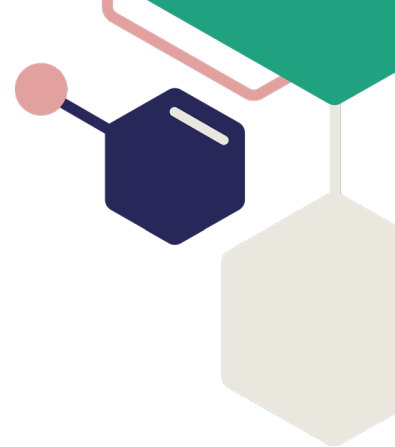


# Nordic Conference on Clinical Trials 2026

## 15-16 April, Stockholm, Sweden

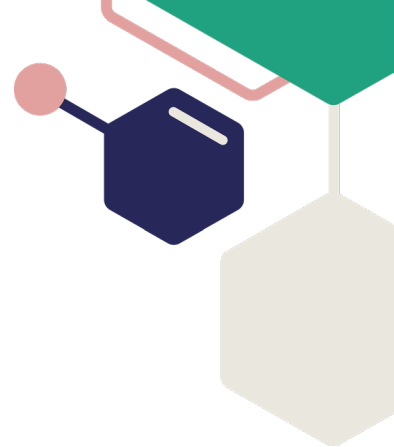
### Program

Wednesday 15 April	
10.15 – 11.00	<b>Conference Registration and Coffee/Tea</b> Läkemedelsakademin
11.00 – 11.10	<b>Welcome to the Nordic Conference on Clinical Trials 2026 – Clinical Trials in a Digital World</b> Björn Arvidsson, Director of Research and Innovation, Region Uppsala & Lena Ring Wettermark, CEO Apotekarsocieteten
<b>Block 1 – Nordic Collaboration in Clinical Trials</b>	
11.10 – 11.30	<b>Opening Remarks: Clinical Trials in a Digital World</b> Petra Noreback, State Secretary to Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health
11.30 – 11.50	<b>Unlocking Potential Through Nordic Collaboration on Digital Clinical Trial Solutions</b> Nina Louise Jebsen, NorCRIN
11.50 – 12.10	<b>Addressing the key bottlenecks in clinical trial performance at Karolinska University Hospital</b> Olof Akre, Nordic University Hospital Alliance (NUHA)
12.10 – 12.30	<b>Panel session: National Perspectives on Digital Solutions for Clinical Trials – Towards Stronger Nordic Collaboration</b> Signe Fretland (NorTrials), Marianne Pilgaard (Trial Nation), Helena Lüning (SweTrial), Mia Bengtström (Finnish representative)
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Block 2 – ICH GCP R3 and Digitalization</b>	
13.30 – 14.00	<b>Inspection findings and practical approaches to compliance in a digital environment</b> Lisbeth Bregnhøj, the Danish Medicines Agency
14.00 – 14.20	<b>From Clinical Trials to Network Medicine: GCP-Compliant Digital Research Platforms in the NorScreen and AI-Mind Initiatives</b> Ira Hebold Haraldsen, Oslo University Hospital
14.20 – 14.40	<b>Trials That Work for Patients and for Purpose: The Role of DCT Elements</b> Mats Thoring, Bayer
14.40 – 15.00	<b>Panel Session: Digital Tools Across the Clinical Trial Lifecycle</b> Terje Ahlquist, Kristin Langelund, Lisbeth Bregnhøj, Karsten Nysom
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>Block 3 – Cross-Border Clinical Trials</b>	
15.30 – 16.10	<b>Advancing Cross-Border Clinical Trials in Nordics: The Role of EU-X-CT</b> Catharina Östberg, Bayer
16.10 – 16.40	<b>Pediatric Oncology Cross Border Studies</b> Karsten Nysom, Copenhagen University Hospital
16.40 – 17.00	<b>Panel Session: Patients Across Borders</b> Karsten Nysom, Catharina Östberg, Anders Hultman
19.00	<b>Conference Dinner</b>



