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The National Board of Health and Welfare, the National food agency and the Swedish Association of Dieticians call for good examples of food and food situations within the health care sector.

- We are looking for examples where individual hospitals or clinics are actively working to enhance patients' meal experience by e.g.
  - management- and quality system
  - dietary policies
  - educational efforts
  - follow-up and evaluation
  - collaboration between health care providers and other operators
  - interaction with interest groups
  - individual adaption
  - taste, nutrition, special diets, meal environment etc.
  
- We are also looking for good examples of successful procurement work in e.g.
  - environment and ethics
  - types of food for producing own food
  - entire meal concept etc.

The NBHW in cooperation with the NFA has been asked by the government to identify and disseminate examples around good meal experiences within the health care sector. The overall purpose of the assignment is to inspire healthcare authorities in their work on serving good and nutritious food in a pleasant environment. Successful procurement work with food should also be addressed.

The association SAD that has mainly dietary managers and economists as members has been granted funds for a project entitled "Better Hospital food". The purpose of the project is to highlight good examples that can inspire others to improve the quality of hospital food. The project needs to find good examples of food and meals in hospitals. The patient's perspective will be considered.

There are also other ongoing projects, on food within the healthcare, that we interact with. The Swedish Consumers' Association, which is an umbrella organization, that brings together many interest organizations and who is implementing a project focusing on the procurement of food and meals at hospitals and the elderly care. In 2011 they will implement test panels at six locations in the country: Skåne, Västra Götaland, Halland, Gotland, Stockholm and Västerbotten.