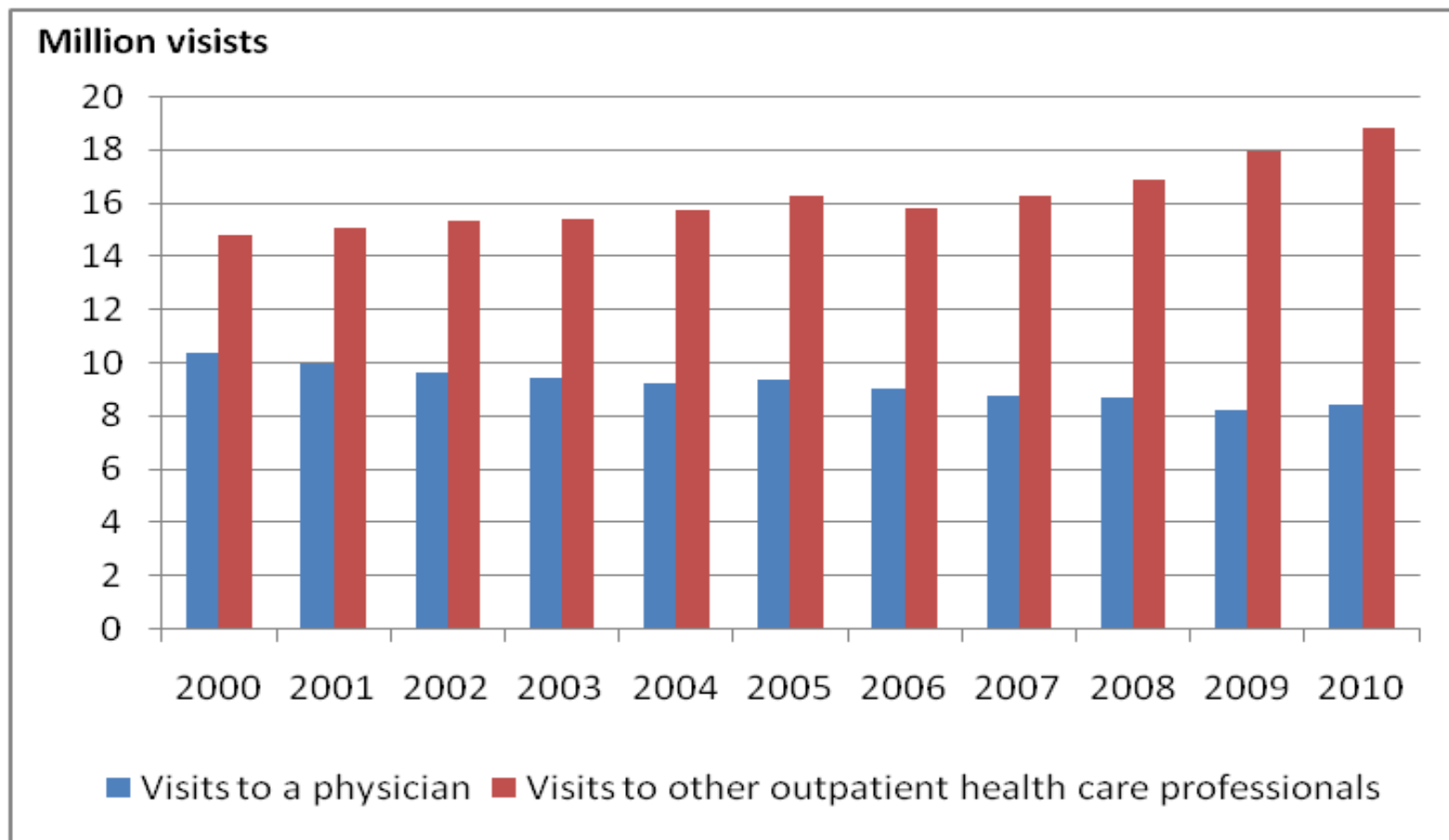


FOCUS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NURSING IN FINLAND

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VISITS TO HEALTH CENTRE PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN 2000-2010



Source: National Institute for Health and Welfare.

DEVELOPING THE ROLES OF NURSES THROUGH NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY PROGRAMMES

- **National Health Project 2002-2007**
 - About 1/3 of the acute visits at the nurse's reception
 - About 50 % of visits in health centres at the nurse's reception
- **National Development Plan for Social and Health Care Services 2008-2011**
 - Dissemination of the advanced roles of nurses and preparation of the proposals for changes in legislation
- **National Development Programme for Social Welfare and Health Care 2012-2015**
 - Continuing the dissemination and the development of the redistribution of the tasks and the advanced roles of nurses
- Programmes adapted by the Government
- Allocation of the state grants for municipal pilot projects

