

# Minutes NTCG meeting

Time for meeting: Oct. 22., 2015, 10:00 to 16:00

## Participants:

- Transplant Coordinators:
  - Aarhus: Pia Lauenborg (PL)
  - Copenhagen: Pernille van Houten (PvH)
  - Odense: Bente Kaxe (BK)
  - Malmö: Kerstin Karud (KK)
  - Helsinki: Carola Schauman (CS) – NTCG chair
  - Gothenburg: David den Hartog (DdH)
  - Stockholm: Ann-Christin Croon (ACC)
- Scandiatransplant:
  - Ilse Duus Weinreich (IDW)
  - Bo Hedemark Pedersen (BHP)

Not present: Nadine Weidenberg (NW), Uppsala and Ingebjørg Kvangarsnes (IK), Oslo

The meeting was held according to the agenda sent to all participants in advance.

## Welcome

by Carola Schauman

## Kidney and liver balance

In most cases agreement was reached, however some cases needed follow up.

## Information from Nordic Liver Transplantation Group

by Allan Rasmussen

Liver payback doesn't work and splitable livers are used with missed opportunity to transplant children. And there is evidence that supports this theory: more than 50 splitable livers have not been offered as payback to children.

30 paediatric rec. per year contra 100 splitable livers per year should mean no children on the liver waiting list.

NLTG has decided:

Urgent or kind request must be payed back with liver of same quality as the original sent and you are obligated to pay back with the first liver available of same quality.

Splitable liver that cannot be used for children at own center (which it should if any exists) should be offered to children in other centers.

Categories of liver and how to determine must be defined by NLTG: splitable, normal - or "extended criteria".

Children are defined as age  $\leq 18$  (at waiting list entry)

Paediatric livers should be used for children. Same as splitable.

1. Children with cancer (diagnosis! Allan will define)
2. Child with longest waiting time

Refusal when offering pay back should be recorded locally, until a system is available in Scandiatransplant .

An updated version of the liver exchange and pay back guidelines will be made and circulated. Everybody will be informed when the new rules are effectuated.

## Vascular Pancreas- follow up from last meeting

by Ilse Duus Weinreich and Carola Schauman

Bengt Gustafsson, Gothenburg, has been elected as new chair of NPTG. Meeting minutes are found on the homepage.

[http://www.scandiatransplant.org/members/nordic-pancreas-group/MinutesNPTGmeetingKastrup01\\_sep\\_2015.pdf](http://www.scandiatransplant.org/members/nordic-pancreas-group/MinutesNPTGmeetingKastrup01_sep_2015.pdf)

NW and IK have not reported back on the following issue from last NTCG meeting:

*There is no official Scandiatransplant guidelines of how and when to offer spare pancreas. How should it be handled in practice and are the retrieval teams ready/willing to retrieve 'only' pancreas? NW and IK will ask responsible persons at their centers and contact chair of the pancreas Group, Lars Backman. Local guidelines might need to be changed and made to Scandiatransplant guidelines*

CS will send a reminder

## Sharing pictures between centers

by David den Hartog

There is a problem with sharing x-ray pictures of lungs between countries.

The local possibilities to send and receive should be investigated.

If it should be taken care of by the SCTP-system, then the pictures must be in a format readable by all centers.

## Blood samples with organ export

by Carola Schauman

It will be brought up at the next tissue typers meeting how many tubes must be included when exporting kidneys.

## Labeling blood samples

by Pernille van Houten

Bad/missing labelling; e.g. sample inserted in a glove, which had donor number written on it. Kidney was almost rejected by CPH.

Agree to remind all to label each sample correct.

## YASWA

by Ilse Duus Weinreich

A demonstration of the new user interface were given.  
PvH would like to search e.g. liver-patients with HCV positive status

## Who to contact, when blood samples acute needed

by Ann-Christin Croon

Agree to call coordinators on duty.

## Fax numbers when UC, KR and Prio1

by Ann-Christin Croon

Some centers have multiple fax-numbers it was discussed why some centers have three different numbers.  
Faxing is required for kind requests and changes of urgent lists

## Scandiatransplant telephone and address list

by Ann-Christin Croon

The coordinators should advise SCTP-office of local changes of coordinators contact-info. SCTP-office should internally discuss whether or not the list should be maintained and distributed.

## Estonian offers

by Carola Schauman

Sometimes it still doesn't work with the phone-chain when organs are offered from Estonia, please remember to follow the agreement:

[http://www.scandiatransplant.org/organ-allocation/Liver\\_and\\_thorax\\_rotation\\_Estonia.pdf](http://www.scandiatransplant.org/organ-allocation/Liver_and_thorax_rotation_Estonia.pdf)

## Other matters

IDW: Nordic Thoracic Transplantation Study group (NTTSG) has elected Are Martin Holm, Oslo, as new chair of the group. NTTSG has accepted that a transplant coordinators attend their meetings. Next meeting will probably include some of the users, that actually enter data in the thoracic registry. Next meeting April 14th 2016.

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/members/nttr/MinutesNTTSG19october2015.pdf>

CS: Krister Höckerstedt sends his regards.

Working Group on Scandiatransplant Articles (WGA) will present their results at Scandiatransplant Council of Representatives May, 2016.

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/organisation/working-group-on-articles>

A new Chair of Scandiatransplant will be appointed at the next Scandiatransplant Council of Representatives May, 2016.

New registry of registries is still discussed in EU

ACC: Living donor registry - is it being used? Yes it is by some centers. It is obligatory to do follow up on living donors. The registry is supported by the Nordic Kidney Group (NKG)

All: Security labels/seals must be used when organs are exported to other centers.

PvH: Sometimes a harvesting team meet up without an anaesthetic-doctor for a lung. What is agreed upon? The general rule is that the harvesting team should bring their own, they cannot expect that there will be an aesthetic-doctor already on sight.

KK: Reimbursement for transportation? The letter send to the Scandiatransplant board has received no response.

## Next meeting

May 11, 2016 in connection with STS [www.sts2016.se](http://www.sts2016.se)

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