



Travel Grant Report Form

Name and origin of applicants

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Purpose granted

To study uDCD more closely and, by extension, create a more detailed picture of and if there are conditions for how we can work with this method in Sweden.

Amount granted

24.000 DKK

Time and place of visit

Barcelona 27th to 29th September, Hospital Clinic, Catalan Emergency services, regional transplantation office (OCATT), DTI foundation.

Report

In 2018 an implementation of controlled DCD was started in Sweden. This was successful and now almost all hospitals in Sweden have implemented the method and you can clearly see that this has increased the number of donors. There is an interest in uncontrolled DCD in Sweden and therefore we wanted to study this process more closely, and by extension in detail create a picture for us to better be able to work on this at home.

The transplant coordinators from central Sweden had the opportunity to visit Hospital Clinic, Catalan Emergency services, OCATT and the DTI foundation lead by Dr. Brian Alvaréz. Throughout our stay, we had the privilege of engaging with some of the most important institutions in the field of organ donation

and transplantation in Spain. During our two days in Barcelona we visited Hospital Clínic, SEM (emergency ambulance service), OCATT and DTI foundation.

At the Hospital Clinic we were given a lecture by about the background to the introduction of uDCD in Spain, how the organization is structured and the uDCD process in detail. We also had the chance to visit the emergency department and have a look at care spaces used during the process. In the afternoon we went to the Emergency services and got a guided tour in their premises. They gave us a lecture on how their organization works with uDCD.

The next day we went to OCATT (Organización Catalana de Transplantes) in the morning and was given a lecture about their organization and the tissue facility. We then had lunch at the DTI foundation together with the development director of the DTI foundation, Chloë Ballesté, and the visit was finished with a lecture about their organization given by her.

Evaluation

We were very satisfied with the visit to Barcelona and felt warmly welcomed. The entire stay was well planned and very rewarding.

In conclusion we learned that organization behind the process is the key point to successfully implement the uDCD method. We believe that in Sweden there is a patient basis and in terms of law there is no obstacles. But to get to an implementation, a huge amount of work and education is required.
