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Education

Title of Docent (Pharmacoepidemiology), University of Eastern Finland, April 2015

Doctor of Science (Pharmacy), Social pharmacy, 09/2009-06/2012

- School of Pharmacy, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

Master of Science (Pharmacy), Social pharmacy, 08/2007-05/2009

- University of Helsinki, Helsinki.

Bachelor of Science (Biosciences), major: Genetics, 08/2001-07/2008

- University of Helsinki, Helsinki.

Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy), 08/2004-05/2006

- University of Helsinki, Helsinki.

Current positions

Academy Research Fellow at Niuvanniemi hospital, Kuopio, Finland, Sep 2018- Aug 2023, research on effectiveness of pharmacotherapy for schizophrenia (EffiSki).

Assistant Professor at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden, Sep 2018- . 10% of working time. Research group on mental health and social integration (MENTE).

Earlier positions

Postdoctoral researcher at University of Eastern Finland, 01/2016-08/2018, research area of Effectiveness in Healthcare and Social Services. Research project on effectiveness of drug use among persons with Alzheimer's disease.

Postdoctoral researcher at Niuvanniemi hospital, Kuopio, Finland, 01-08/2018. 10% or working time. Research project on effectiveness of pharmacotherapy for psychiatric disorders.

Postdoctoral researcher at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden, 2016-2017, 5% of working time. Research project on drug use among persons with schizophrenia and other psychiatric disorders.

Postdoctoral researcher at Niuvanniemi hospital, Kuopio, Finland, 09/2015-12/2015.

Research project on drug use among persons with unipolar depression and bipolar disorder.



Postdoctoral research at University of Eastern Finland, 06/2012-08/2015, research on psychotropic drug use and associated adverse outcomes, and healthcare utilization and costs in persons with Alzheimer's disease, 06/2012-08/2015.

Researcher at University of Eastern Finland, 09/2009-05/2012, Research Center of Geriatric Care, Kuopio, Finland, studies and research for PhD.

Pharmacist (proviisori) at Helsinki 43, Pitäjänmäki pharmacy, Helsinki, 05/2005-present. Working as pharmacist on part-time bases to keep up professional skills.

Research Assistant at research group of molecular mechanisms of diabetic nephropathy (lead by Associate Professor Harry Holthöfer), Biomedicum, Helsinki. Part-time work during studies 05/2002-07/2004.

Major research grants

Academy of Finland, position as Academy Research Fellow, 5-year project grant (approxim. 1 million €), incl. funding for PhD students and a post doctoral researcher.

Finnish Cultural Foundation, Antidepressant use and Alzheimer's disease, 2013, 26 000 €.

Co-applicant in several research projects at Division of Insurance Medicine.

Student Supervision

Main supervisor for three PhD students and co-supervisor for five PhD students ongoing.

Co-supervisor of three finalized PhD thesis, one at Karolinska Institutet and two at University of Eastern Finland.

Main supervisor for four finalized MSc thesis, co-supervisor for seven finalized MSc thesis.

Scientific Publications

107 published original works, 1 review

h index 16 (Web of Science, based on 101 articles), RG score 40.34.

Total number of citations excluding self-citations: 666 based on 101 articles.

Awards

Supervisor of the year, appointed by Pharmacy Students Association (Fortis), University of Eastern Finland 2016.

Schizophrenia Research Award on recognition of publication "Antipsychotics and mortality in a nationwide cohort of 29,823 patients with schizophrenia" as the journal's most downloaded article published in 2018, by Elsevier.