

**MINUTES**  
**Scandiatransplant**  
**Nordic Transplantation Coordinator Group**  
**Video Meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 09.00-12.30**

Participants:

Øystein Jynge, Stockholm (Chair)

Ingebjörg Kvangarsnes, Oslo

Helle Madsen, Aarhus

Mette Gotlieb, Copenhagen

Rikke Spanggaard, Odense

Carola Schauman, Helsinki

Catharina Yesil, Helsinki

Pernilla Händén, Gothenburg

Charlotte Lovén, Malmö

Evamarie Braf, Lund

Karin Lindh, Uppsala

Janika Kuus, Tartu

Ilse Weinreich, Scandiatransplant

**Election of chair**

Øystein Jynge

**Election of secretary**

Charlotte Lovén

Catharina Yesil

## **Last meeting – Minutes**

nothing to add

## **Round the Table**

Covid19 pandemic is still affecting all centers in a way or another. All Coordinators have been vaccinated and the transplantation programs are active in all countries with some restrictions and precautions. Oslo is not yet accepting thoracic organs from abroad other than urgent cases.

## **DCD national status**

All centers eager to start but are in very different state of the process.

*Norway* - still waiting for last decision before they can “restart”

*Finland* – will start education in September, then start with a pilot of 10 donors, age <65

*Estonia* – Legislation ready, but no plans yet when to start

*Denmark* – difficult situation due to the neurosurgeons resistance. Work on an agreement. The plan is to start at the University hospitals.

*Sweden* – Pilot project with 6 hospitals has ended and DCD now continues as a standard at those hospitals. A National protocol in use. Education ongoing at several hospitals, implementing this spring and more after summer. NRP – two cases in Stockholm, DCD Lungs in Lund is now implementing.

## **Offering STAMP/Prior Kidney**

When offer of STAMP Prio 1 kidneys, especially during the night we do not want arguing about if it is a STAMP or not. If the receiving surgeon is unsure about decision, he/she can discuss with the Tissue type lab and then a quick response to the donor coordinator. The search in YASWA is to be trusted if recipient data are put in correct. Ilse will “keep an eye” and let us know.

## **Payback liver –general discussion**

Payback rules – some Liver surgeons not satisfied, discussion in the NLTG but unclear about decisions. Also discussed about offers of split livers, offer to all at the same time or to center by center. We are waiting for the NLTG Minutes.

## **Supplying HLA when organ export**

We do not send HLA (on paper) with the organ -it’s in the database, YASWA, for all involved to read.

## **Pediatric liver offers in Nordic countries**

We as Transplant coordinators are responsible for the offering procedure -will come up with a proposal to the NLTG about the pediatric offers. Discuss at your centers and come with a statement **before June 4**. Send to Öystein who will pass on our proposal to NLTG.

Alternative 1 – the offer goes to all centers at the same time - a Rota system

Alternative 2 – the offer goes to one center – if no – to the next center and so on

### **YASWA project – coordination**

The proposal for incorporating more deceased organ donation process functionalities in YASWA has been accepted by the Scandia Board and is in progress. A smaller working group consisting of coordinators from Sweden, Norway and Denmark now works close to Ilse and her team with input/suggestions. See email from Ilse, May 6: *“Next week we are planning to launch the first changes related to the deceased donor variable project, with this a new ‘Coordination’ tab will be introduced in YASWA.*

*Existing fields moved to this new tab are ‘Date of death’, fields concerning consent and research. New fields are the donation progress comments, initial diagnostics, forensic, checklist, timetable and contact person list. Attached you will find screen dumps of the new ‘Coordination’ tab.*

*Until the update is made in production the changes are found on this test server:*

*<https://sc37.scandiatransplant.org/test/>*

*You are very welcome to take a look and try out the new functions on the test server, it will not affect production data.*

*Please pass on this message to relevant persons at your center”*

### **Local cooperation with thoracic surgeons**

Different on call systems varies in each country. A question from Oslo – do all centers have thoracic surgeons on call (Oslo do not). It seems that all centers have on call thoracic surgeons for retrieval and some also for transplantation.

### **BTC – key-member**

Discussed and agreed that one member from Scandia Transplant is enough. Käthe Meyer, Oslo, was suggested and she has accepted the nomination to represent NTCG as key-member in BTC.

### **Report from Scandia groups**

Read the Minutes from the meetings and if possible also attend.

Scandiatransplant representative on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 – Öystein is not able to attend. If someone can represent him instead please let Ö.J. know (before May 12) and he will put together some material.

### **Other matters**

Estonia is applying for full Scandiatransplant membership. Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 will decide (election). Latvia and Lithuania are also applying for membership but are yet on the early stage.

Copenhagen (MG) reminded of the feedback after organ retrieval (to the procurement center), use the shared email address. Feedback is expected within 5 days from the organ procurement.

Aarhus (HM) has an E-B virus study going on and wishes everyone to update the donor virus status to YASWA.

Tartu (JK) and Helsinki (CY) do not have an emergency vehicle to transport the transplant team from and to the airport.

If LifePort (C.S.) on aircraft, has to be transported in the cabin (not in luggage locker). This refer to taxiplane with retrieval team.

Heart perfusion machines (C.S.) will be more common – important to notice/inform the donor coordinator every time for logistic plans, special need in the theater etc.

Waitinglist (IW) is also possible to extract to the mobile devices. Ilse send the instructions how to do it.

CT-study Liver (P.H.) Please see email May 7 from Pernilla.

“We have done 100 ct-scans in Gothenburg and found out:

- Small liver recipients were transplanted
- Useful for the surgeon when to procure the organ about vessels
- In a few cases malignancy/ poor organ function where found, and we could stop the process before we went to the donor hospital

Gothenburg aim to increase the study by include all donors within Scandiatransplant. It will be interesting to see a larger material with your help. If you have time to fill out the form we will be very grateful.

Pernilla will send out the questionnaire to the members of NTCG.

The questionnaire will be implemented in YASWA as a separate tab in deceased donor, when it is ready the CT-study data must be entered there.

**Next NTCG meeting November 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 hopefully “live” at  
Kastrup, Copenhagen**