





# Workability assessments in practice

**Work Ability Assessment across Danish rehabilitation** The implementation of a Work Ability Assessment-tool based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) in Danish job centers.

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# Agenda

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#### Background The Danish (multi-disciplinary) **Vocational Rehabilitation team**

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The ICF founded work ability assessment-tool could increase common problem identification, planning, goal targeting and evaluation of the vocational rehabilitation process



Clinical Rehabilitation 2005; 19: 811 818, Derick T. Wade



# The rehabilitation team



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# **Basic evaluation**





- 1. You and the job market
- 2. Education
- 3. Interest/hobbies
- 4. Social skills-personal abilities
- 5. Social and financial issues
- 6. Health

d850, d820, b140, d920, b152, d870, d760, d570, b134 e factors





• Which impeding and promoting factors identifies in the implementation process of the work ability assessment-tool, based on ICF in the setting of vocational rehabilitation in Denmark?



# Method

## • The empirical data

-a description of the test of the ICF founded Work Ability Assessmenttool in 12 municipalities in Denmark

and

Qualitative focus group interviews with case managers and leaders.

## Analysis

- to analyze the data the planned action model and framework to guide implementation, The *Knowledge-to-Action cycle* (KTA) is used.

# The Knowledge-to-action Cycle





# Results



## Impeeding factors to implementation

- Lack of co-involvement in finding a solution to the identified issue (ICF) implicated the stakeholders/professionals limited ownership of the ICF-tool.
- An insufficient introduction to the assessment tool and Noidentification of facilitators beforehand
- No follow-up evaluation throughout the trail

## **Promoting factors to implementation**

• An active involvement of stakeholders during the adaption phase of the tool



- The different ways to interpret work-ability and rehabilitation implicates the implementation of ICF.
- The case managers and the public leaders in the social setting could not see the value of using ICF as a common language and method to qualify vocational rehabilitation in general.
- This emphasizes the need for a common rehabilitation focus.



- **1.** The implementation proces is multifaceted and complex
- 2. Not 1 of the 7 phases in guided implementation proces should be neglected
- 3. Implemention in the setting of vocational rehabilitation require many interdisciplinary meetings and the will to cooperate and an effort to understand each others different perspectives.