

The Swedish Association for Infection Control (SAIC)

Svensk Förening för Vårdhygien (SFVH)

The Swedish association for Infection Control (SAIC) was founded in 1966 and is a forum for persons with a professional interest in prevention of HAI within the healthcare sector including dental care and veterinary medicine, disinfection and sterilization and medical devices at risk for causing infections.

The aim of the association is to prevent healthcare associated infections by, promote sharing knowledge, experience and skills among the members, promote development of quality methods and education concerning infection control and hospital hygiene and collaboration with authorities other organisations. The association collaborates with the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare and the Public Health Agency of Sweden. It also has contact with organizations in other Nordic countries and is a member of IFIC.

SAIC has 550 members and are divided into subgroups for doctors, nurses, sterilization and dental personnel and industrial partners. The board includes nine members.

Every year SAIC arranges a three-day scientific meeting for members and has working groups producing national consensus documents related to the prevention of healthcare-associated infections.

Activities 2016-2017

- Update national guidelines for construction and renovation of health care facilities
- Develop infection control guidelines for animal assisted therapy and other animals in health care facilities
- Standards at European level (CEN) for clean air suits and national referrals from authorities and the Swedish Standard Institute
- Expert guidelines for ventilation, microbiological cleanliness and humidity in operating rooms
- Referral organisation for developing national surveillance system of HAI
- Referral organisation for global trigger tool