Guidelines for
Deceased organ transplantation of non-Nordic nationals within Scandiatransplant and the use of non-Nordic organs for Scandiatransplant recipients.

1. Non-Nordic nationals, whose status in a Nordic 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. a. Non-Nordic nationals without such status cannot claim to be eligible for organ transplantation in the Nordic countries.
   b. The only exception is people who fulfill the urgent criteria for liver.

3. Scandiatransplant members can arrange cooperation agreements that include transplantation of non-Nordic nationals and the use of organs from non-Nordic 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 programs,
   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 non-Nordic patients subject to such agreements shall be selected for transplantation of organs in accordance with the same criteria that apply to Nordic 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 Nordic 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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