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EDUCATION

2010 -	Norwegian Psychological Association: specialty "Work and mental health"
2008-2010	Psychological Association: specialty "Clinical community psychology"
2002 -2006	Doctoral degree (Ph.D.) in Health Psychology Title: "The Impact of positive affect: a study of affect dynamics, pain, and interpersonal relationships in patients with musculoskeletal disorders". Faculty of Medicine, Department of Behavioural Sciences, University of Oslo, Norway.
1989-1997	Cand. psychol. Master Thesis: "The importance of personality and specific experiences for development and maintenance of pain in chronic pain patients." University of Oslo, Institute of Psychology.
1987	University of Oslo, sociology
1985	University of Oslo, psychology
1981	UNIT, pedagogy
1980	UNIT, Ex. Phil

PRESENT POSITIONS

- Psychologist (60%) at Oslo University Hospital, CFS/ME Centre. Head of research at the CFS/ME Centre (Oslo, Norway)
- Advisor (40%) at National Advisory Unit for CFS/ME, Oslo University Hospital.
- Clinical psychologist(30%), Lovisenberg Hospital, Oslo

SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACT

- Head of research, "CFS/ME research group" at Oslo University Hospital
- Research award: "APS Scholars award" of American Psychosomatic Society, 2005
- Supervision: one PhD thesis finished, four master thesis finished
- 20 papers (included book chapters)

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Elin B Strand holds a PhD in health psychology. She is full-time appointed at Oslo University Hospital both as clinical advisor, psychologist and researcher. She has a specialty in community psychology and has been working as a clinical psychologist for almost 20 years with patients having chronic somatic diseases. For the last six years she has also been hired at the Center for CFS/M and at the National Advisory Unit for CFS/ME. The latest publications is in collaboration with a research team at DePaul University in Chicago. Her former publications have focused on chronic pain and psychological aspects and recent papers on diagnosis/diagnostic criteria and CFS/ME. She also has lectures and courses at conferences and workshops (25 the last five years).