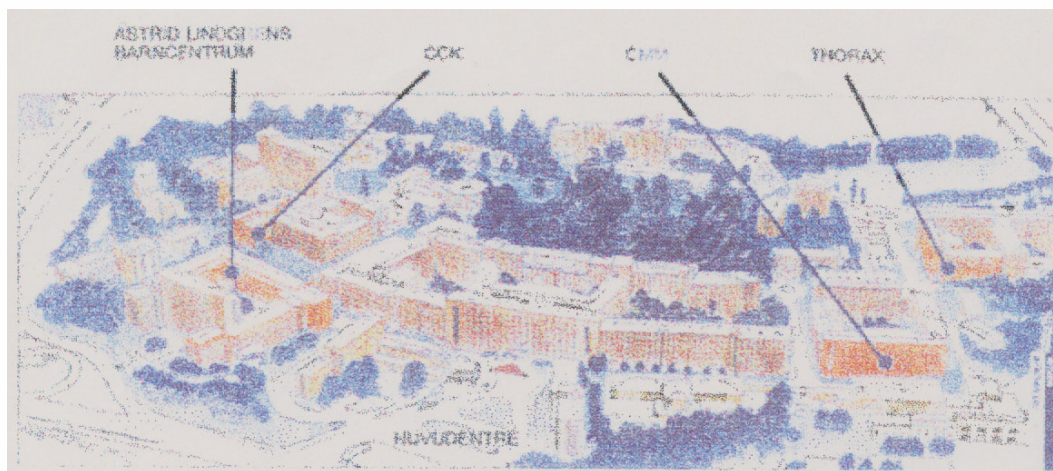


Senior Consultant Svante Larsson,  
Divisional Manager at the Rehabilitation Medicine Department at  
The Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden:

“For several years the Rehabilitation Medicine Department has conducted quality ensured treatment and rehabilitation for patients with chronic lower back problems (of more than 3 months). Certain patients among the group are offered treatment with the Mastercare® Back-A-Traction®. In some cases we have advised our patients to use the Mastercare® Back-A-Traction® for self treatment in their homes. The result has been very good in many cases. An obvious benefit of this way of treatment is that the patient, on a regular basis, in combination with exercise/strength training is able to do self treatment in the home or at the work place”.

The Karolinska Hospital is one of Sweden’s largest university hospitals with about 7,000 employees and an annual treatment of more than half a million patients. This hospital is well-known throughout the world for its research.

A scientific study of Mastercare® Back-A-Traction® began in October 1999, comparing traditional physical therapy with traditional physical therapy using Mastercare® Back-A-Traction® as additional treatment. 50 people, randomly chosen, from the “lower back groups” at the Rehabilitation Medicine Department are using the Mastercare® Back-A-Traction® for self treatment in their homes in addition to the scheduled treatment program.



Pictured here are some of the biggest construction projects: the Astrid Lindgren Child Centre (scheduled for completion by New Year 1998), the Karolinska Cancer Centre (scheduled for completion by New Year 1998), the Centre for Molecular Medicine (scheduled for completion in January 1997) and the new building and extension for the Thoracic Departments (scheduled for completion in June 1997 and June 1998 respectively)