

Age limits in access to health and welfare, Sweden

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Screening with mammography

- Offered women 40 – 74 years
- Age limits chosen based on research performed
- No studies of the value for women 75+ ??
- Analysis of health economy of mammography: 10 000 – 50 000 € per QUALY

Screening cervical cancer

- Women 23 – 49 years, cytology every three years
- Women 50 – 64 years, cytology every fifth year
- Women 30 – 49 years, HPV test every three years
- Women 50 – 70 years, HPV-test every seven year

- QUALY less than 10 000 €

Abdominal aorta aneurysm screening

- Men 65 years
- Screening at 65 motivated by the fact that 85 % of the cases occur in the age group 65+
- Health economy evaluation: 7000 € per QALY

Screening colon- rectum cancer

- Offered women and men 60-74 years, every two years
- QALY less than 10 000 €

Assistance after stroke

- Stroke patients and patients with severe disabilities up to 65 years of age receive personal assistance
- Stroke patients and patients with severe disabilities 65 + are offered ordinary home help, the same as persons 65 + with other health problems
- Sickness benefit, rehabilitation benefit, disability support, care compensation disabled person stop at 65 years of age

At regional level age discrimination occurs
in health care at different ages and for
different diagnoses

Those responsible might be aware or unaware
of the discrimination.