

Scandiatransplant
Nordic Transplantation Coordinator Group Meeting
November 9, 2017 at Clarion Hotel Copenhagen Airport

Present

Coordinators:

Ann-Christin Croon: Stockholm (Chair until lunch) - ACC

Øystein Jynge: Stockholm (Chair after lunch) - ØJ

Carola Schauman: Helsinki - CS

Catharina Yesil: Helsinki (thorax) - CY

Rikke Spanggaard: Odense - RS

Pernilla Händén: Göteborg - PH

Nadine Weidenberg: Uppsala - NW

Ingebjørg Kvangarsnes: Oslo - IK

Evamarie Braf: Skåne (thorax) - EB

Pia Lauenborg: Aarhus - PL

Carina Lund Sørensen: København - CLS

Janika Kuus: Tartu - JK

Scandiatransplant office:

Frank Pedersen: Scandiatransplant (Writer of minutes) - FP

Ilse Weinreich: Scandiatransplant (Controller of minutes) - IW

Excused

Coordinator:

Kerstin Karud: Skåne

Welcome

Welcome by ACC – English should be the only language used at meetings and also in the daily use of YASWA, free text fields must be written in English.

Short overview about tx and donation in Estonia/Tartu

JK presented herself and gave a presentation on organ transplantation and donation activity in Estonia and talked about the structure between Tartu and the other Estonian hospitals.

There is one flight a day to and from Helsinki/Tartu, and the airport in Tartu closes early, but may stay opened longer if there is an organ recovering team on the way.

Driving time to Tallinn is two hours to get to the central airport.

Getting lungs from other centers can be problematic, due to lack of transportation opportunities.

Kidney balance

Harmony between all centers – still a local unbalance between Oslo and Aarhus, from when kidney-pancreas transplantations on Aarhus patients were performed in Oslo.

Liver balance

Total harmony, everybody was in agreement on who owed who.

Information from NLTG meeting

IW will send out the new liver payback rules to all after the meeting and the coordinators should respond if they have any comments. The plan is that the new rules will become active from 1st of December 2017.

IW went through the status on the split liver program, which showed that more pediatric patients are transplanted and the waiting time has been reduced.

Information from SHLG meeting

Tartu has the right to claim one (1) prio 0 or prio 1 recipient per year and will get one full slot on the ROTA list, like the other centers.

Thorax data entry was discussed – registry will be revised and maybe separated into a heart and a lung part.

New name: Now Scandiatransplant Heart and Lung Group (SHLG) instead of Nordic Thoracic Transplantation Study Group (NTTSG)

YASWA

- Issues brought up at last NTCG meeting have been implemented in YASWA.
- Pediatric & MV waiting list – It was decided to continue with checking the list online in YASWA and not to make a SMS/e-mail solution.
- Status on the STEP program was presented. At the moment the office is working with HLA antibody import from the Luminex
- SAE/SAR registration in YASWA was demonstrated, it is almost ready and will soon be available on a test server.
- A registration system for payback and refusals of payback organs was presented, it will be ready and implemented around December 1st 2017.
- ‘HBimm: Hepatitis B vaccinated’ has been removed from YASWA. The lab. test results were the same as for HBsAb and the registered information was not valid.
- It was suggested to display ABO, A split types in another way in YASWA, the wish is based on a misunderstanding that have occurred when offering an organ. IW will look into this.
- Prev. blood transfusions in YASWA will return as a field

All in all, everybody feels that YASWA is working well and getting better and better.

Pancreas offers

When offering pancreas, it is important to state in the organ offer form if you only offer a single pancreas without kidney.

Oslo will fetch all organ's if they are offered.

The rota-list is still only a recommendation

Jetpack

Not all centers are using Jetpack, but for those who do, it would be good to know the ‘Customer Account Number’.

Organ offer (Pa + Lu/Hj) when the recipient has antibodies

- There are no agreements on sharing serum samples on HLA immunized patients waiting for pancreas. Sometimes a pancreas is offered but recipient centers has to decline the offer, as their patients are immunized and DSA might be present. Could/should same agreement as currently used for thorax patients with sharing samples be used?
- Other solutions (enter HLA Ab specificities into YASWA to make virtual cross-match)?
- How much extra work would this produce?
- It was agreed upon that everyone should investigate, how many of these 'problem' patients each center has and report back to IW.

Empty ice boxes

The return of empty ice boxes is not necessary, the shipment cost more than the box.

Other matters

- Retirement

ACC will retire December 2017 and she was thanked for her great contribution over the years. ØJ will take over the role as chair for NTCG and Jenni Jarsäter, Stockholm, will be responsible for the common address lists.

- ABO and urgent patients

It was discussed if one should always offer ABO compatible organs no matter what information is registered in YASWA on the urgent patients under donor requirements. You are only obliged to offer according to what have been stated in YASWA, however you are always welcome to contact the recipient center.

- Keep the timetable

Oslo was annoyed that some centers uses too much time when thoracic organs are offered and often the timetable has to be postponed. When organs are offered all the necessary information is available, so why does it take so long for some centers? This triggered a lively discussion with many aspects about numbers of available planes, travel time, lack of mobile phones etc.

- STS 2018 Oslo, Norway, May 2.-4. 2018 www.sts2018.no

At STS2018 the 2nd of May, NTCG will have a one-hour meeting from 10-11, where after a common symposium for all coordinators will be held.

IK requested the group to think about possible topics.

Next meeting

Oslo 2nd of May 2018