

CV

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Øyeflaten Irene
- Date of birth: 27.10.1960
- Female
- Norwegian

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KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Research expertise within work and health, occupational rehabilitation and prognostic factors for return to work
- Research on sick leave and interventions aiming at return to work with special interest in interdisciplinary collaboration between healthcare, social services and workplaces
- Experiences with comorbid musculoskeletal and mental health complaints, illness perceptions, coping and social inequality

EDUCATION

2016	PhD: "Long-term sick leave and work rehabilitation – prognostic factors for return to work" Disputation date: 01.09.2016. Faculty of Psychology, University of Bergen, Norway
2005	Master degree. Institute of Health and Society/Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo (UiO), Norway
1985	School of Physiotherapy, Oslo, Norway
1982	10-credit course in Sociology (intermediate subject), UiO
1981	20-credit course in Sociology (foundation course), UiO
1980	Exam Philosophicum, UiO

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2016-	Senior Researcher (80%) The Advisory Unit on Occupational Rehabilitation, Rauland, Norway
2015-	Researcher II (40%) Norwegian Research Centre
2005-2016	Researcher The Advisory Unit on Occupational Rehabilitation, Rauland, Norway
1985-2005	Physical therapist in different positions, mostly within occupational rehabilitation

PROJECTS

2018-	Project coordinator on the HelseSamArbeid study - an ongoing project in three Norwegian municipalities. Title: Health promotion and collaboration to strengthen work participation. The Research Council of Norway funds the project.
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- 2018- Research associate on a 5-year follow-up study of cancer survivor participation in an early rehabilitation program and the randomized stepped care, stress management intervention.
- 2018- Research Associate on the Diversity in the workplace project at Norce.
- 2018- Research associate on the RehabNytte study – a Norwegian multicentre cohort study with the aim of facilitating high quality research and systematic evaluation of rehabilitation trajectories in specialized rehabilitation in all health regions.
- 2015-2018 Project coordinator on a randomized controlled trial (the NIME trial) - evaluation of the effect of independent medical evaluation (IME) in Norway.

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2017-2018 Member, National working-group, the Norwegian Directorate of Health – generic functional assessment tools.
- 2016-2017 Member, the European COST framework: The Cancer and Work Network (CANWON).
- 2015-2017 Member, National consensus committee in Norway, - quality indicators in rehabilitation of musculoskeletal disorders.
- 2009 - Member, Nordic network and organizing committee (Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Island and Norway) in work rehabilitation which arrange a Nordic Conference for researchers and clinicians every second year.

Track record

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