



## INVITATION AND PROGRAM FOR NORDIC SEMINAR ON WHIPLASH

**TIME AND VENUE:** 16. April 2010, Copenhagen Marriott Hotel, Copenhagen

**CONFERENCE LANGUAGES:** respective Scandinavian languages (not English)

**TOPIC:** Medical and legal problems of causality: What is the current status in Norway, Sweden and Denmark?

Injuries sustained from whiplash are a serious problem for the injured person and a considerable challenge for doctors, lawyers and insurance companies. Through this seminar, we wish to summarize the current status in Sweden, Denmark and Norway. How is causation between accident and injury assessed? We also wish to summarize the newest literature in the Nordic countries so that all parties/everyone can be better prepared to assess their next case.

The different approaches to the problems will be presented and discussed by representatives for both the defendant side (insurance companies) and the plaintiff side and their lawyers. The seminar's target groups are doctors, lawyers, executive officers and case handlers from insurance companies and public administration. The seminar will also cover medical issues as they relate to the law and jurisprudence. Therefore, we would welcome participants from the medical profession.

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### Program:

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| 09.00 a.m. – 09.30 a.m. | Registration and Coffee                 |
| 09.30 a.m. – 09.45 a.m. | Welcome speech. Speaker: to be advised. |

### Medical lectures

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| 09.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. | General presentation on the medical problems of whiplash<br>Medical Director Erik Tøndevold, specialist in orthopaedic surgery,<br>Rigshospitalet Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark                            |
| 10.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. | Diagnosis of neck injuries. The value of objective findings, in<br>particular regarding injured children.<br>Speaker, Senior consultant in neurosurgery, Roald Baardsen,<br>Stavanger University Hospital. |
| 10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. | Coffee break   |

11.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	Zygapophysial joint and disc injury after whiplash. Symptom and pathophysiology relationships and results of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions  Speaker: Professor Sebastian Reiz. Anaesthetist. Le Centre Anti-Douleur, Lausanne, Switzerland. (Dr. Reiz speaks Swedish)
11.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	Comments, questions and debate regarding the medical sessions
12.15 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	LUNCH

### **Legal lectures**

1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Is there a lower threshold for forces with injury potential in whiplash-cases? Danish practice. Speaker: Søren Vagner Nielsen, Plesner, Copenhagen, Denmark
2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Personal vulnerability in injured person and its implication in whiplash-injury. Speaker: Sven Knagenhjelm, Advokatforum, Oslo, Norway
2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m..	Coffee break
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Legal requirements to establish causality. Swedish law. <u>Speaker:</u> Lawyer Christer Magnergård, Stockholm, Sweden
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Comments, questions and debate regarding the legal sessions.
4.30	End of seminar

### **Practical matters**

The seminar is held at the Copenhagen Marriott Hotel, Kalvebod brygge 5, 1560 Copenhagen. The conference host recommend Marriott Hotel for those who wish to stay over in Copenhagen. Booking tlf: (+45 88 33 13 13). Special rates.

Price for seminar including lunch, when registered by **March 15: Danish Kroner 3 000.** The amount is payable at registration. Registration and payment can be made to: see attached registration form from PEOPIL. Price for registration **after March 15: Danish Kroner 3 300.**

Registration is binding. **WELCOME!**

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