Problems experienced by the family physician

Gaining sufficient insight

Patients with reduced functional ability

• Can not make contact and relate how they are

Patients who are fixed in their ways

• Do not make contact or relate how they are

Strategy used by the family physician

Relying on information from the district nurse and others

Family and neighbours and all home care providers

- For getting information *The district nurse*
- For investigation in the home
- For information about medical status
- For information from others

Good enough insight

Objective

Making adequate decisions

Patients with complex conditions
The basis for decisions is uncertain

- Difficult to investigate
- Ambiguous information
- Hard to get medical advice The decision is problematic
- Side effects from appropriate treatment
- Patients approaching end of life
- Patients with alcohol abuse

Patients who are fixed in their ways

• Do not comply with recommendations

Supporting close observation and follow-up by the district nurse and others

Family and neighbours and all home care providers

- Support of
- Follow up of the situation

The district nurse

 Conduct close observation and assessment of patient's condition and risks

Being constantly ready to change the goal of the treatment

In accordance with interventions that are

- Acceptable
- Possible

For the patient

- Possible
- Appropriate

For the family physician

Relying on the district nurse and

others to provide treatment *The district nurse, family and home care providers*

- Help the patient with the treatment *The district nurse*
- Conduct close observation and assessment of the patient's condition and treatment in the home

Adequate decisions

Maintaining
appropriate treatment
Patients with reduced functional

ability

- Cannot handle the treatment
- Cannot evaluate their condition
- Cannot evaluate the treatment

Good enough treatment