# Worst Doctor In Norway Still Operating

A surgeon who lost the right to operate in Norway after 29 cases of malpractice is working unhindered at a hospital in northern Sweden, where managers were previously unaware of her error-strewn past.

Danish doctor Johanne Krogh, 62, has become synonymous in Norway with medical malpractice after a series of high profile incidents that changed patients' lives for the worse. In one case, she stormed out on a bleeding patient in the middle of a surgical procedure after losing her temper with a colleague in the operating theater. The incident necessitated two further corrective operations for the patient, who later died.

Also, several of her hip patients reported her to the authorities after emerging from the operating room with legs differing in length by up to four centimeters. Krogh's errors have so far cost the Norwegian patient insurance system $1.7 million. Krogh has worked at Hudiksvall Hospital since July 2007. But her Swedish employers were unaware of the Danish doctor's many medical missteps, having only carried out basic checks on her background. Instead, the matter was brought to the hospital's attention by Norwegian public radio broadcaster NRK.

The Norwegian patient insurance system has received 42 reports of malpractice pertaining to Krogh's work, 29 of which have led to insurance pay-outs. Two cases are awaiting arbitration. Krogh's orthopedic and surgical licenses were revoked after the first twenty reports of serious medical malpractice, which prevented her from performing surgery in the country.

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