

Scandiatransplant Nordic Transplantation Coordinator Group Meeting –30th of October, 2014, Copenhagen

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Carola Schauman (CS): Helsinki
Ann-Christin Croon (ACC): Stockholm
Bente Kaxe (BK): Odense
David Den Hartog (DDH): Göteborg
Nadine Weidenberg (NW): Uppsala
Ingebjörg Kvangarsnes (IK): Oslo
Kerstin Karud (KK): Skåne
Dorte Matiassen (DM): Aarhus
Pernille van Houten (PH): København
Kaj Anker Jørgensen (KAJ): Scandiatransplant
Ilse Duus Weinreich (IDW): Scandiatransplant

1. Welcome by Carola Schaumann

2. Kidney & Liver balance

Balance was presented by each center and agreement was reached. Some centers have other transportation possibility than the regular plane departures for instance they can contact private plane companies and sometimes land transportation is an option. Therefore if there does not seem to be a reasonable time of departure please contact the center you wish to offer an organ.

3. Göteborg how are you?

A total of 7 new coordinators have been employed in Gothenburg. DDH as the one, whom has been there longest, since January 2014. They might have questions and need help now and then in the coordination process.

4. Blood for cross match

Please remember to send serum samples to the other centers on relevant heart patients if cross match is needed.

Blood samples will be sent together with the organs, not separate and before.

Serum samples on immunized pancreas recipients for cross match can also be distributed between centers for storage.

In some cases HLA typing has been asked for in connection with thoracic organs, the reason for this is uncertain. Only relevant for re-transplantations or?

5. Data export from SCTP

ACC asked SCTP office if the approval process of data export has changed. In general it has not. You are still allowed to get your own center data, without further approval. All other data request will be evaluated each time.

6. Feedback after organ import

Please remember that recipient center must report back to donation center within 3 days with details about the primary organ function.

7. Information from last Nordic Pancreas Transplant Group (NPTG) meeting

Please remember to enter cause of why the pancreas has not been retrieved. Copenhagen will start doing combined kidney-pancreas transplantations in 2015.

8. Information from last STAMP meeting

The group is considering if transplantability to a larger degree should be used as an acceptance criteria and not so much the PRA value. The group will suggest, at the next NKG meeting, that STAMP will move from kidney exchange obligation priority 2 to 1.

9. Information from last Nordic Liver Transplant Group (NLTG) meeting

NLTG is satisfied with the current agreement of using the rotation list, when livers are accepted from Estonia. It was discussed if Estonia should have higher priority than other OEO's when organs are offered from Scandiatransplant.

10. Upcoming meetings

Nordic Thoracic Transplant Study Group (NTTSG) meeting next week, November 6, still no tx. coordinators has been invited to participate. IDW will probably participate. Nordic Kidney Group (NKG) meeting November 19, 2014, none of the coordinators from Copenhagen are able to participate. Maybe a coordinator from one of the other centers will attend the meeting?

11. YASWA – evaluation of organ offer form (OOF)

From 1st of January 2014 to 27th of October 2014 the OOF has been used approx. 126 times to send spare organ offers to the other centers in Scandiatransplant.

Improvements are continuously introduced; some are described in the latest newsletter:

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/news/SCTPNewsJuly2014.pdf>

12. YASWA – evaluation of rotation list

IDW had looked into rotations done in 2014 in general

- Lung rotation results:
 - o 20 exchanges done between countries
 - o 4 reminders were sent from the SCTP office
 - o All rotations done correct
- Heart rotation results
 - o 21 exchanges done between countries
 - o 1 case was wrongly not rotated
- Liver rotation results:
 - o 51 exchanges done between countries
 - o 16 done to high urgent recipients – no rotation needed
 - o 8 registered as payback – no rotation needed
 - o 19 rotated correctly

- Which leaves 8 cases in question, pay back? All involved will check up on these,

Please insert donor number in the comment field before rotation.

13. YASWA – new developments

The conversion is ongoing. A test version of the recipient registration was shown, this part will soon be ready for test by 'real' users. Other new issues ready (for test) were presented in the latest newsletter:

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/news/SCTPNewsOctober2014.pdf>

14. Cooperation with Estonia

All contact and cooperation with Estonia has been positive and professional.

From 1st of January 2014 until 28th of October 2014 13 organs have been imported from Estonia and transplanted to recipients in Scandiatransplant.

In the same period 13 organs have been exported from Scandiatransplant to other OEO, but non to Estonia.

15. Visit to Estonia?

CS will make a suggestion for an application from NTCG for Scandiatransplant Travel Grant.

<http://www.scandiatransplant.org/resources/grants/scandiatransplant-travel-grant>

The application must contain an estimate for hotel and flight prizes.

Virge Pall, Director of Transplantation Centre, Tartu University Hospital, has been in contact with CS and she will be happy to meet NTCG and help with arrangements.

The suggested dates for the meeting are 22.-23. of April 2015.

16. Reimbursement for transportation

KK will try and define the problem, describe how it (doesn't) works today (tx. centers, organ types) and maybe come with a suggestion for a solution. This document will be sent to the Scandiatransplant board.

- When using SAS it is not possible to sign 'receiver pays the bill' the sender has to pay
- Kidneys breaks even as transplantation is done on all centers and there is a payback system
- Transportation can be expensive for the centers that do not transplant specific organs
- Please check if you have an international reference number for payments

17. Private clothes in donor hospitals/thoracic teams

Clothes and shoes are available locally on each donor hospital and this is the clothes that must be worn in the operation theater.

18. Priority 1-hearts within Sweden

Internal Swedish priority 1 hearts should not be faxed to all centers in Scandiatransplant.

19. Finnish cold bags

Some bags disappear??? Disposable bags are something that would be nice to have.

20. Other matters

Personnel

Stockholm: Åsa will stop working as coordinator by the end of November a new coordinator will be employed in her position. Tanja will probably be stationed for ½ year.

Oslo: Morten will end his employment and a new coordinator will start from 1st. of January 2015.

Organ transport

Please be aware when shipping kidneys to Odense and Aarhus as the organs may strand in Kastrup airport.

21. Next meeting

April 22.-23., 2015 (in Estonia)