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

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 and problems at help@scandiatransplant.org

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Update of the Kidney Exchange Rules

At the latest NKG meeting, it was decided to introduce a kidney rotation list for surplus/free kidneys. The rules for Kidney Exchange have been updated accordingly with a new section, and they can be found here. The rules will be active from March 1st, 2024.

New rotation list for kidney

In this update, a kidney rotation list is introduced. It is found under the ‘Donor’ menu and it looks and works similarly to the other organ rotation lists within YASWA.

Two separate rotation lists for the Swedish and Danish centers have also been added.

Kidney rotation logs have been added under the “Report” menu.
Conclusion of ‘Organ offer evaluation’

For some time, it has been possible for the donor center under ‘Deceased Donor’ -> ‘Allocation’ to register organ and center specific information related to organs that are offered to other centers due to exchange obligations, paybacks etc.

It has been a wish from some centers to be able to register their own separate local conclusion on offers that they have received.

This has now been made possible for the potential receiving centers through the ‘Organ offer evaluation’ menu:

The offer and the possibility to add the conclusion by the potential receiving center will only be available if the donor center has inserted the offer on the donor in the Allocation tab either automatically with an organ offer or manually.

Therefore we encourage all centers to use the ‘Allocation’ part in YASWA.

The conclusion made by the potential receiving center is additionally displayed in the Allocation tab on the specific donor.
New QC/report for matching donors
A new quality control/report called “AB0 matching donors” where you can search forward all AB0 matching donors for a given recipient has been implemented.

In this quality control/report, it is possible to filter on AB0 identical/compatible and to select between donors matching from own center or own country. Only donors where the specific organ was transplanted are listed, and it only lists donors matching while the recipient was active on the waiting list.

The report can be downloaded after a specific search by pressing “Download” in the top right corner.

Change in inclusion criteria for the Pediatric Kidney Registry
At the latest NPRTSG meeting it was decided to change the inclusion criteria in the Paediatric Kidney Registry. The criteria have been changed from recipients less than 16 to recipients less than 18 years of age, which is implemented with this update.

New infection serology test
Anti-Strongyloids IgG has been added to the infection serology tests across YASWA, including donors, recipients, and the registries.
Introduction of “OEO organ offers”

A new menu for organ offers from other Organ Exchange Organizations has been added.

Here, basic information on organ offers from outside Scandiatransplant will be registered by the Scandiatransplant office. The organ offers will be visible to all users with access to Deceased Donor. All offers already received in 2024 will be reconstructed.

When an organ is imported from an OEO to Scandiatransplant please notify the office. Then the initial registration will be transferred to the Deceased Donor part and by this the donor will get a Scandiatransplant donor number.

Once an offered organ has been registered within ‘OEO organ offers’, it is possible for all centers to add cause of acceptance/refusal, like with organ offers within Scandiatransplant.

This new addition will make it possible to make more statistics on offers from other OEOs.
Change in urgency status for pancreatic islet waiting list

Previously the urgency status for pancreatic islet has included “waiting for islet number”. However, as this information is already mandatory when creating the waiting list record, and as it differs from all other waiting lists, this has now been changed. The equivalent urgency code is now “Transplantable.

All historical and current waiting list records have been updated accordingly.

STEP match run

The next STEP match run will take place April 23rd 2024. Deadline for data entry in YASWA (new pairs and updates) is Wednesday April 18th 2024 10:00 CET. Pairs and altruistic donors must be tagged with ‘17: 17th run April 2024’ to be included in the match run.

A revised version of STEP work- and time-schedule is available on the homepage.

And a new template for planning an actual STEP exchange is now also found on the homepage STEP surgery planning template.