

Nordic Pancreas Group / Scandiatransplant /
3rd semi-annual meeting, March 11, 2014, Copenhagen

Participants

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1. Lars Bäckman opened the meeting as chairman and asked for a minute's silence in memory of Carl-Gustav Groth who passed away recently.
2. Bengt Gustafsson was elected secretary for the meeting.
3. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.
4. The agenda was approved with a minor change of order, i.e. pancreas donor potential was discussed before pancreas allocation.
5. Lars Bäckman will send out a proposal for by-laws for approval.
6. Summary of activity 2013:
Stockholm 7 (SPK)
Uppsala 19 (14 or 15 SPK, 4 or 5 PTA)
Göteborg 12 (SPK)
Helsinki 10 (SPK)
Oslo 39 (19 SPK, 2 PTA)

6. (cont.) In addition 16 islet tx (Uppsala 10, Oslo 5, Malmö 1)

7. The donor potential was discussed with reference to the Scandiatransplant database. There was consensus that a donor <60 years old and with a BMI < 30 at least should be considered for Ptx or islet tx, and the reason for not using the pancreas should be classified according to the present list and in the case of "other reason" this should be specified as well.

8. Gunnar Tufvesson presented results from a survey of 100 consecutive deceased donors in the OFO region of Sweden 2012-2013 as regards the pancreas allocation.

27 vascular Ptx, 60 offers to islet laboratory; of the offers 33 were accepted resulting in 7 batches for islet tx.

This was compared to the Oslo experience: 29 vascular Ptx, 31 offers to islet lab, 23 accepted resulting in 5 islet tx.

9. Pancreas exchange was discussed. The rate is presently low and the group agreed that we should avoid obligations. On the other hand, guidelines regarding possible exchange criteria could be of interest.

10. Follow-up of recipients was discussed. There was little controversy as regards patient survival but how should graft survival be defined? Freedom of insulin or good metabolic control? The group will try to reach agreement on 5-10 parameters in order to make the follow-up database workable. The importance of CIT was stressed.

11. A joint Nordic approach would make our region stronger, especially regarding research projects, discussion to be continued...

12. The next meeting will take place Sept 2nd, 10.00-16.00, Hilton Copenhagen Airport.

Written by

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