

# News from Scandiatransplant office February 2025

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### **Purpose**

By this information letter, we wish to communicate to you about status and progress related to the database, collaboration with groups related to Scandiatransplant and on-going working projects.

We hope that you will read it and share the information with whom it might concern.

Do not hesitate to contact us for further information, ideas and problems at <a href="https://help@scandiatransplant.org">help@scandiatransplant.org</a>

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### Modification to kidney exchange rules

At the latest meeting in the Nordic Kidney Group, an age restriction was agreed upon for kidney exchange obligation priority 5. Only patients less than 60 years at the time of search are now eligible for priority 5. The alteration to priority 5 has been added to the rules for exchange of kidneys, and is listed below:

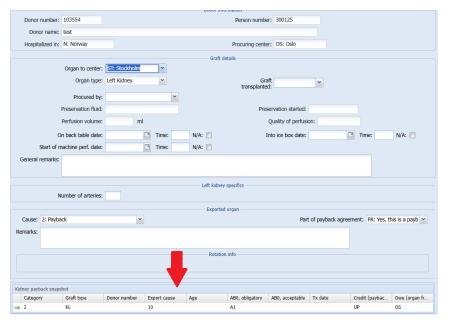
Patients < 60 years of age who are HLA-A, -B, -DRB1 compatible with donor unless the proposed recipient is > 30 years older than the donor.

Furthermore the following addendum has been added in the section concerning surplus kidneys, as decided by the Nordic Transplant Coordinator Group and approved by the Nordic Kidney Group:

When both kidneys are offered, they should, whenever possible and with respect to kidney quality, be exported to two different countries.

### DD, payback under procured graft

A new update has been introduced to help reduce the risk of forgetting to link a payback to the original imported kidney. When registering the procurement of a kidney or liver that was used for payback, the current list of owes between the donor center and the receiving center now appear at the bottom of the screen. Clicking on the relevant payback will bring you to the payback registration page where payback still must be linked manually to the original imported kidney.



Help to register payback

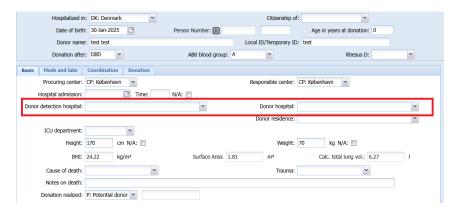
### Change to required fields

## Donor hospital and donor detection hospital

As donor hospital isn't always known at time of registration, this field has now been changed to recommended for all potential donors. Once a donor is registered as realized, donor hospital becomes a required field.

Donor detection hospital has instead been made mandatory to complete the first registration of a donor.

As a result of these changes, the fields have switched placement in YASWA as shown below.



### Modifications to deceased donor organ form

Organ form updated

The coordinators from all centers were invited to provide feedback on the deceased donor organ form. All suggestions were sent to approval amongst all centers, and the approved suggestions have now been implemented in YASWA. A detailed description of the modifications will be e-mailed to the transplant coordinators.

## More columns under Address/Phone on recipients

Two new fields for recipient contact information have been added under the tab "Address/Phone" under Recipients.

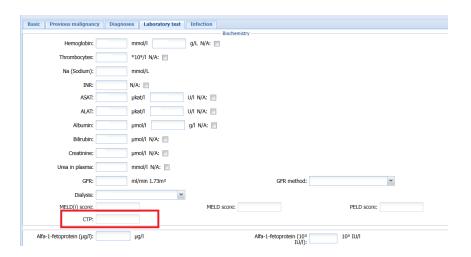
New columns for recipient contact information



### CTP calculation in form A

A field for Child Turcotte Pugh (CTP) has been added to Form A in the Liver Registry. It is based on registrations in the following fields: bilirubin, INR, albumin, encephalopathy and ascites.

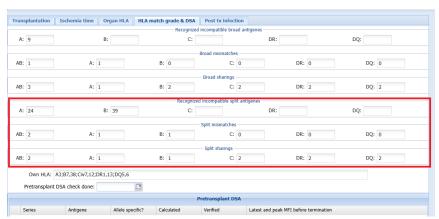
New automatic calculation



### HLA mismatch and sharings on split level

In the Transplantation menu under 'HLA match grade & DSA' deduction of mismatches and sharings on split level has been added.

Calculation of mismatches on HLA split level



In this example the recipient is B7, 38(16) and the donor is B39(16), 38(16)

under 'Recognized incompatible (broad) antigens' B16 will be counted as a sharing

In 'Recognized incompatible split antigens', B39 will be displayed and counted as a mismatch.

### Minor additions to the waiting lists

#### **Backup option**

On all waiting lists a new field 'Backup option' is now available. Here it is possible to state whether the patient has given consent to be called as backup for transplantation.

New waiting list fields

#### Reason for local urgency

On the kidney waiting list it is now possible to give a reason for local urgency, the current options are: Age, Previous tx, HLA antibodies, and Patient abroad.

#### STEP match run

The next STEP match run will take place April 23rd 2025. Deadline for data entry in YASWA (new pairs and updates) is April 16th 2025 10:00 CET

Pairs and altruistic donors must be tagged with '21: 21st run April 2025' to be included in the match run.