



Travel Grant Report Form

Name and origin of applicants

[State name and origin of applicants]

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Purpose granted

[State purpose of the study granted in the application]

To pay Oslo a visit and see how the transplant coordinators organize their education. Who do they educate and how is it planned and financed?

Amount granted

[Amount granted in DKK]

10.000 DKK

Time and place of visit

[State time and place of visit]

April 9-10, 2014 Rikshospitalet Oslo, Norway

Report

[Report of the visit/study – 300 words]

Norway is a country close to us, geographic and cultural, but they have a higher rate of donation and transplantation than Sweden. Could one reason be that they have a better or different kind of education in the subject?

When we met the transplant coordinators they first told us about their system around coordination and legislation in Norway.

They educate all medical staff and are also involved in the education of students that are going to be OR -, pediatric-, ICU- and anaesthetic nurses at the University. They also had some education for medical students as well.

The program for their different educations was about donation, legislation regarding organ donation, who can be a donor, care of the donor, the process of donation, transplantation and someone who was transplanted to tell their story.

The transplant coordinators were always two when they had their education if it wasn't a short lecture. A lot of time was used to prepare for lectures. They also educated on a regular basis.

There is a special organization which is responsible for public information. So the transplant coordinators were not involved in that kind of information. They had some collaboration together with the organization but not so much.

Evaluation

[Personal evaluation and "lesson learned"]

We had a look at their program for their 2-days education and that was very similar to our planning of our days. The subjects were almost identical.

One difference is that their education program is paid by the state and it doesn't cost anything for the students/staff to take part in them. It doesn't affect the transplant clinic either to organize this.

We think that could be one of the reasons that they (schools/hospitals) welcome lectures and education in this subject.

They were also very active in the Universities and we think we could be that as well here in Sweden. Education for medical staff working in the emergency room were also taking place and that is something that we haven't done here in Sweden.

To us it seemed that the transplant coordinators were more visible in the donor hospitals and universities than we are. They were the experts in this subject and they were also very much asked for.

In Stockholm we have something called DOSS (Donation specialized nurse) and they are in contact with the staff in the ICU- helping them with the donor and when they talk to the relatives so they are more visible than us, transplant coordinators.

We want to thank Scandia transplant for the travel grant that made it possible for us to visit Oslo and get some new ideas for our own education program.
