

Dr. Per Tidehag

Per Tidehag is the Chief Dental Officer in the county of Vasterbotten, Sweden. He received his board certification as a prosthodontist in 1993 and his PhD degree in 1995 which mainly focused on nutritional physiologi and the absorption of zinc and iron from the intestine. He did a post-doc at University of California Davis 1999-2000 at the Bo Lonnerdal lab.

His main interest in development and research during the last decade has been towards optimization and digitalization of the work-flow in prosthetic dentistry and mainly focused on fixed and implant-supported structures. To date, he has published about 20 scientific papers.

As a chief dental officer of Vasterbotten he manages 31 dental public health clinics and specialties clinics in 8 specialties. In total about 620 employees of which about 200 are dentists. The duties also include tutoring dental students in all their clinical assignments, which mostly is performed by the dentist with specialist training that also have a Ph.D. In order to stay on top in the development within the field, digitalization has been included into the work and the curriculum at the dental school. This includes having used intra-oral scanning since 2010 where there currently are about 10 units within the dental school and the dental clinics. There are also 4 dental labs that are using the digital work-flow.