities in health within our rich countries, and the impact of times of financial instability
- To explore the social determinants of health, the role of lifestyle, psychosocial factors and look to future implications for health and the provision of health services
- To explore the priorities for health services in the context of rapid economic change.

	<b>THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>	<b>9.40 am</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Welcome address</b> Professor Parveen Kumar, President, Royal Society of Medicine, UK  Dr Jo Ivey Boufford, President, New York Academy of Medicine, USA  Professor Margareta Troein Töllborn, Associate Professor, President, Swedish Society of Medicine, Sweden	<b>10.40 am</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	To be confirmed	
	<b>SESSION ONE: SOCIETAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE</b>	
	<b>Opening keynote: Societal and economic change and health - what do we learn from history? The health impacts of economic instability</b> Professor George A. Kaplan, PhD, Thomas Francis Collegiate Professor of Public Health, Emeritus, University of Michigan, USA  <b>Societal and economic change and health: Three addresses outlining the interplay of socioeconomic factors and health status in each country</b>	

<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>The British experience</b> Professor Marc Suhrcke, Professor in Public Health Economics, University of East Anglia, UK	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Tea break</b>
<b>11.20 am</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b>
<b>11.50 am</b>	<b>The American experience</b> Professor Lisa Berkman, PhD, Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy, and of Epidemiology, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA	<b>4.20 pm</b>	<b>Keynote talk: Three nations, one global economy, one search for health?</b> Professor Finn Diderichsen, Professor at the Department of Social Medicine, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>12.10 pm</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b>	<b>5.20 pm</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>5.25 pm</b>	<b>Close of meeting</b>
	<b>SESSION TWO: SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS AND HEALTH - MEDIATING FACTORS</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Drinks reception</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Professor Sven-Olof Isacson, Lund University, Sweden	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Symposium dinner</b> (optional booking required)
	<b>Three reviews: The evidence base concerning the impact of socioeconomic determinants on psychosocial factors and lifestyle. Implications for health services</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2010</b>
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>The Swedish experience</b> Professor Margareta Kristenson, Professor in Social Medicine, University of Linköping, Sweden	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>2.20 pm</b>	<b>The British experience</b> Professor Melanie Bartley, Professor of Medical Sociology, Epidemiology & Public Health, UCL Division of Population Health, London, UK		<b>Welcome address</b> Dr David Misselbrook, Dean, Royal Society of Medicine, UK  Dr Jeremiah A. Barondess, President Emeritus, New York Academy of Medicine, USA  Professor Margareta Troein Töllborn, Associate Professor, President, The Swedish Society of Medicine, Sweden
<b>2.40 pm</b>	<b>The American experience</b> Professor Paula Braveman, MD, MPH, Professor of Family and Community Medicine Director, Center on Social Disparities in Health University of California at San Francisco, USA	<b>Chair:</b>	To be confirmed
			<b>Three perspectives: The impact of health inequalities during the life course including reference to migration, environmental exposures, parenthood, poverty and educational attainment. Persisting effects on health and evidence for interventions</b>

<b>9.40 am</b>	<b>The Swedish perspective</b> Professor Sven Bremberg, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Science, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden	<b>2.10 pm</b>	<b>The British experience</b> Professor Andy Haines, Professor of Public Health & Primary Care, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
<b>10.10 am</b>	<b>The British perspective</b> Professor Marjo-Riitta Jarvelin, Professor and Chair in Lifecourse Epidemiology, Imperial College London, UK	<b>2.40 pm</b>	<b>The American experience</b> Gail R. Wilensky, PhD, Senior Fellow, Project HOPE, Former Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and Physician Payment Review Commission and Deputy Assistant to the President for Policy Development, USA
<b>10.40 am</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>3.10 pm</b>	<b>Tea break</b>
<b>11.10 am</b>	<b>The American perspective</b> Prof Neal Halfon, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, School of Public Health. Professor of Paediatrics, David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, USA	<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b>
<b>11.40 am</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b>	<b>4.20 pm</b>	<b>Keynote talk: Health systems, health and wealth: From rhetoric to reality</b> Professor Martin McKee, Professor of European Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
<b>12.40 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>5.20 pm</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Dr David Misselbrook, Dean, Royal Society of Medicine, UK	<b>5.25 pm</b>	<b>Close of meeting</b>
	<b>SESSION TWO: FUTURE SOLUTIONS – COST, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH</b>		
	<b>Three reviews: How can our health systems be re-engineered for a period of shrinking financial and energy resources and changing demand from the population at need? Do we have evidence for what works and what is cost effective?</b>		
<b>1.40 pm</b>	<b>The Swedish experience</b> Professor Johan Calltorp, Professor of Health Policy and Management, The Nordic School of Public Health, Göteborg, Sweden		

## Registration form

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