



# The Swedish Society of Hypertension, Stroke and Vascular Medicine

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## **Brief description of activities:**

The Swedish Society of Hypertension, Stroke and Vascular Medicine was formed 2007 as a result of the merging of the Swedish Society of Hypertension and the Swedish Society of Medical Angiology, which were both founded in 1987. This initiative was powered by the understanding of vascular disease going beyond blood pressure regulation.

The aim of the Swedish Society of Hypertension, Stroke and Vascular Medicine – in brief: Swedish Vascular Medicine – is to provide a medical and scientific forum for the understanding of cardiovascular risk and risk interventions with the aim of diminishing hypertension, stroke, and vascular disease. We obtain this by supporting research, education and training. The Society is involved in the organization of the Annual Swedish Cardiovascular Spring Meeting (in April), founded in 1999, and the Annual Meeting of the Swedish Society of Medicine (in November). We arrange an annual two-day course in hypertension and vascular medicine for nurses, and have undertaken an initiative to create a graduate program for nurses in vascular medicine to start during 2010. An annual Nordic research course in hypertension and cardiovascular disease for physicians on PhD study level is organized in collaboration with the Danish, Finnish, and Norwegian hypertension societies. The next course will take place in Oslo, Norway, in 2010.

Swedish Vascular Medicine is affiliated to the International Society of Hypertension, and to the World Hypertension League. We are members of the Swedish Heart Association, and associate members of the Swedish Society of Medicine; we also act in close collaboration with the Swedish Society of Internal Medicine, and the Swedish Society on Thrombosis and Hæmostasis. The Society's journal, *Vaskulär Medicin*, published quarterly, is evolving to be one of the most read national medical journals. Please refer to [www.hypertoni.org](http://www.hypertoni.org) for further information about current activities.