Environmental Intolerance

Föreläsare
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Titel
*Environmental Intolerance* - attributing symptoms to odorous chemicals, everyday sounds and electromagnetic fields.

Tid

Plats
Rum 357, Frescati Hagväg 14, plan 3.

Ansvarig avdelning
Perception och psykofysik.

Presentation/abstract
Environmental intolerance is an embracing term for a number of conditions with the common denominator of attributing several medically unexplained, non-specific symptoms to a certain environmental exposure. This far, no link between environmental intolerance and organ pathology or dysfunction has been established. Instead an increasing amount of evidence suggests psychological factors, such as classical conditioning, sensitization and nocebo response, to be important gears in the causal mechanism.

In this talk results from the Västerbotten Environmental Health Study, a large questionnaire-based longitudinal survey with focus on different types of environmental intolerance, asthma and allergy, mental ill-health, coping strategies and social support will be presented.

The emphasis will be on psychological risk and health factors for developing/recovering from environmental intolerance, as well as the prognosis and comorbidity with functional syndromes.