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**Glesbygd är en sjuk miljö, nu börjar även friska dö**

**Say to countryside goodbye, when even healthy people die**

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## **Abstract**

This small booklet contains a collection of five separate chapters and a closing commentary. In our ongoing efforts to explore myths, facts and fiction regarding different aspects of the public health, we have made several interesting observations. These are not always suitable for a peer-reviewed medical publication, but on the other hand could be used to stimulate the general discussion and, perhaps, later on trigger authorities to initiate research aiming at finding the answer to the question: *Why do we have this growing public health problem?*

The first chapter deals with the trend-break in mortality that happened in Sweden in the year 1955. The expected life of the Swedish population had been increasing at a rate of 0.4 years per year since 1900. This rate suddenly dropped down to 0.15 years per year after 1955, something maybe fortunate for the costs of the public pension system!?

The next chapter takes a look at prostate cancer that is increasing rapidly in Sweden since August 1997.

Chapter 3 takes a look at skin cancer in the head region. Men have a much higher incidence than women. Is that entirely due to the shielding effects of the long hair of the women? Can there also be other factors?

The countryside used to be a healthy place as compared with the city regions 25 years ago. Today it is quite the opposite; the health has degraded over the whole country but most in the countryside where the highest sickness rates today are found. Is there a rational explanation to this?

Finally, we looked at some social security statistics in the Swedish counties and correlated those with the general coverage from the mobile system in each county. A correlation coefficient of -0.9 was found between the sickness compensation and the mobile system coverage ...just a matter of coincidence, or...?

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