

Scandiatransplant Pediatric Heart and Lung Group (SPaedHLG) spring meeting 2025

April 11th, 2025

Zoom at 15:00 – 17:00 Central European summertime (GMT +2)

Meeting participants:

Ilse Duus-Weinreich (Scandiatransplant office)
Thomas Möller (Oslo/Norway) - National Key Contact Person 2024-2025 (extended
SPaedHLG chair period until spring 2025)
Taisto Sarkola (Helsinki/Finland)
Karin Tran-Lundmark (Lund/Sweden)
Aslak Kristoffersen (Oslo/Norway)
Oscar Van Der Have (Lund/Sweden)

Meeting agenda and minutes

1. Welcome
2. Registration of meeting participants
3 centers (Helsinki, Lund and Oslo) and Scandiatransplant board present.
3. Adjustment and approval of agenda for present meeting
The group discuss if we should suggest an adjustment of the age-criteria for priority
0 on continuous inotropic support.
4. Approval of minutes from last meeting (Sept 19, 2024)
(10 min for 1.-4.)
TM scrolled through the minutes from last meeting. Approved.
5. SPaedHLG board
 - a. Any news from the board?

No news from the thoracic group. Minutes published on the webpage by Ilse.

SPaedHLG National Key Contact Persons;

Karl Lemström (Helsinki/Finland) – SHLG chair

Timo Jahnukainen (Helsinki/Finland) – National Key Contact Person 2024-2025

Klaus Juul (Copenhagen/Denmark) - National Key Contact Person 2024-2025

Thomas Möller (Oslo/Norway) - National Key Contact Person 2024-2025 (extended

SPaedHLG chair period until fall 2025)

Michal Odermarsky (Lund/Sweden) - National Key Contact Person 2024-2025

Håkan Wåhlander (Gothenburg/Sweden) – Second national Key Contact Person 2024-2025

- b. Chair person for upcoming meeting - fall 2025. Task is usually connected to host country/centre of the annual Nordic Pediatric Cardiology Meeting. Next meeting will be hosted in Stockholm. Thomas Möller (N) will be the chair for the next meeting, and then Claus Juul (DK) will take over as the next meeting will be in Copenhagen.

6. SHLG and Scandiatransplant office information

- a. Updated numbers for 2024/25 provided by Scandiatransplant office, Ilse presented updated numbers;
498 heart transplants in children in total. 24 transplants in 2024. Median waiting time is around 40 days. 5-year survival 90% 2016-2024. No difference survival post-transplant if waited less or more than 6 months. 5-years survival for pediatric lung transplants is 65-68%. 28 lung transplants in Gothenburg. 5 in Finland. 6 in Lund. 6 in Oslo. 11 in Denmark. 45% of heart transplants in Scandiatransplant are imported/exported across the Scandinavian countries. No heart-lung transplants since 2015. Ilse will share the presentation with us.
- b. YASWA as a Nordic protocol and document sharing platform.
Only Oslo have uploaded protocols to YASWA so far.

7. Update on national / center-wise paediatric heart transplant follow-up protocols within SPaedHLG (10 min)

- a. Major changes (effectuated or planned)
No major protocol changes.

8. Mechanical support – status and recent developments

Since last meeting no long-term mechanical support patients.

Oslo is about to finish a mini-method evaluation on Berlin Heart EXCOR in children.

9. Research

Report / update from studies within SPaedHLG region and other projects in progress

- a. Nordic heart transplant study (Michal / Oscar). Oscar updated the group on the progress. He will present some of the data during the upcoming ISHLT meeting.
- b. Suggestions for new joint studies within SPaedHLG.
 - i. No new suggestions

10. Other business meeting questions and proposals

- a. Listing criteria: As of the Scandiatransplant Guidelines for Thoracic Organ Exchange, patients below 16 years on continuous inotropic support qualify for Priority O. The SPaedHLG group will suggest to increase the age limit to 18 years. Karin Tran-Lundmark will write a draft and send it to the group for review.

11. Next meeting. Will probably be a hybrid meeting during the next Nordic Meeting in Stockholm in September 2025.