



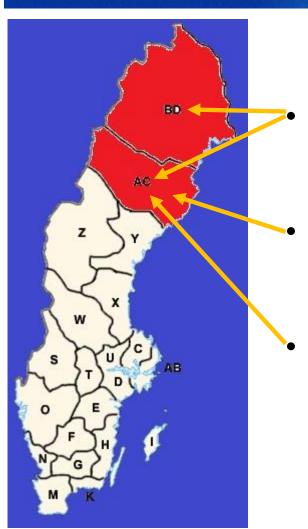
Northern Sweden Health and Disease Study (NSDHS) Cohort

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Three sub-cohorts



The Northern Sweden MONICA
Project (MO)

The Västerbotten Intervention Program (VIP)

The Mammary Screening Project (MA)



MONICA + VIP



- undergo a medical examination including measurements of blood pressure, glucose tolerance, serum cholesterol, triglycerides and antropometry,
- ✓ donate a separate blood sample for later research purposes.
- complete a diet and life style questionnaire,



Food Frequency Questionnaire

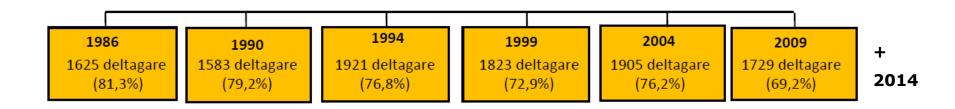
Hur ofta äter Du nedanstående livsmedel?

Markera genomsnittlig konsumtion det senaste året. Markera endast ett alternativ på varje rad.

Födoämne	kvens Aldrig	Någon gång per år 1	1-3 ggr per månad 2	1 gång per vecka 3	2-3 ggr per vecka 4	4-6 ggr per vecka 5	1 gång per dag 6	2-3 ggr per dag 7	4 ggr per dag el mer 8
01 Bregott på smörgås	°	1	2	30	40	5	60	7	8
02 Smör på smörgås	0	1-0	2	3	40	5	00	70	80
03 Lättmargarin på smörgås	0	10	2	3	40	50	60	7	8
04 Margarin på smörgås	0	0	2	3	40	50	6	70	8
05 Smör till matlagning	0	10	2	3	40	50	60	70	8
06 Margarin till matlagning		1	2	3	40	5	00	70	8
07 Olja till matlagning	34 TO		2	e		50	6	7	8
08 Salladsdressing med olja	0	-0	2	3	40	5	60	70	8
09 Grädde, creme fraiche, gräddfil	0	10	2	3	40	50	000	70	8
10 Hårt bröd (ex Husmans)	0	10	2	30	40	5	60	70	8
11 Grovt mjukt fullkornsbröd	00	10	2	3	40	5	60	70	8



The Northern Sweden MONICA project



MONICA = Multinational Monitoring of Trends and Determinants in Cardiovascular Disease

- •initiated 1985 (WHO)
- •25-74 years old women and men
- •the longest running population study in the world
- •> 90 papers
- •> 17 theses



Trends in MONICA 1986-2009

Risk factors for CVD:

Smoking ****

Blood pressure

Cholesterol levels |

Obesity |

Diabetes 0

Education 1





The Västerbotten Intervention Programme (VIP)

VIP is a long-term project intended for health promotion of the population of Västerbotten (approx. 255.000 inhabitants).

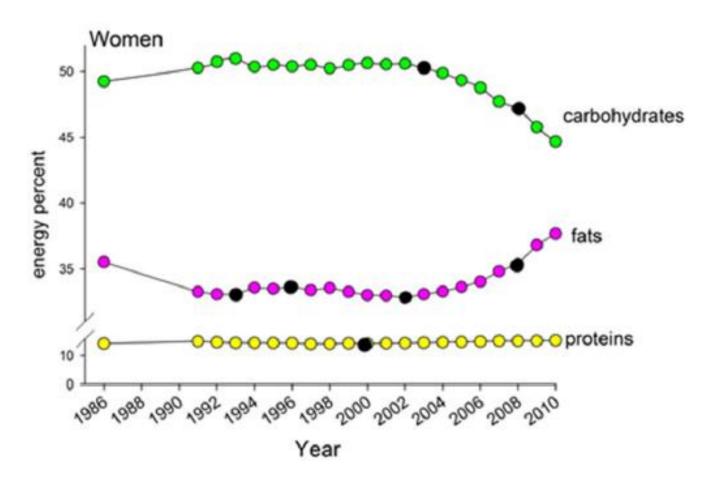
All individuals 40, 50 and 60 years of age in the population of the county are invited to their local health care center.

Participation rate has varied; it was 48–57% from 1991 to 1995 and thereafter increased to around 70% from 2005 and onwards.

The project started in 1985 and the cohort covered in August 2013, 129 308 sampling occasions and 95 033 unique individuals.



