Aim: To discuss the rationale behind scientific guidelines in rheumatology, and their utility in clinical practice.

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Topics of discussion:
- Strengths and weakness in rheumatology guidelines
- Similarities and differences in guidelines from different Nordic countries
- The development of guidelines and major points of controversy

Introductory talk: Challenges in international and national guidelines. Ronald van Vollenhoven

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