

**MINUTES**  
**Scandiatransplant**  
**Nordic Transplantation Coordinator Group Meeting**  
**Teams - May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 09.00-11.00**

**Participants:**

Øystein Jynge, Stockholm (Chair)

Pernilla Händén, Gothenburg

Charlotte Lovén, Malmö

Jenny Warheim, Lund

Nadine Weidenberg, Uppsala

Catharina Yesil, Helsinki (Thorax)

Helle Madsen, Aarhus

Mette Gotlieb, Copenhagen

Ingebjörg Kvangarsnes, Oslo

Janika Kuus, Tartu

**Scandiatransplant:**

Ilse Weinreich and Anne Ørskov Pedersen

**Election of chair**

Øystein Jynge

**Election of secretary**

Janika Kuus

Nadine Weidenberg

**Last meeting - Minutes**

Minutes were approved

**Round table**

It seems that all centers are back to normal working routine as it was before Covid-19 pandemic. All participants gave a short overview on local situation. Most centers have increased number of deceased donors including many DCD donors. Helle was concerned that in connection of DCD program in Denmark they are having obstacles with National Ethics Council and launching the program will take time.

Lund, Stockholm and Helsinki have each a new coordinator. Ilse and her team programmers have been very busy developing YASWA and trying to make it more user friendly, she also pointed out that a new colleague have joined her.

**Typ-1 Diabetes donor - Islets for Research presentation**

Torbjörn Lundgren gave a 30 min presentation about islets research in Uppsala. He introduced and explained the main aim of the research and called on all centers to

contact in case of donors with typ-1 and typ-2 diabetes. After the presentation a short discussion was held about pancreas retrieval, perfusion, logistics and contact persons. It was concluded that in case of potential donor candidate for the islets research to contact Stockholm/ Uppsala coordinator on call to find out whether the pancreas is suitable for research, continue exactly as we all work today.

### **SAS and transport services**

Ingebjörg brought out the case they had some troubles sending liver with SAS Trust to Stockholm with the 1<sup>st</sup> flight in the morning so they finally chose private jet instead. They were told if handling is not opened (and they have not ordered the shipping before 8 pm) they are not allowed to send things with 1<sup>st</sup> flight. Neither they had no possibility to contact handling in the middle of night. This information was confirmed by SAS Trust manager later on. However, Copenhagen, Uppsala and Aarhus told that they didn't have any problems with early shipping with SAS, except they'll charge extra fee for contacting handling in the middle of the night. Øystein pointed out that to use SAS Trust and send organ Stockholm needs to send out 3 different e-mails. Øystein proposed to raise this topic to Scandiatransplant board to figure out a more solid way that works for all centers to use SAS.

Shipping lifeport with kidney - Øystein has been in contact with SAS in Stockholm, it seems to be very difficult to send it with SAS, but as it is regularly done with Lufthansa and AirFrance in Europe maybe it's time to raise it on higher level to solve it in Nordic Countries.

### **YASWA - organ offer issues**

#### **Thoracic offer as split/paediatric liver?**

As it is now possible to send out specific offer for split/paediatric liver, Øystein brought out a question to Ilse if it could be possible to do the same for thoracic organs as some centers don't perform thoracic transplantations. Ilse said it is possible, she'll look into it for all organs (even liver, pancreas and intestine) and let us know. Everybody agreed on that.

#### **Thoracic offer - any quality limits?**

Ingebjörg was very concerned why we are offering organs that are not fulfilling the quality limits and are not transplantable. This can lead to that we can miss important information. We should consider how we should secure that all the information about organ would be in the YASWA? Written information must be supplemented with oral information to the interested/acceptable centers.

Ilse said that in thoracic group meeting in Helsinki has been discussion on setting up some quality parameters but no decision was made. But in the next thoracic group meeting Ilse was asked to make extract of heart and lung offers, analyse the offers, so the thoracic group can try to make some general rules to help us more in our coordination/allocation process.

Øystein suggest we try to collect the specific cases and present them to discussion to different organ groups.

### **Deceased Organ Form in YASWA**

Ilse presented pros and cons regarding the new organ form, also she asked coordinators to think what for we are using it and decide whether to improve and move forward with the new YASWA form or leave it. All agreed to proceed with the development of the new organ form as it reduces the risk of making mistakes and facilitates coordinator work during processes. After the workshop, with the small YASWA-DD-group next Thursday, Ilse will send out more specific questions to all for further discussion.

Also Ilse pointed out minimum dataset on actual and utilized donors - she will check it and contact the centre who is lacking the data in YASWA.

### **Other matters**

Ingebjörg brought out a question about how centers are involved in education in their countries. It was decided that next meeting each center gives 5-7 min presentation about education in their countries.

Pernilla shared information regarding Congress in Iceland, there will be a 30 min presentation about donation and transplantation in Iceland at lunchtime for all participating coordinators.

**Next NTCG meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 from 10.00-16.00, Kastrup, Copenhagen**