News from Scandiatransplant office

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Headlines

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http://www.scandiatransplant.org/news/newsletters

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 help@scandiatransplant.org

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Changes to the kidney exchange obligation rules

As decided by NKG the following changes in the kidney exchange rules will be active from 4th of March 2026:

Revision of kidney exchange rules

- Prio. 4: 'recipient <16 years' changed to 'recipient <18 years'

- Prio. 4: 'if there is HLA-DRB1 compatibility and in addition not more than 2 HLA-A, B mismatches' changed to 'in accordance with the specific registration of nonacceptable HLA antigens and/or mismatches.'

- Prio. 2-5: When more than one recipient shares the same priority level, allocation is determined by a predefined weight score.

The new updated version of the exchange rules are found <u>here</u>.

New options for prio. 4

For priority 4 there will no longer be a default HLA mismatch setting. For each child on the kidney waiting list, specifications must now be defined in the new PANDA tab (PANDA = Pediatric Non-acceptable Donor Antigens) on the active waiting list.
In the PANDA tab, you can define:
- Non-acceptable donor antigens, and/or
- The number of allowed HLA-A, HLA-B, and HLA-DR mismatches

Change in kidney prio. 4

If no settings are defined, all HLA combinations will be considered acceptable by default.

Obligatory offering in updated sorted order for priorities 2–5

All exchange obligation priorities (1–5) must be offered according to the default sorted list in YASWA, including cases where recipients share the same priority level.

The weight score calculation has been extended, meaning that all priorities are now sorted according to the updated rules.

In practice, you simply need to follow the order of the generated list.

Limitations on fields in the Thorax Registry

To ensure alignment with ISHLT requirements, all numeric fields that are exported to ISHLT have been updated with the specified minimum and maximum value limits in accordance with the ISHLT export specifications.

These limits have been applied to creatinine, bilirubin, and hemodynamic parameters in both the pre-transplant and follow-up forms for heart and lung.

Any existing data falling outside these limits have been removed, as agreed at the most recent SHLG meeting.

Example:

New field in the Thorax Registry: "Lowest oxygen saturation"

A new field "Lowest oxygen saturation" is now available in the Lung pre-tx and follow up within the Thorax Registry.

In the pre-tx form, the field is placed under the tab "Walk test + pulmonary func.".

In the follow up form, the field is placed under the tab "Graft function".

Second reperfusion time for double lungs

For double lung recipients, it is now possible to enter a second reperfusion time under the transplantation record. Data from this field is then used to calculate a second ischemia time for double lung transplantations.

New field in Transplantation: "Type of perfusion"

In relation to the existing field "Ex vivo machine perfusion" under Transplantation, a new field for "type of perfusion" has been created. For now, the field is only visible on liver transplantations.

Updates to follow up in Kidney Registry

Several new fields have been added to recipient follow ups within the Kidney Registry:

- Complications
- Anastomosis
- Cyst kidney ektomi
- Delayed graft function

Kidney- New fields

Extra search options under Deceased Donor

Under Deceased donor, extra search options have been added to the page.

Deceased donor - Extra search options

Luminex to YASWA software update

Due to bug fixes in the transfer software a new version has just been launched. The newest version is relevant if you don't enter person number in the Fusion software.
The version overview here

STEP match run

The next STEP match run will take place April 8th 2026.
Deadline for data entry in YASWA (new pairs and updates) is April 1st 2026 10:00 CET
Pairs and altruistic donors must be tagged with '25: 25nd run April 2026' to be included in the match run.