Trends in VIP 1986-2010



Johansson et al Nutrition Journal 2012, 11:40

NSHDS - Major endpoints*

Coronary heart disease: 2500

• Stroke: 2000

Breast cancer: 1650

Colorectal cancer: 1100

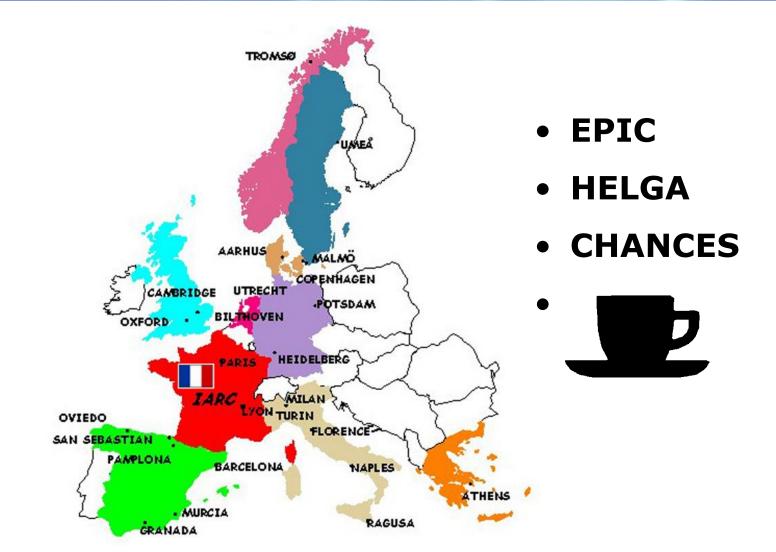
Prostate cancer: 1700

Diabetes > 10 000

* blood + questionnaires + clinical information + family studies

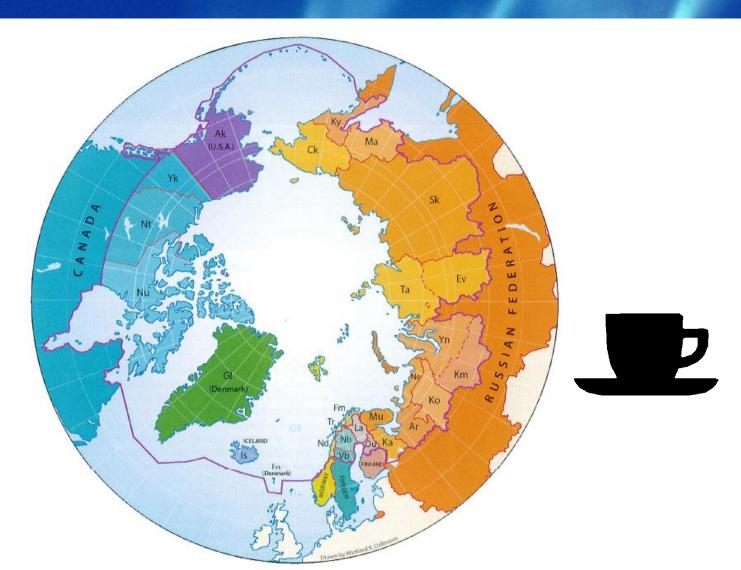


Established collaborations in Europe and the US





But a lack of circumpolar collaborations...





HLA-B27: double-edged sword



Predisposing for Spondyloarthritides:

Ankylosing spondylitis

Reactive Arthritis

Colitis associated sp

Psoriatric sp

(Acute Anterior) Uveitis

HIV

Hepatitis C



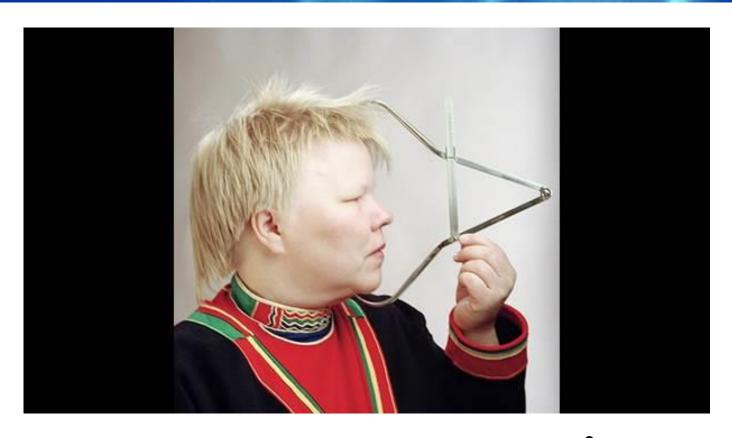
HLA-B27: an Arctic tissue type

People	0/0	Source
Haida	50	1
Inuit	37	1
Navajo	26-36	1
Sami	26	2
Northern Sweden	17	3
Norway	16	1
Finland	14-16	3
Cree	14	1
Western Europe	6-9	1
Mexico	3-5	1

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Ethical awareness



Katarina Pirak Sikku, Art Museum of Umeå 2014



Bullet points

- NSHDS cohort is unique in size and duration
- NSHDS cohort reflects an Arctic population
- Risk associations in the Arctic may differ from the rest of the world
- Increased collaboration between prospective Arctic population based cohort studies is warranted!



Kiitos, merci de votre attention!



