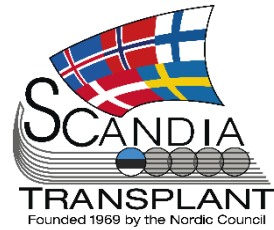


Scandiatransplant
Nordic Transplantation Coordinator Group
Meeting minutes – May 10, 2019 Aarhus



Participants:

Øystein Jynge, Stockholm (Chair)
Ingebjörg Kvangersnes, Oslo
Pia Lauenborg, Aarhus
Ulla B. Plagborg, Copenhagen
Rikke Spanggaard, Odense
Carola Schauman, Helsinki
Catharina Yesil, Helsinki
Pernilla Händén, Gothenburg
Charlotte Lovén, Malmö
Evamarie Braaf, Lund
Nadine Weidenberg, Uppsala
Janika Kuus, Tartu
Jecika Milk, Tartu
Ilse Weinreich, Scandiatransplant (Writer of minutes)

1. Election of chairman

Øystein Jynge

2. Election of secretary

Ilse Weinreich, Pernilla Händén will be controller of minutes

3. Last meeting – Minutes

Import/export of kidneys to Estonia, transport possibilities differs between the centers, some centers need to use couriers as they have no other options. No problems since last meeting, with sending or receiving organs.

Minutes were approved

4. Transport of a heart perfusion machine, update

Copenhagen asked at the last meeting if it would be possible to bring the machine, everybody has responded back, so they know what to expect. They have only used the machine a few times. Lund will soon receive a new machine, but they don't have the measurements yet. When the machine is used, more people is expected to come, probably 4-5 people. It is a project that will be run as a randomized trial on 28 patients.

Liver perfusions machines are on the way in several centers.

The perfusion machine will take up more space and extra time is needed.

Important when heart perfusion machine is planned to be used with early communication with responsible donor team for logistic planning.

5. Reimbursement exporting organs

Ingebjörg Kvangersnes (IK) tells that no one really follow the [current rules](#), IK suggested that receiving center should pay as it is their choice how they wish to receive. This is how it is done and the guidelines should be change accordingly. Pia Lauenborg (PL) says that it might be a problem for their economy department to pay bills over the border, she will investigate.

Øystein Jynge (ØJ) will make a suggestion for a revised document on reimbursement, which will be sent to the board.

ØJ is investigating solutions and possible ways of transporting LifePort. If it goes on a plane it has to be clearly marked that it contains a lithium battery, as this is considered high risk.

6. ROTA Pancreas – experiences

IK brought up some experiences from Oslo, they will probably send out less offers due to challenges in logistics when thoracic teams are involved outside Rikshospitalet + nearby hospitals and when the liver is split. Not all centers follow the guidelines and offer a kidney with the pancreas, this is decided locally.

Several challenges both with patients having HLA antibodies and the difficult retrieval of pancreas. Furthermore, there is less patients on the waiting list, so the demand for pancreas is less.

IK told that they in Oslo have investigated for a 5-year period if CIT were longer on kidneys imported from Aarhus and Odense compared to other centers, their investigations showed no differences in CIT compared to other centers.

7. Sharing the coordinator contact list through YASWA

ØJ has asked the Scandiatransplant office if it would be possible to somehow share the contact list through YASWA instead of sending changes out to all on e-mail.

Ilse Weinreich (IW) explained that the office is already working on this task. The list will probably be uploaded and shared through the already existing menu (Misc -> Files) and only the newest version will be available. As with all other files it will be possible to download and print the document.

In the beginning the office will send out the list both on e-mail and upload it through YASWA and after some time, if all agrees, it will no longer be sent per e-mail.

To share the information in the secure YASWA environment fulfills the requirements regarding handling of personal data.

8. Sharing information/reports/images through YASWA

The office is trying to improve this functionality to make it possible to securely share information through YASWA. The next YASWA update includes links, to documents uploaded on deceased donors, when sending organ offer SMS and E-mail. These links will be broken after 24-hours, so after that there is no longer access to the confidential data, only through YASWA.

