

Medcare Oy (MEDCARE)

Medcare Oy was founded in 1991 by Mr Hannu Kautiainen and distinguished Finnish rheumatologists to assist researchers with statistical problems. Medcare Oy has the capacity for data collection, storage, management, and data analyses. Mr Kautiainen has enormously contributed to scientific reports in Finland and has also contributed to projects in the USA, Sweden, and many other countries, and has co-authored >270 publications in medical literature. Two other statisticians work in the company with Mr Kautiainen and provide statistical help to researchers. Associated Partner, Dr Tuulikki Sokka joined Medcare Oy in January 2007. Space, computers, software, and infrastructure are provided to the program by Medcare Oy.

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Dr. **Tuulikki Sokka** graduated from Tampere University Medical School, Tampere, Finland, in 1985. She was awarded her doctorate degree in 1999 and her docent degree in 2003, from Kuopio University, Kuopio, Finland. She worked as a full-time rheumatologist until she was engaged in clinical rheumatology and epidemiology research in 1995. She is the founder of the Central Finland Rheumatoid Arthritis database in Jyväskylä, Finland, the Early Rheumatoid Arthritis Database at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA, and the Quantitative Standard Monitoring of Rheumatoid Arthritis database (QUEST-RA) which enrolled >6,000 patients from 70 clinics in 25 countries between January 2005 and April 2008. She has worked as an Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA, between 1999 and 2006, and as a Senior Researcher at Medcare Oy, Äänekoski, Finland, since January 2007. She has published >100 papers in peer-reviewed medical literature.

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