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Thursday 16 April	
09.00 – 09.05	<b>Welcome back</b> Björn Arvidsson
<b>Block 4 – Nordic Attractiveness for Clinical Trials</b>	
09.05 – 09.35	<b>Innovations in U.S. Clinical Trials: Opportunities and Challenges</b> Anthony Succar, University of Southern California
09.35 – 09.50	<b>Plan for the Finnish Health Data Space in the AI Era</b> Olli Kallioniemi, Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland
09.50 – 10.20	<b>SPRINTR Research Study and Infrastructure for precision medicine</b> Andreas Josefsson, SPRINTR
10.20 – 10.40	<b>Coffee</b>
10.40 – 11.10	<b>Digital Maturity in Practice: How Competence and Context Shape Digital Capability</b> Tomas Lindroth, University of Gothenburg
11.10 – 11.40	<b>Panel Session: Strengthening Nordic Attractiveness for Clinical Trials</b> Tomas Lindroth, Eva Adås, Terje Ahlquist, Annika Baan
11.40 – 12.40	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Block 5 – The Future of Clinical Trials – Practical Digital Solutions and Inspiration</b>	
12.40 – 13.00	<b>Pragmatic vaccine trials in Nordic countries – exploiting the national health register infrastructures</b> Arto Palmu, Finnish Vaccine Research
13.00 – 13.20	<b>Fingenious® service offers unique opportunities for targeted recruitment through biobanks</b> Johanna Mäkela, Fingenious
13.20 – 13.40	<b>Transformation of Clinical Trials – Taking a holistic approach with digital tools</b> Magnus Jörnten-Karlsson, Evinova
13.40 – 14.00	<b>Efficiency improvements using AI assisted CRO support software</b> Anders Larsson, Ideact
14.00 – 14.20	<b>Navigating the Shift to electronic consents: Possibilities and Considerations</b> Christian Johansen, minforskning.se
14.20 – 14.40	<b>10 years of Digital Transformation in a Clinical Trial Unit</b> Jens Kanstrup Kjær, Site Manager, MHSc – Department of Hematology, Aarhus University Hospital
14.40 – 14.45	<b>Closing</b> Björn Arvidsson



## Speakers

- **Björn Arvidsson** – Director of Research and Innovation, Region Uppsala
- **Lena Ring Wettermark** – CEO, Swedish Pharmaceutical Society (Apotekarsocieteten)
- **Petra Noreback** – State Secretary to the Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health, Government Offices of Sweden
- **Nina Louise Jebesen** – Head of NorCRIN Coordinating Unit
- **Olof Akre** – Director of Research, Education, Development and Innovation at Karolinska University Hospital
- **Signe Fretland** – Head of NorTrials coordinating unit
- **Marianne Pilgaard** – CEO, Trial Nation
- **Helena Lüning** – Head of SweTrial
- **Mia Bengtström** – Associate professor, University of Helsinki
- **Lisbeth Bregnhøj** – Medicines Inspector, GCP, Danish Medicines Agency
- **Ira Haraldsen** – Principal Investigator and Coordinator of the AI-Mind Project, Oslo University Hospital
- **Mats Thoring** – DCT Advisor, Bayer
- **Terje Ahlquist** – Nordic Medical Director for Oncology, AstraZeneca
- **Kristin Langelund** – Parexel Nordic Country Head
- **Karsten Nysom** – Senior Consultant, Pediatric Oncology, Copenhagen University Hospital
- **Catharina Östberg** – Head of Site Management Nordics, Bayer
- **Anders Hultman** – CEO, The Swedish Pharmaceutical Insurance
- **Anthony Succar** – Assistant Professor, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- **Olli Kallioniemi** – Research Director, Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM), HiLife, University of Helsinki
- **Andreas Josefsson** – Researcher / Project Lead, SPRINTR
- **Tomas Lindroth** – Associate Professor, Department of Applied IT, div Informatics, University of Gothenburg
- **Eva Adås** – Country Head Nordics/Director within Global Clinical Operations, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine
- **Annika Baan** – MSc Manager CTU, Early Phase Clinical Trials, Dept of Oncology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital
- **Arto Palmu** – Chief Medical Officer, Finnish Vaccine Research
- **Johanna Mäkela** – Director of Research and Services at Finnish Biobanks - FINBB
- **Magnus Jörnten-Karlsson** – Vice President Digital Solutions, Evinova
- **Anders Larsson** – CEO, Ideact
- **Christian Johansen** – CTO and co-founder of MinForskning AB
- **Jens Kanstrup Kjær** – Site Manager, Department of Hematology, Aarhus University

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