9. Deceased Donor Organ Form

The new functionality to view and print an organ form on each organ introduced January 2019 was introduced. Depending on working procedure and time it is a possibility to print out the form from YASWA.

10. New Scandiatransplant logo

At the Council meeting held May 9th 2019 a new Scandiatransplant logo was accepted. There is now shields on the Viking ship and one of the shields holds the Estonian flag:



The new logo is available on the Scandiatransplant homepage for download: [Scandiatransplant logo](#)

11. Payback offers on SMS and e-mail?

The working group on new payback rules for kidneys have brought up the idea of sending payback offers between offering and receiving center with SMS and e-mail (as it is done with organ offers). At the time being NTCG is happy with the way it works today with calling each other and do not think that this functionality is needed.

12. Draft for new kidney payback solution

The Nordic Kidney Group decided in November 2018 to make a working group on definitions of donor/kidney quality groups and update the rules for payback. The first draft has been sent to all prior to the meeting.

NTCG is in general not aware of big problems with payback, everybody knows and understands that some kidneys are not easy to payback.

At the last NKG meeting there were not enough data to clarify if there is a problem, but IW will extract and present data at the next NKG meeting in November.

Most felt that they really trying their best to payback, but you also need to consider what is most convenient and your capacity.

ØJ will try and collect the feedback on the proposal from each center, so that it can be brought forward at the next NKG meeting.

It has been suggested to add an option to register, why an organ was not used for payback, this to reveal if there are any problems. No final decision has been made.

When payback offers are declined it is important to document this and the cause in YASWA.

13. Data quality and completeness in YASWA

Completeness of data registration in YASWA varies a lot when it comes to different areas of the system. There is a lot of interest in data from YASWA and in the first 4 months IW has delivered more than 42 data extractions. The registration of data by the coordinators are highly appreciated. Sometimes data is completely lacking on 1-3 tabs on deceased donors, the reason might be that duty shifts and you are not aware that the registration has not been done. IW will try and make some kind of reminder on donors where data has been missing for more than 1 week.

14. Feedback on SAE/SAR registration form

The SAE/SAR reporting system was introduced 1st of January 2018, the output and content of the reported events and reactions will be evaluated in autumn when the Scandiatransplant board meets with the Competent Authorities.

However, the office would like feedback on whether any changes are needed in the registration form. Everybody is encouraged to go back and ask their colleagues if they have any feedback and if so to send it to the office.

15. Introduction of regularly change of password in YASWA

Regulations about access to sensitive information has become much stricter, with the next YASWA update a yearly change of the password to YASWA will be introduced.

16. Attending Organ Group Meetings

The coordinators are now almost always represented at the organ group meetings. It was decided that notice of the meeting should be sent to NTCG, so that the group knows about the meetings and it can be agreed upon who will attend.

All upcoming events are listed on the Scandiatransplant homepage:

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/events/upcoming-events>

17. Perfusion Fluid

Gothenburg is changing from 'IGL' to 'StoreProtect Plus' for the abdominal organs. Oslo has also tried out this new product, but they will stay with 'IGL'.

18. Antibiotics – project status

Charlotte Lovén (CL) presented the survey on antibiotic policy on organ donors within Scandiatransplant. It illustrates that antibiotic policies differs between centres. Helsinki and Skåne gives antibiotics to all donors. Aarhus, Copenhagen, Odense and Oslo have routines for lung

donors and Oslo also have this for heart donors. Otherwise there is no standard routine and antibiotics are given on case to case basis according to culture.

CL and ØJ will summaries the information and send it to the Scandiatransplant group for 'Prevention of transmission of infections', as they might not know about the differences and they might be able to make guidelines based on scientific studies.

19. Next meeting

Next meeting will be held in Copenhagen Airport October 31st 2019