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http://www.scandiatransplant.org/news/newsletters

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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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Organ allocation guidelines and recommendations

Change in kidney exchange rules
At the Nordic Kidney Group (NKG) meeting held November 16, 2016 it was decided to make a change in kidney exchange obligation priority 4.

If organ donor is <40 years of age, at least one kidney is offered to recipient <16 years of age (counted from time of registration), if there is HLA-DR compatibility and in addition not more than 2 HLA-A, B mismatches.

Has been changed to

If organ donor is <50 years of age, at least one kidney is offered to recipient <16 years of age (counted from time of registration), if there is HLA-DR compatibility and in addition not more than 2 HLA-A, B mismatches.

This change has been implemented in the ‘kidney recipient search algorithm’ and will be active from today (December 14, 2016).


New - Recommendations on pancreas exchange
The Nordic Pancreas and Islet Transplantation Group have now prepared recommendations on pancreas exchange within Scandiatransplant.

The pancreas exchange recommendations are available at

The new **recommendations** will become active from **January 1st 2017** and from this date the new Pancreas rotation list in YASWA must be used.

Please notice

- that it is recommendations and not guidelines
- that rotation has to be done when a spare pancreas is offered and accepted of another **center**. Only pancreas used for whole pancreas transplantation causes rotation.

**Update - Information on urgent heart, lung and liver patients by SMS and email**

The YASWA solution with ‘SMS and email on urgent (and kind request liver) patients in YASWA’ has now been up and running since May 2016.

Since the beginning, we have made a wide range of adjustments and the solution is now considered rather stable.

It has now been decided in agreement with all transplant centers that it is no longer necessary to keep faxing Scandiatransplant urgent calls and withdrawals in parallel with the ‘YASWA’-SMS/email-solution.

This will become effective from **January 1st, 2017**.

**New**

**Nordic Pediatric Renal Registry**

The Nordic Pediatric Renal Registry, which has been revised, has passed the final tests and is now available in production.