Nordic Kidney Group
Sixth annual meeting
26-Nov-2008, 10.00 am at Arlanda Airport

Present:
Nordic transplantation/nephrolic departments:

- Magnús Bödvarsson - Landspitali
- Lauri Kylönen - Helsingin Yliopistollinen Keskussairaalta
- Lars Wennberg - Karolinska Universitetssjukhuset
- Kaj Anker Jørgensen - Skejby Sygehus
- Lars Mjörnstedt - Sahlgrenska Universitetssjukhuset
- Bengt von zur Mühlen - Akademiska sjukhuset
- Nils H. Persson - Universitetssjukhuset MAS
- Anna Varberg Reisæter - Rikshospitalet
- Søren Schwarts Sørensen - Rigshospitalet

Nordic uremic registries:

- Torbjørn Leivestad - Norsk Nefrologiregister
- Staffan Schön - Svenskt Register för Aktiv Uremivård
- Runólfur Pálsson - Islandske uræmiregister

Transplantation coordinator group:
Christina Andreasson - Uppsala

Scandiatransplant:
Arnt Jakobsen
Frank Pedersen

Absent:
Niels Grunnet - Scandiatransplant
Claus Bistrup - Odense Universitetshospital
James Heaf - Dansk Uremi register
Jesper Melchiør Hansen - Herlev Hospital

Through out the meeting there were good cross linked discussions on issues concerning EU and Organ trade:

- Transplant tourism: Sctp's role as an informator must be clarified by the board.
- “Reverse transplanttourisme”: From abroad with a kidney for a Nordic relative.
  The problem is that we can not offer them lifelong follow-up.
  Concerns was written in a letter by the dk-centres and send to the healthautorities.
  Only use a donor if their own hospitals work.
  Donor must be able to communicate directly (no interpreters - English)
  SE- only fu assurance in home country is accepted.
  GO – Only first degree relatives is accepted (to prevent money involvement)
  DK - “Cooling of period – a trip to Danmark for evaluation, and then back home to have a ssecondthought.
- EU -directive on organ transplantation 2004-2007 new directive (tissues/cells)
  The Nordic countries has been well represented in the discussion.
  No strict directive outlined, no orders for individual countries.
  Action plans to implement it has been outlined.
  2011-2012 is when it should be implemented.

- Islets in the tissue-directive is still a problem for the Nordic countries.
  The Board will look trough the directive to see what already is served (we have for instance a unique
  number for each organ).

  – Istanbul – doctrine:
    Professional evaluation on mental health, who is professional - is it a psychiatrist or a doctor.

**Agenda issues:**

- A presentation of STAMP Scandiatransplant Acceptable mismatch program was given, an official launch is
  ready in the beginning of 2009.
- EDTA and ICD10 codes will both be honoured, Scandiatransplant will look into the practical issues.
- Collection of additional data from the Nordic uraemia registries is still open, Scandiatransplant will look
  into the practical issues.
- The kidney follow-up in Scandiatransplant will be changed from overwriting of present data, to become
  historical.
- Incorporation of the NPRTSG schemes into Scandiatransplant will be issued in 2009.
- A revision of NLDR's schemes will be followed up - Scandiatransplant will look into the practical issues.
- Re-election of leader and leader group for NKG.
- The discussion on Annual report still depends on the data available, and the different time lines when data
  is donated.
- Updating of Scandiatransplants computer system has come to an end with the “SKS/ORACLE”
  constellation. The extended Scandiatransplant staff will take over from now on.
- A forum for discussion of problem cases is requested, Scandiatransplant will look into the practical issues.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be at Kastrup Airport on Wednesday November 25 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Pedersen, Scandiatransplant