

Minutes from NLTG meeting in Copenhagen April 22. 2013

- Minutes from meeting in Helsinki October 22, 2012 were approved
- The new director of Scandiatransplant, Kaj Anker Jørgensen introduced himself to our group.
- He gave an update about the current status in Scandiatransplant, and he gave information regarding the challenges, and his visions for Scandiatransplant
- Aksel Foss presented data from the annual report.
- An update from each centre was reported.
- William Bennett gave an update regarding the current status of the Common Nordic waiting list for pediatric segm 2+3. There was a very good discussion and general agreement that steps should be made to encourage the exchange of segment 2+3. It was decided that there in the future will be a payback for the segments. A centre sending a segment 2+3 for transplantation in another centre will receive a full liver of the same blood group as a payback. Furthermore it was decided that all "splitable" liver should be splitted unless there is an explanation why not. How we shall manage this in the future has to be clarified.
- There was a discussion about how to manage "splitable" livers in urgent calls. There was general agreement that the recipient centre "owned" the liver, and the recipient centre could split the liver and use both grafts in their own centre if they wished to do so. As a consequence of this system, the payback of a liver fulfilling the criteria for being splitted, obviously should be a liver fulfilling the same criteria.
- Helena Isoniemi presented the rapport by the group under Scandiatransplant who has handled the Estonia application for membership of Scandiatransplant. The rapport from the group was circulated before the meeting. The group recommended, the application to be turned down. Pro's et con's were given.
- Gustaf Herlenius chaired a discussion regarding the implementation of a Nordic Intestinal Failure and Transplant Registry. No final discussion was made.
- An Update on-going Nordic multicentre studies
 - Liver transplantation and cancer – A Nordic Multicentre Study by Arno Nordin
 - Donors above 75 years and less than 6 years, Scandiatransplant research grant study by Trygve Thorsen
 - Causes of premature death in the long term after liver transplantation – a population-based study in the Nordic Countries by Fredrik Åberg
 - Further discussion on downstaging TACE study for HCC by Magnus Rizell

- The RAD 2304 study, a multicentre study on Certican was presented by Bo-Göran Ericzon
- Parallel to the NLTG meeting, there was a meeting for the register responsables from each centre and Scandiatransplant. Frank Pedersen gave a raport from this meeting.
- Next NLTG meeting should be in Gothenburg October 21, 2013.
- Dinner

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