

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

Present:

Nordic transplantation/nephrologic departments:

Magnús Bödvarsson	- Landspítali
Lauri Kyllönen	- Helsingin Yliopistollinen Keskussairaala
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 Schwartz 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
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Scandiatransplant:

Arnt Jakobsen
Frank Pedersen

Absent:

Niels Grunnet	- Scandiatransplant
Claus Bistrup	- Odense Universitetshospital
James Heaf	- Dansk Uremi register
Jesper Melchior 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 informant 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 healthauthorities.
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 NLDL'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