STRENGTHENING NURSING THROUGH LEGISLATION AND NORMS

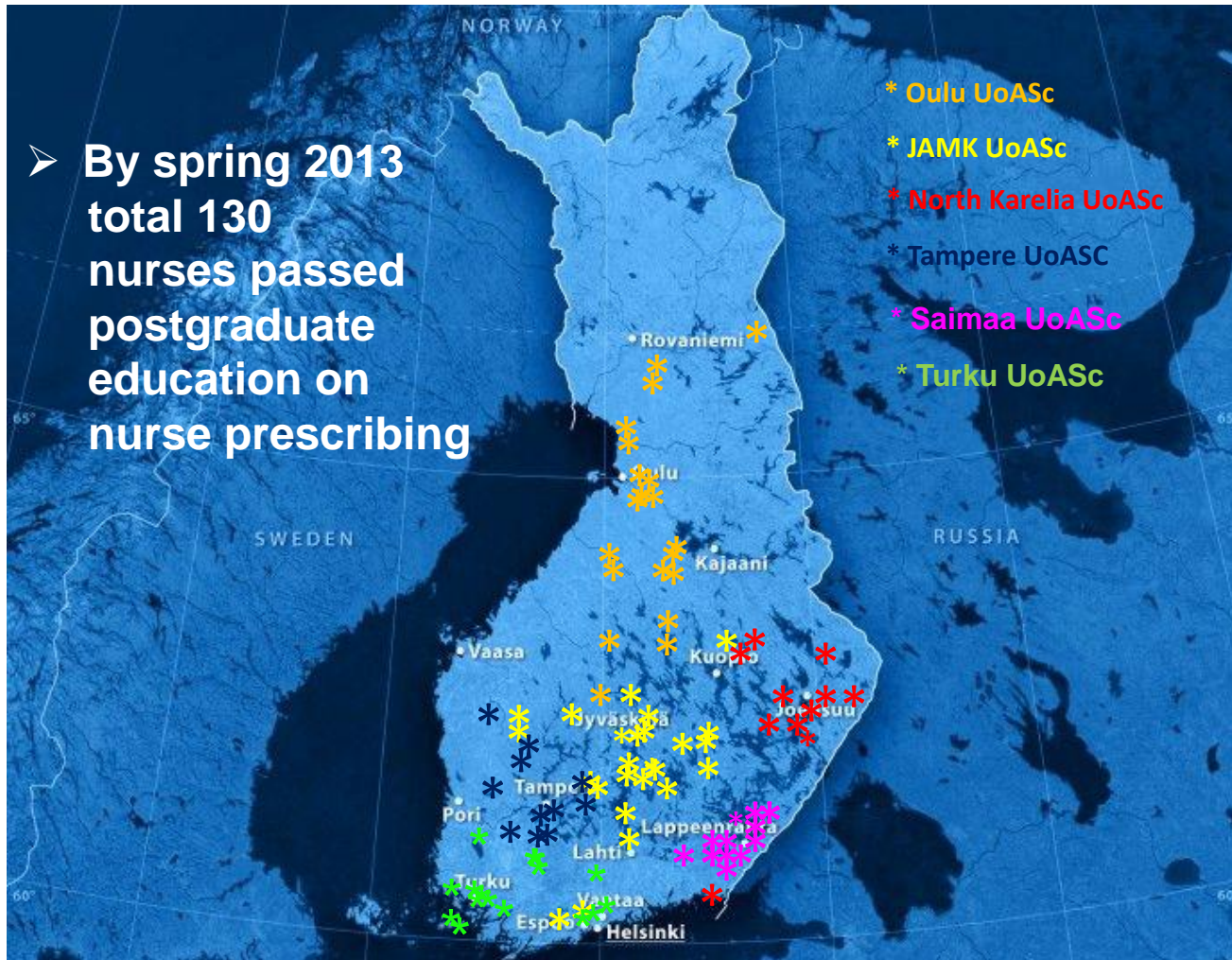
| Norm | Basis for a new competence requirement |
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| Health Care Act 1326/2010, section 51 | A health care professional shall assess the need for treatment no later than on the third working day from when the patient first contacted the health centre. |
| Health Care Act 1326/2010, section 52 | Any treatment and provision of advice deemed necessary on medical or dental grounds or on the basis of health science in connection with the assessment of the need for treatment shall be provided and begin within a reasonable period of time...and in any case within six months of the need for treatment having been ascertained. |
| Health Care Act 1326/2010, section 57 | All decisions relating to starting or discontinuing treatment as well as all referrals to other units shall be made by the physician-in-charge or another health care professional authorised according to instructions of the physician-in-charge. |
| Health Insurance Act 1224/2004 | Payment of the parental allowance requires that the mother has passed a post-natal examination by a physician or by a midwife or a public health nurse employed by public health care and with sufficient education. |
| Ccollective agreement in the local gov. sector | A public health nurse or a nurse can give a certificate for sick leave on a certain period. |
| Medical statement for the Social Insurance Institution | A public health nurse or a nurse can write out and sign for one's part a medical statement on an ability to function and need for care, advice and supervision of a disabled person and a person receiving pension |

NURSE PRESCRIBING

- The legislation on Nurse Prescribing came into force in July, 2010
 - Nurses, public health nurses and midwives
- The aim is to support:
 - better access to care
 - better utilisation of nursing knowledge and skills in patient care
 - functioning and flexibility of services in primary health care settings
- A national list of medicines and nationally defined postgraduate education are regulated by **decrees** which came into force in January, **2011**

THE FIRST 50 NURSES GRADUATED FROM PROSTGRADUATE EDUCATION ON NURSE PESCIBING IN MAY 2012

➤ By spring 2013
total 130
nurses passed
postgraduate
education on
nurse prescribing



UoASc = University of Applied Sciences

NEXT STEPS

- Strengthening clinical competences in undergraduate nursing education
 - Proposals by the MSAH in 2012
 - Implementation in collaboration
- National Development Programme for Social Welfare and Health Care 2012-2015:
 - Development of multiprofessional practical training
 - Defining a national framework for specialising postgraduate studies in nursing as a part of the NQF > EU CNOs
- Evaluation of the nurse prescribing practices and defining the needs for changes
- Dissemination of the advanced roles of nurses > OECD
- Role of directors of nursing in new service structures