

Nordic Conference on Research in Patient Safety and Quality in Healthcare

NSQH 2026, 26 – 28 August 2026

NSQH 2026 PROGRAMME

Please note that programme may be subject to change and the most updated schedules are always on the conference website.

Thursday 27 August 2026 – CONFERENCE DAY 1

8:00 Registration at Scandic Marina Congress Center Katajanokanlaituri 6, Helsinki
09:00 Welcome and opening of the NSQH Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Veli-Matti Ulander, Chief Administrative Medical Officer of HUS, Chairman of NSQH 2026 Local Organizing Committee• Dr Sanna-Maria Kivivuori, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, National Patient Safety Officer, Finland; Member of the NSQH Board, Member of Nordic Patient Safety Steering Group; Board Chair, Finnish Society for Patient and Client Safety
09:10 Keynote lecture: Quality and safety after social and health care integration in Finland – a success or a failure? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PhD, Docent Liina-Kaisa Tynkkynen, Chief Researcher, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare THL (Finland)• Moderator: Professor Kristiina Patja, University of Helsinki
09:35 Future Challenges for Quality and Safety in Finland and Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director General (doctorates in medicine and law) Lasse Lehtonen, Kela, the Social Insurance Institution of Finland
10:00 Coffee break and Poster Exhibition
10:30 Regional overview of quality and patient safety level in the Nordic and Baltic countries – successes and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Dr Sanna-Maria Kivivuori, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland; Finnish Society for Patient and Client Safety• Denmark: Anette Lykke Petri• Finland: Tuija Ikonen• Norway: Annette Kari• Sweden: Charlotta George• Estonia: Teele Orgse• Latvia: Evija Andzane• Lithuania: Birutė Strukčinskienė
12:00 Lunch Buffet

13:00 Parallel session 1 - Using AI in quality and safety for social and health care *

- Dr Enni Sanmark, HUS Helsinki University Hospital
- Moderator: Dr Antti-Jussi Ämmälä, Chief Medical Officer Terveystalo, Finland; Vice Chair, Finnish Society for Patient and Client Safety

13:00 Parallel session 2 - Educational innovations in quality and patient safety *

- Moderator: Professor Kristiina Patja, University of Helsinki

14:30 Coffee break and poster exhibition

15:00 Keynote lecture: Inequitably Harmed: the human impact of Inequity and Epistemic Injustice in Patient Safety

- Dr Josephine Ocloo, Centre for Implementation Science (CIS), King's College London (United Kingdom)
- Moderator: Hanna Kuusisto, professor of customer and patient safety, UEF

15:50- 16:30 Oral presentations

- Moderator: Dr Veli-Matti Ulander, Chief Administrative Medical Officer of HUS, Chairman of NSQH 2026 Local Organizing Committee

17:00- 18:30 Reception of City of Helsinki

Town Hall (Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13, 00170 Helsinki)

- *separate registration needed (registration link on the registration confirmation)*

19:00-23:00 Conference Dinner (banquet)

Restaurant Sipuli, Winter Garden, Kanavaranta 7, 00170 Helsinki

- *separate registration needed*
- Welcome. Henning Boje Andersen, Chairman of the NSQH Board & Dr Sanna-Maria Kivivuori, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health; NSQH 2026 Local Organizing Committee; Finnish Society for Patient and Client Safety

<p>8:30 Registration and poster exhibition at Scandic Marina Congress Center Katajanokanlaituri 6, Helsinki</p>
<p>09:00 Keynote lecture: Digital for Quality of Care: The six lens framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assistant Professor Henrique Martins, Faculty of Health Sciences, Universidade da Beira Interior / ISCTE-IUL (Portugal)
<p>09:45 Speed poster session 1 or 2 **</p>
<p>10:00 Coffee break and poster exhibition</p>
<p>10:30 Parallel session 3 - Advancing Medication Safety in Nordic Countries: Current Research and Development Projects *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator: Associate Professor of medication safety and effectiveness Anna-Riia Holmström, University of Helsinki; Finnish Society for Patient and Client Safety
<p>10:30 Parallel session 4 - Patient generated health data *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator: Professor of customer and patient safety Hanna Kuusisto, University of Eastern Finland
<p>12:00 Lunch Buffet</p>
<p>13:00 Parallel session 5 - Dehospitalization and Home Treatment *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator: Chief Physician Kaisa Halinen, Wellbeing services county of Vantaa and Kerava
<p>13:00 Parallel session 6 - Client safety in social services and multiprofessional collaboration *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator: Professor Maritta Välimäki, University of Helsinki
<p>14:30 Coffee break and poster exhibition</p>
<p>15:00 Keynote lecture: Digital health literacy and citizen engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Professor Anne Moen, University of Oslo, Faculty of Medicine (Norway)
<p>15:45- 16:00 Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Organizing CommitteePresentation of the NSQH 2028