Scandiatransplant Pediatric Heart and Lung Group (SPaedHLG) meeting 2022
April 22nd, 2022
Zoom-meeting at 3 pm Helsinki time

Meeting participants:

Timo Jahnukainen (Helsinki/Finland) – National Key Contact Person 2020-2022
Thomas Möller (Oslo/Norway) - National Key Contact Person 2020-2022
Michal Odermarsky (Lund/Sweden) - National Key Contact Person 2020-2022
Taisto Sarkola (Helsinki/Finland) – SPAedHLG Chair 2022
Håkan Wåhlander (Gothenburg/Sweden) - National Key Contact Person 2020-2022
Jens Böhmer (Gothenburg/Sweden)
Maria Hurskainen (Helsinki/Finland)
Phan Kiet Tran (Lund/Sweden)
Karl Lemström (Helsinki/Finland) – SHLG Chair
Ilkka Mattila (Helsinki/Finland)
Jaana Pihkala (Helsinki/Finland)
Otto Rahkonen (Helsinki/Finland)
Mats Synnergren (Gothenburg/Sweden)

Meeting minutes

1. Taisto Sarkola opened the meeting at 3 pm and kept minutes during the meeting.
2. Meeting participants were registered as listed above.
3. The agenda for the meeting was approved.
4. The minutes from the previous meeting (291021) were briefly reviewed.
5. SPAedHLG board
   a. SPAedHLG Chair for 2023 and National key contact persons for 2023-2024 to be updated at autumn meeting.
6. SHLG and Scandiatransplant office information.
   a. Annual numbers provided by Scandiatransplant office to be presented at autumn meeting
   b. Data entry into Yaswa – National key persons from all centers (except Copenhagen) provided a brief overview of the pediatric HTx data entry into Yaswa. There are differences between centers regarding who enters the pediatric data (adult or
pediatric personnel; some pediatric centers do not have logins to Yaswa), some centers also enter only baseline data and no follow-up data. The meeting agreed on the strategy of having national key persons coming together looking at the data entry forms with Ilse Duus Weinreich from Scandiatransplant office in order to find a consensus on the information to be entered. Proportions of data entry completion at baseline and follow-up could potentially be reviewed at future SPAedHLG meetings, similar to practice at Scandiatransplant pediatric kidney group meetings.

7. Report from studies within SPAedHLG region and projects in progress
   a. Heart transplantations in Nordic countries between 1984-2020 registry study – a brief overview was provided by Michal Odermarsky.

8. Suggestions for new joint studies within SPAedHLG
   a. No suggestions.

9. Other business meeting presentations and proposals
   a. The proposal from the Lund center of changing the SHLG guideline 12-month listing rule to a 6-month listing rule as a criterion for urgent pediatric HTx listing was discussed. In addition, the meeting discussed the proposal from Oslo center to change the guideline wording of blood group compatibility currently stated as a universal requirement in the era of ABO-incompatible HTx performed in the youngest recipients. Both proposals were discussed during the meeting with both cardiologists’ and surgeons’ views from different Nordic pediatric HTx centers presented. SHLG Chair Karl Lemström also participated in the discussion with the suggestion that the SPAedHLG group would formulate a consensus wording proposal document to be circulated among the national key contact persons to be discussed on the local level among both cardiologists and surgeons to find a consensus. Numbers of pediatric patients affected by the changes would also be good to include in the proposal (could be provided by Scandiatransplant office). Lund center will outline a version (with Oslo’s proposal combined in the proposal) and send this document to all national key persons within SCTP. This proposal could potentially be forwarded to the SHLG board. A complete consensus among all centers is needed for the acceptance of changes in the SHLG guideline wording.

10. Next meeting (autumn meeting) will be arranged in conjunction with the Nordic pediatric cardiology meeting (NPCM) 2022 in Gothenburg in September 28-30.9.2022 and will be arranged by Håkan Wåhlander. The meeting will potentially be arranged as a Hybrid-meeting with the possibility to also participate with Zoom.

11. Meeting was ended at 4.18 pm.