

MEETING MINUTES

The 2nd NordScreen Group meeting, Hotel Rungstedsgaard, Denmark

Monday 12th of June 1.15pm - 5.30pm

Present at the meeting:

Project team:

Ahti Anttila (FI)

Veli-Matti Partanen (FI)

Tytti Sarkeala (FI)

Country representatives:

Elsebeth Lynge (DK)

Piret Veerus (EE)

Invited absent:

Marianne Waldstrøm (DK)

Sirpa Heinävaara (FI)

Maiju Pankakoski (FI)

Zurab Bzhalava (SE)

Kristján Oddson (IS)

Svanhildur Þorsteinsdóttir (IS)

Stefan Lönnberg (FI)

Joakim Dillner (SE)

Miriam Elfström (SE)

Ameli Tropé (NO)

Gry Baadstrand Skare (NO)

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction

- All attendees shortly introduced himself or herself.

2. Amendments to agenda

- The agenda was accepted without changes.

3. Update of roles and responsibilities of project personnel

- Veli-Matti Partanen has replaced Stefan Lönnberg as the project manager of NordScreen.
- Zurab Bzhalava has replaced Davit Bzhalava as the person primarily responsible for the IT development for NordScreen.

4. Overview of current project development

- An overview of project development was given.
 - website and analysis tool can be found from: www.nordscreen.org
 - Test coverage data is ready from Finland, Norway, Estonia and Iceland
 - Sweden is finalizing test coverage data whereas Denmark (DKLS) has yet to decide whether to provide data to NordScreen
 - Cancer fact sheets are ready from Finland, Norway, Estonia, Iceland and Sweden
 - Analysis tool is still a demo version with limited functionality

5. Agreement on database model and handling of data

APPENDIX1: Memorandum of understanding on NordScreen data and software

- The document was accepted with the following amendment:

“8. The data processor has the right to access the NordScreen data for analysis and public display through the NordScreen software platform.”

was rephrased to:

“8. The data controller continues to control the aggregated data in the NordScreen database. NordScreen project team can access and publicly display this data through the NordScreen software platform but is not allowed to transfer this right of access to third parties.”

6. Next set of indicators to be implemented

APPENDIX2: New indicators to be implemented

- The next set of indicators accepted were:
 - Test consumption
 - Distribution of test consumption
 - Distribution of screened women by cytological result (primary cytology)
 - Distribution of management after primary screening test
 - Compliance with referral for colposcopy after high-grade cytology as indication
 - Distribution of histology results
- The detailed indicator and specific data format will be defined and the extraction script developed by the project team.
- First new indicators to be calculated will be test consumption and distribution of test consumption since the individual screening data already gathered can be used to produce those indicators.
- HPV test result indicator was discussed but it was agreed that further work is needed in defining “primary HPV testing” and data is also currently available only from certain countries and latest years. In the future, HPV test results can potentially be added as an indicator.
- Detection modes of cervical cancers as a potential future indicator was discussed and it was agreed that the standard operating procedures concerning them would be circulated within the project in order to develop a uniform definition.
- Equity indicators (such as level of education) are not yet available in all countries
- Currently, data from countries is only on national level, but Swedish data was agreed to be produced also on regional level to allow for potential pilot testing.

7. Development of NordScreen analysis tool and website

APPENDIX3: Task list for application development

- The task list was discussed but no changes were proposed. The analysis tool will be developed further based on the task list.

8. Expansion of NordScreen into other cancer screening programmes

- The expansion of NordScreen platform to other cancer screening programmes will be planned further and screening fact sheets for other cancer screening programmes will be developed.

9. Progress plan and next meeting

Summer 2017:

- Test indicator data and fact sheets from all six participating countries

Fall 2017:

- Inclusion of new indicator data into NordScreen (first test consumption and distribution of test consumption, then distribution of management after primary screening test)
- An expanded version of application interface with more functionality
- Next project meeting as a conference call on Skype in September or October

Year 2018:

- Expansion into breast cancer screening

10. Other business

- The high coverage rates for Iceland and the potential explanations (immigration, emigration, small country) were discussed.
- The idea of a scientific manuscript comparing the test coverage rates with different denominators was also proposed with the intention of estimating a correction factor to account for the effect of emigration.
- At first, the calculation of test coverage rates with individual level population was decided to be done with data from Iceland, Sweden and Norway to compare differences with aggregate population level data.