

The Scandinavian Critical Care Trials Group (SCCTG) is a part of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine (SSAI) and aims to provide a network for Scandinavian research in intensive care medicine. Membership of the SCCTG is free and open to all researchers interested in intensive care and related disciplines. The working format of the SCCTG is transparent and independent of commercial interests. An advisory board is formed based on suggestions from an election committee for three years periods. The advisory board consists of five members including one chairman and one secretary. Preferably, all Scandinavian countries should have representatives in the advisory board. The main tasks for the advisory board are to organise the biannual SCCTG meetings and to review and assist the presentation of all proposed research protocols.

The SCCTG meetings are usually held in early autumn and spring. The venue alternates between the Scandinavian countries. The meetings span over two - three days and comprise three sessions. The incubator session opens the meeting and is the informal forum for free presentations and discussions of relevant research in basic and clinical sciences. The educational session is organised to include distinguished lecturers within specific fields from Europe, Scandinavia and the respective organising country. The business session deals with submitted and ongoing research protocols. Protocol discussions are structured with a chairman and presenter(s). To date, eleven SCCTG meetings have been organised.

The last meeting was held in Lund in February 2007. There a new advisory board was elected. The new advisory board consists of:

Anders Perner (Denmark)	Chairman
Niklas Nielsen (Sweden)	Secretary
Jyrkhy Tenhunen (Finland)	
Gudmundur Klemenzson (Iceland)	
Elin Helset (Norway)	

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