



# SOTERGO

## Ergonomics network of the social and health care sector

**SOTERGO**, the ergonomics network of the social and health care sector, was founded in 2004. Its objective is to promote occupational safety and health in the sector, mainly through communications. The network is managed by the Centre for Occupational Safety.

The operations are led by a **Steering Group** with representatives from the Centre for Occupational Safety, the Finnish Work Environment Fund, the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the Finnish National Agency for Education and trade unions and employers' organisations in the sector. In addition, the operations include representatives of social and health care education and specialists in ergonomics.

**Members of SOTERGO** can be health care professionals, supervisors, educators and researchers in social and health care and representatives of assistive device companies. The members commit to the network's values and ethical procedures.

### Tasks

- Gather and provide information on ergonomic methods promoting the health and safety of staff and patients.
- Promote the integration of theory and research on ergonomics into practice and the development of the operations.
- Organise an annual 2-day network seminar.
- Administer the website [www.sotergo.fi](http://www.sotergo.fi), through which you may also register as a member of the network.



### The ground rules of the operations:

- openness
- responsibility
- confidentiality
- equality
- commitment
- participation
- interactivity and communication