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Database update
April 6th 2020

- Covid-19 registration
- Next STEP match run
- HLA DRB3/4/5, DQA1 and DPA1 matching in STAMP and LAMP

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Purpose

By this information letter, we wish to communicate to you about status and progress related to the database, collaboration with groups related to Scandiatransplant and on-going working projects.

We hope that you will read it and share the information with whom it might concern.

Do not hesitate to contact us for further information, ideas, problems and help.

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Covid-19 registration
The current situation with Covid-19 has great impact on the transplantation activity, patients transplanted and in the transplantation community in general. In this context it is important that we do our best in sharing knowledge and experience.
At the moment a lot of brainstorming is going on to figure out what data would be interesting to have to follow the patients and the first initiatives have been taken in YASWA to register and follow the Covid-19 situation. If you have questions or wishes for registration, please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

Donor
On all donors you are now able to register test results for Covid-19 RNA. If data has been entered it will be included when sending out organ offers.

Donor Covid-19 result is included in all existing reports already holding donor infection results.

Recipient pre-tx
Registration of Covid-19 RNA and antibody test results are now also possible for all patients waiting for a transplantation.
The registration is done on the waiting list record (Recipient -> All recipients) along with all other infection parameters.
If needed you are also able to search forward patient on the waiting list with a positive infection status:

**Recipient post-tx**

If you would like to register Covid-19 status on patients that have already received an organ transplant you can do so through the transplantation menu.

Select the most recent transplant and do the infection status registration in the ‘Post tx infection’ tab. Sample date can be entered in the ‘Date of test/sample’ column.
Reports
To follow the number of patients infected with Coronavirus after transplantation the Scandiatransplant office will weekly update a dedicated table on the homepage:
http://www.scandiatransplant.org/data/covid-19-status-in-scandiatransplant

The numbers presented in the table will be based on the registrations made in YASWA. Layout and content might be modified along the way, depending on requests.

STEP
Next STEP match run
Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus outbreak the STEP steering committee has decided to cancel the planned STEP match run April 21st 2020.
The next match run will be September 1st 2020,

Blood samples on STEP donors
The guidelines specifying STEP donor sample blood volume, coagulants and labelling have been updated, the new version is found on the homepage.

HLA DRB3/4/5, DQA1 and DPA1 matching in STAMP and LAMP
Matching on low resolution HLA DRB3/4/5, DQA1 and DPA1 in the STAMP and LAMP programs will be introduced in production April 15th 2020.