

Health care in Finland

- · Highly decentralized
- Three level
- · Publicly funded system of health care
 - General tax 43% of gross domestic product
- Small private health care system
- · Responsibility: the municipalities (local government).

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Health care in Finland

- Public health services are mainly financed from tax (76,6%)
- The child mortality rate in Finland is under 0.3% one of the lowest in the world.
- The life expectancy for a girl at birth is 83,2 years, for a boy 76,5 years.
- Finland spends less on health care (8,2%) than most other EU member states (mean 9%).
- Survey of EU 15, Norway and USA, Finland was the most efficient public sector health service producer:
 - Due both to the efficiency of the system and to the relatively low level of wages in the health care sector in Finland.

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Good things

- · 2013 National database and archives
 - Electronic medical records of all patients
- A Patient's Injury Law
 - right to compensation for unforeseeable injury that occurred as a result of treatment or diagnosis
- The quality of health care according to European Comission survey:
 - 88% of Finnish respondents were satisfied
 - $-\,$ compared with the EU average of 41.3%

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Negative

- Not possible to choose a personal doctor in public health care
- Dilemna between needs and medical possibilities to therapy and money from municipalities
- 2 way financing, state and municipalities
 - Disintegration, more total expences
- Long waiting times for non urgent operations
 - up to 12 months:
 - Patient's guarantee law
 - · Assesment within 3 days (Primary health care)
 - · Assesment within 3 weeks (In specialized care)
 - Policlinic time up to 6 months
 - Treatment up to 6 months
- · 2010 renewall of law of public health care (positive?)

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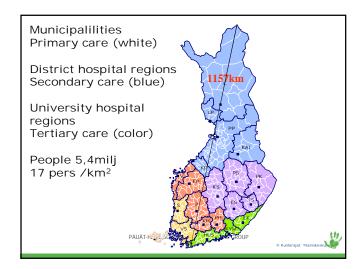
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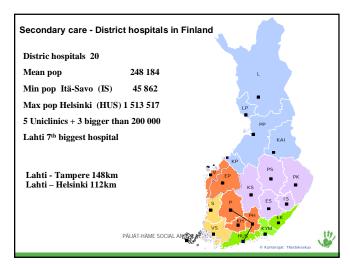
- Work time 38,25 hours per week
- Low level of wages in the health care sector
 - Nurse 2300 €/month
- · Long holidays
 - Up to 38 paid holidays (after 15 years)

	Nominal	Adjusted for Purchasing Power Standard
Finland	34,800	28,900
Germany	30,300	29,100
Sweden	35,600	30,500
UK	29,700	29,500
Japan	26,000	27,800
USA	31,800	38,300
		Eurostat

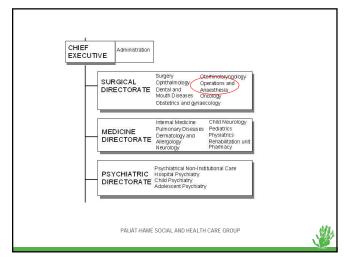
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Operations 2009 15 400 Total **Emergency** 20% 3 000 **Elective** 80% 12 400 Ambulatory DS "12h" 60% 7 400 3000/5000 "From home to OR" 60% PÄIJÄT-HÄME SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE GROUP

