

Brief biography Tommy Westerlund

Tommy Westerlund is working as a researcher at the Department of Rational Use of Medicines at the Swedish Medical Products Agency. He is also an Associate Professor in Social Pharmacy at the Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

He got his undergraduate pharmacy training at Uppsala University in Sweden, earned a Master of Science Degree in Social & Administrative Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota in the US and a PhD in Social Medicine at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Dr Westerlund's primary research interest besides self-medication with nonprescription drugs has been pharmaceutical care, where he has conducted a number of studies focused on the identification, resolution and prevention of drug-related problems (DRPs). He developed an IT-based DRP documentation system that was incorporated in and used by all Swedish pharmacies. He has also experience in inter-professional research collaboration. .

Dr Westerlund has served as the chairman of both the Community Pharmacy Section of the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe (PCNE).