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RELEVANCE OF RATIONALIZATION OF THORACIC SURGERY **DEPARTMENTS: RESULTS IN DENMARK**

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During the last 30 years the number of departments doing thoracic surgery have changed from 11 to 4 high volume centers. This has been driven by surgeons, the National Board of Health and the Ministry of Health.

Focus have been on size of hospitals/department, cancer seen as an acute disease, national databases and audits, education and surgeons specialization and case volume This have led to a much higher resection rate and better outcome.