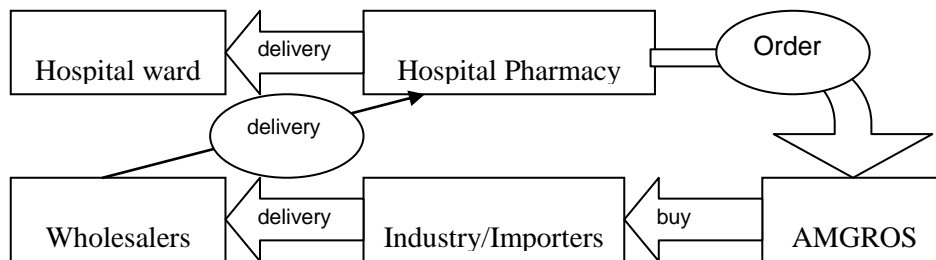


## Denmark

Danish Medicines Agency

### Pharmaceutical provision in hospitals

- The responsibility of the hospital sector lies with the five regions in Denmark.
- There are 12 hospital pharmacies in Denmark, meaning that not every hospital has its own pharmacy. The hospital pharmacies provide also service to the hospitals without a hospital pharmacy (distribution, clinical pharmacy, production). Hospital pharmacies only provide pharmaceuticals for hospitalised patients and to out-patients via out-patient departments.
- Flowchart on the delivery chain:



#### Purchasing of medicines in the hospital sector

- Most of the medicines used in public hospitals are bought via public procurement. Public tenders are carried out by Amgros I/S which is a hospital purchasing agency owned by the regions.
- PPP is published, but this price does not correspond to the actual prices that hospital pays for the medicine. Agreed prices are mostly below the manufacturer price. This price as well as the wholesale margin and the ex-factory price are not publicly known.

#### Financing of medicines in the hospital sector

- All hospital treatment in public hospitals, including medicines, is provided free of charge to the patient. Medicine treatment is funded by taxes paid to the State.
- The basis for the eligibility of a medicine to be used is the HPF (per region). Every region has one or more pharmaceutical and therapeutic committee(s) that decides which pharmaceuticals shall be included in the formulary lists. The members are mainly hospital doctors (clinical pharmacologists and doctors in the respective field), hospital pharmacists, representatives from the hospital management and representatives from the primary care sector.

### Evaluation and Interface management

- At hospital level consumption, prescriptions and prices are monitored by hospital pharmacists.
- At national level Amgros makes a market monitoring report, which contains the development of the total pharmaceutical expenditure in hospitals and the expenditure per region, per ATC code and per diagnosis. At national level Danish Medicines Agency publishes consumption data on the website.
- The hospital pharmaceutical formularies at the hospitals are coordinated with the list of recommendations for medicines in primary care sector. The aim is to prescribe pharmaceuticals in a rational way so the prescription of a medicine, which is expensive in the primary care sector, is avoided.

