

Minutes

Nordic Pancreas Transplantation Group,
September 2, 2014 in Copenhagen

Present:

Lars Bäckman, Uppsala
Ole Øyen, Oslo,
Søren Schwartz Sørensen, Copenhagen
Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen
Marko Lempinen, Helsinki
Torbjörn Lundgren, Stockholm
Bengt Gustafsson, Göteborg
Geir Nedredal, Copenhagen
Nicolai Schultz, Copenhagen
Torben G. Helligsø, Scandiatransplant
Ilse D. Weinreich, Scandiatransplant

- 1) Lars Bäckman opened the meeting as chairman
- 2) Ilse D. Weinreich was elected as secretary for the meeting
- 3) Report from all centers and Pancreas and islet transplant activities so far 2014

Copenhagen:

Has now received the final approval from the health authorities and they are now officially approved to do pancreas transplantations.

Ambition is to start in the beginning of 2015 with combined kidney-pancreas transplantations.

As Copenhagen is new in this field they asked the rest of the group for advice on most optimal immunosuppression and surgical technic.

Stockholm:

This fall Swedish Transplantation Society will celebrate that 50 years has gone by since the first kidney transplantation, 40 years since first pancreas transplant and 30 years since the first liver and heart transplantation in Sweden.

Helsinki:

Has increased the number of pancreas transplantations.

Gothenburg:

Have not had as many donors as they had hoped for, but still a fair amount of pancreas transplantations. They would like to do more islets transplantations.

Uppsala:

A very complicated graft vs. host reaction was discussed

Oslo:

Have tried to increase donor age in context with pancreas procurement from 50 to 55 years and for a short while up to 60 years.

Regression analyses done shows that donor age is a major risk factor, why they have now reduced donor age to 55.

They try to keep CIT below 9-10 hours.

4) Pancreas procurement and exchange

The amount of pancreas exchanges are still quite low, however it has increased a bit since 2013. It was discussed why only one spare pancreas has been offered to the rest of Scandiatransplant.

Payback and exchange rules were discussed, but there will be no change as the amount of transplantations and recipients are still small.

5) Donor potential 2014

Based on the acceptable donor pancreas criteria age < 60 years and BMI < 30, pancreas from 102 donors fulfilling the criteria was not used for transplantation. 23 of these we used for research and islet isolation, the rest 79 is registered as not harvested.

16 of 79 did not have a registered reason of why the pancreas was not procured, two centers will get a reminder.

6) Bylaws?

The title of the document 'Bylaws' will be changed to 'Guidelines'.

The group will be named Nordic Pancreas Transplantation Group; the name will be updated on the Scandiatransplant homepage.

After a few minor changes the guidelines were approved.

7) Pancreas registry

Relevant parameters for a pancreas recipient registry were discussed. An overview will be made a circulated in the group.

8) Other matters

It was discussed if it would be relevant to write and published an article.

Torbjörn Lundgren would like each center to send him their immunosuppression protocol for pancreas and kidney-pancreas transplantation. He will make a spreadsheet and circulate it. Hopefully it will be easier to see the differences and similarities.

Further Torbjörn would like to remind all about the Pancreas and Islet transplantation meeting in Austria in late January 2015. Please check <http://www.esot.org/events-education/upcoming-events/1776/overview>

9) Next meeting February 3, 2015 at Hilton in Copenhagen

Minutes are approved by Lars Bäckman September 8th, 2014

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Ilse D. Weinreich