

## NF #232 – written report - Anna Aabakke

The Nordic Obstetric Surveillance Study (NOSS) is a Nordic collaboration between obstetricians and the national birth registers in the five Nordic countries Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden founded in 2008.

At the Nordic Congress in Odense in June 2018 it was agreed to continue the NOSS collaboration and focus on auditing severe pregnancy complications. It was agreed to initiate the next project with a pilot study with the purpose of determining the optimal design for a common study. The pilot study took place in Copenhagen on 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 with participants from the Nordic countries and international experts from the International Network of Obstetric Survey Systems (INOSS) [1; 2] from the Netherlands and UK. All participants were experienced within national maternal mortality and morbidity auditing. The meeting was kindly funded by the NFOG fund.

Anonymized case narratives of peripartum hysterectomy from 7 countries were reviewed. Pregnancy related hysterectomy was chosen as an exemplar condition given the known increasing incidence of obstetric haemorrhage in the context of rising caesarean section rates. The aims of the pilot workshop were several including to determine whether common lessons for improving care could be identified from an international audit of anonymised case narratives and whether there was any added value to be obtained from the different national perspectives. The outcome was positive and a future common study was proposed.

At the meeting a publication was drafted which is currently in review. Additionally, a future PhD candidate was proposed for the future common study. The protocol of this common study will be finalized at the next NOSS meeting in Iceland in March.

Ethical approval was not required for the pilot study according to the EU legislation as interpreted by the Danish Data Agency (the data protection law §10) [3].

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