

Scandiatransplant
Nordic Transplantation Coordinator Group
Video Meeting minutes – November 5th, 2020



Participants:

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1. Election of chair

Øystein Jynge

2. Election of secretary

Helle Madsen, Aarhus
Checkup on minutes Evamarie Braf, Lund

3. Last meeting – Minutes

Minutes were approved

4. Round the table

The meeting was held as a video meeting with Teams. All delegates gave a short status on the local situation. The Covid-19 pandemic affects the present situation more or less in all countries. Most centers have only one or two coordinators at work, the rest work from home. There are still both donation and transplantation performed in all centers, some with increased activity others less.

5. Antibiotics survey – status

The infection group are very busy with COVID19, so no news.

6. Payback routines (liver/kidney)

There is a wish from the liver surgeons from CPH, that the payback agreements are respected by all centers. If you as a tx-co are told by your surgeon that a liver is not to be used as a payback, even though the rules say so, you can suggest, that the involved surgeons talk direct over the phone. So they have a possibility off agreement in the situation.

Very important that our documentation in YASWA is as accurate as possible, that way it is possible for everybody afterwards to see what has been the case.

There is a proposal, that it should be possible to cancel a debt if payback is tried several times. No agreement on that, for instance if you have no matching recipient. It has been discussed in the liver group, but no conclusions made. There was an agreement on the NLTG meeting that there will be written guidelines (working group lead by William Bennet in Göteborg) on how to cancel a payback after certain number of offers, presented on next NLTG meeting. There is also the possibility to payback with another blood group after agreement between the centers.

A suggestion could be to discuss the topic in the kidney group as well, and also discuss how to implement a ROTA-system for kidneys.

Malmö pointed out that they will always try to payback kidney debts and use all Priority (1–4) even optional payback (outside age/blood group) due to their current long list of dept.

Suggestion is made that the rules should be the same for both liver and kidney – no conclusion.

7. Organ offer – pediatric

Mette Gotlieb put forward two suggestions that were also presented at the liver group meeting. When you have a donor and the liver splitting criteria is fulfilled, you can spend hours contacting each center, waiting for each center to evaluate if they can use the liver/split, until you have acceptance and can continue planning the donor operation.

Suggestion 1: If every center, for each recipient specify precisely what they need, then the offering center will know who to contact. Ext. whole liver or split, measurements etc. And the receiving center then have one hour to come to a decision.

Agreement on setting up a working group, with the 5 centers who perform pediatric liver transplantation (Gothenburg, Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo, Copenhagen), names should be send to Ilse within two weeks from this meeting. They will come up with suggestions for more specific liver requirements to be added in YASWA.

Suggestion 2: Make a new solution in YASWA to send out organ offers on pediatric and split livers. This could, depending on the result of the suggestions above, be sent the centers that do pediatric liver transplantation and perhaps only the centers with a matching recipient. All centers agree that this is a good idea. The suggestion will be brought forward to NLTG at their next meeting.

8. YASWA project – coordination.

Charlotte Lovèn presented slides on behalf of the working group on expanding coordinators documentation in YASWA to support the whole donation process. Mainly to increase quality, safety transparency, avoid double documentation and be able to follow the donation in real time. Different viewpoints were presented, some are worried about double documentation and that it will be difficult to change current work procedures and work culture. Some centers might only use it when an organ is exported.

Everybody agreed to participate in a working group to disclose what variables are needed in YASWA to support the donations process, current work procedures and local registration procedures. Name of participant from each center should be sent to Ilse at the latest November 20th 2020.

9. Report/news from Scandiatransplant.

Addresses for invoices for each center was earlier maintained by a coordinator.

We all agree that Scandiatransplant office should keep and maintain the overview of addresses for invoices. Ilse sends out to every center to check up if data is correct and to add VAT number. Please respond within 14 days.

Amylase – A small survey has disclosed that it differs between centers whether it is pancreas specific or total Amylase, which is reported in YASWA. Based on this finding two fields are needed in YASWA. Old data will be transferred according to the information already specified to Ilse. In general, Ilse says that we are much better at documenting all data on deceased donors in YASWA.

New kidney payback rules – it has taken time to implement, but we are getting better. Currently payback rules in relation to national/local exchange rules are unclear, this will be brought up at the kidney meeting. By making export cause in YASWA mandatory it is possible to distinguish between Scandiatransplant exchange obligations and national/local exchanges. It is mandatory to fill in.

Ilse will add the export cause in the liver payback overview also.

Again very important to register correct in YASWA so that it becomes transparent what is going on.

10. Report from Scandia groups

DCD – status in the Nordic countries were discussed

Liver – payback was discussed.

Kidney – no coordinator seems to participate in the meeting next week.

Thoracic – no coordinators were invited, might be a mistake, Øystein contacts the chairman.

11. Other matters

Monika appeals to everyone to respond to organ offers ASAP.

12. Next meeting

Will be held virtual on May 6th 2021 from 9-12 am.