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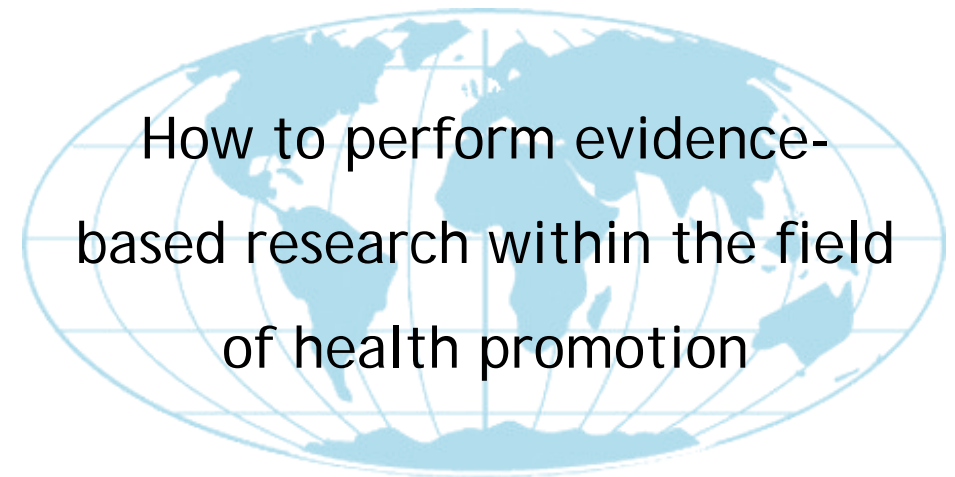
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## WHO-CC

In 2004 Clinical Unit for Health Promotion at Bispebjerg University Hospital was by WHO appointed a WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Promotion in Hospitals.

The WHO-CC embodies a research team, the Danish Smoking Cessation Database and the International HPH Secretariat and works according to the following Terms of References:

- To support countries regarding introduction of HPH strategies and standards, and to identify evidence of successful health promotion activities related to patients, staff and community
- To provide advice regarding teaching and training of staff in evidence-based health promotion and input to the further development of standards and indicators for health promotion in hospitals
- To administrate the International HPH Secretariat, develop communication strategy and provide technical comments for the HPH Network.

## Research

Health Promotion in Hospitals should be based upon evidence in the same way as other clinical interventions and services. The evidence-based approach is therefore reflected in every aspect of the WHO-CC.

Best Evidence-Based Practice for health promotion is defined as integration of individual clinical expertise, evidence, and patient preferences.

Health Promotion in Hospitals is a rather new research field to be developed on the evidence-based platform. WHO-CC therefore initiates and performs scientific projects of high quality. WHO-CC plays the role as project leader as well as associated and collaborating partner.

WHO-CC performs pre- and postgraduate teaching and accepts trainees.



## The International HPH Secretariat

The HPH Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH) is a WHO Network that works to promote and assist the dissemination of the concept of health promotion and to support its implementation.

It is a network of networks including a pool of organisations such as WHO, WHO Collaborating Centres, coordinating institutions, hospitals and health services, which work together in task forces and working groups.

In 2005 the International HPH Secretariat was established. A full-time technical officer and a part-time secretary handle the administrative work, the HPH communication strategy and development of website including online library, data collection and membership contact. The director of the WHO-CC is the CEO of the Secretariat.

The members of the International HPH Network meet at the annual HPH Conference, the HPH General Assembly and the WHO Summer School. They communicate via the HPH website [www.healthpromotinghospitals.org](http://www.healthpromotinghospitals.org) and the HPH Newsletter.

## Smoking Cessation Database

Smoking cessation is an important part of WHO strategies for health.

The national Danish Smoking Cessation Database (SCDB) is a clinical database, which was established in 2001. The aim is to offer an external evaluation of smoking cessation programs in order to assess and improve the quality. All organizations or persons, providing a smoking cessation intervention, can join the database.

By September 2008 the database included more than 360 smoking cessation units throughout Denmark. More than 48,000 smokers had been registered in the database, and in 2005 Norway joined the database.

Amongst others the SCDB offers you: Continuous quality assessment; online input and output opportunities; follow-up on effect after 6 months; ownership to publish own data; comparison of results; access to make a profile of your own smoking cessation unit on an international homepage.

The Danish Smoking Cessation Database works together with the European Network of Smoke Free Hospitals.