

Denmark: Faculty connections between UNC and CVU/Syd OT program in Denmark led to our visit to Naestved in 2004. We held a joint conference about OT education and discussed collaboration.



The visit also consisted of tours of services for older adults with the goal of learning and collaboration. The community based services and care of older adults by OT and other disciplines were inspiring. We learned how social service and health services are better connected in Denmark, and explored their preventive home visit programs.



Preventive Home Visit (PHV) Our learning in Denmark led to a student fieldwork in North Carolina to implement and evaluate a Preventive Home Visit project. A protocol was developed in collaboration with Vibeke Talley, OTR/L who directly supervised the students. Vibeke is from Denmark and works with our county Department on Aging. The success of this pilot inspired us to form an investigative team led by Malcolm Cutchin, PhD, a social geographer and gerontologist. We received a National Institutes on Aging grant (R27) for a pilot project of OT Preventive Home Visits in three counties involving 100 subjects. Our advisory committee consists of aging researchers in the US and Denmark. We are completing the visits and will report analyze the data in the spring of 2010. Our hope is to advance to a larger a multi-site and international grant.

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