Guidelines for Deceased organ transplantation of individuals from a Non-Scandiatransplant member country performed within Scandiatransplant and the use of organs from such countries for Scandiatransplant recipients

1. Individuals from non-Scandiatransplant member countries, whose status in a member country entitles them to receive treatment under the public health care system on the same terms as national subjects of that country, are eligible for organ transplantation within Scandiatransplant.

2. Individuals from non-Scandiatransplant member countries without such status cannot claim to be eligible for organ transplantation within Scandiatransplant.

3. Scandiatransplant members can arrange cooperation agreements that include transplantation of individuals from a non-Scandiatransplant member country and agreements allowing the use of organs from non-Scandiatransplant countries. Such agreements are subject to the following provisions:
   a. they shall only be made with transplant units within formally established organ exchange organisations,
   b. they shall include training and education to promote good quality organ transplantation programmes,
   c. they shall attempt to establish a balance between the number of organs made available to Scandiatransplant, and organs applied for transplantation of patients from the organisation in question,
   d. they shall ensure that patients from non-Scandiatransplant membership countries subject to such agreements shall be selected for transplantation in accordance with the same criteria that apply to Scandiatransplant patients,
   e. they shall not involve payment for organs,
   f. they shall be presented to and approved by the board of Scandiatransplant.

4. Scandiatransplant activities must not give rise to doubts or assumptions regarding organ trading.

5. Scandiatransplant guidelines cannot overrule the legislation of any Scandiatransplant member country.

6. EU Directive 2011/24 on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare point 15 states: “Given their specificity, access to and the allocation of organs for the purpose of organ transplants should fall outside the scope of this Directive”.

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