History & Development:
The Swedish Trauma Association (STA) was built in 1995 as an independent multidisciplinary association. It was a result of increasing interest in trauma that started in the early 90-se.

The Association started its activities by organizing the “Swedish Trauma Day”, a symposium on trauma-care every November and started working for an implementation of the ATLS-concept by the Swedish Surgical Society which became a reality by 1996.

Since 1995 The STA helped organize the annual national meeting of The Swedish Surgical Society and arranged trauma sessions at the meetings. By 2005 the STA concentrated its activities to the national surgical meetings in favour of larger number of participants and for the sake of making it easier for Swedish surgeons to participate. A five years period of very well planed and extremely appreciated trauma sessions enhanced interest of trauma care among members of The Swedish Surgical Society and led to the natural fusion of the STA into the national society becoming its formal subcommittee on trauma by January 2009.

Despite its new identity, the STA is still keen on its original multidisciplinary configuration and still welcomes members of all medical disciplines. The last three years a lot of work has been put in implementing the DSTC course in Sweden, improving trauma sessions at the annual meeting, sponsoring trauma research by the associations annual stipendium on trauma, revising and planning the re-launch of the national trauma registry and actively participating in The ESTES activities as an institutional member.

Aims:
The Association is a multidisciplinary Swedish alliance of doctors

The objectives of the Association are to:
· Promote the progress of Swedish traumatology with particular emphasis on major trauma, by supporting education, research and methodological development.
· Extend the knowledge about traumatology.
· The Association shall be active in matters about prevention of trauma.
· The board shall contain representatives from different disciplines and different categories of hospitals.
· Members of the board are elected for two years, four of whom are elected odd years and five elected even years.

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