



THE SWEDISH ASSOCIATION OF MIDWIVES

**the professional association for
registered nurse-midwives
and midwifery students**

The Swedish Midwife

The midwife's field of work includes the woman's sexual and reproductive health with a lifecycle perspective;

- Care and supervision of the uncomplicated /normal pregnancy, labour, delivery and the postnatal period
- Identification of abnormal conditions during pregnancy, labour, delivery and the postnatal period including midwifery care for these conditions
- Care of the healthy new born baby and care in connection with breast feeding
- Support of parenthood including the dignity and autonomy of the individual
- Counselling and care concerning fertility control and sexuality
- Health care information concerning reproductive health including menopausal counselling
- Care in connection with gynaecological health problems

The Swedish Association of Midwives

The professional association was founded in 1886 and has today more than 6300 members (app. 6200 midwives work in clinical practice in Sweden). The association works independently and actively to develop the professional midwifery skills, promote Women's reproductive and sexual health as well as enhance better reproductive and perinatal care.

The aims are

- to promote the professional development of midwives
- to promote research and development in midwifery
- to work to ensure that the practice of midwifery has an ethical approach and is carried out in accordance with scientific development and reliable experience
- to work to ensure that midwifery education also is designed for promotion of professional development
- to work for national, Nordic and international co-operation in midwifery
- to promote co-operation with organisations related to midwifery
- to initiate and participate in the progress of the health, medical and social services, for the health of women and children

All activities are based on a fundamentally humanistic approach and conducted without bias regarding nationality, race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, political views or social status.

The association's activities are carried out by;

the Biennial General Meeting; the National Board of Directors; the National Board, 24 local associations; edition since 1888 of the monthly journal, *Jordemodern*; the Scientific Board; the International Board, edition of the Scientific Journal *Sexual and Reproductive Health Care* at Elsevier publishing and specific working-groups and networks. Ethical issues are dealt with by the National Board.