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Professor Lidgren initiated a Bone and Joint Decade Consensus Meeting in Lund, which led to Bone and Joint Decade 2000–2010. An undergraduate major in statistics, he went on to medical school at Lund and graduated in 1971. Professor Lidgren is the Chairman for the Swedish National Knee Register. ■



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