Organ Transplantation- Cooperation within the Nordic Countries

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All Nordic countries have their own transplantation and donation programs. In Sweden there are 4 transplantation centers, in Denmark 3, on Iceland one as in Norway and Finland.

Scandiatransplant is the organ exchange organization for the Nordic countries and it covers a population of about 26.6 million inhabitants. It is owned by the ten hospitals performing organ transplantation in these countries. All Nordic patients waiting for an organ are listed on one common list for each organ. SCTP ensures that all necessary data are available for the transplant professionals to allocate the organs according to rules adapted by the association and monitors compleance with these rules.

Every Nordic transplant center evaluates their own donors, and handles the procurement of the transplantable organs. Of the organs 80-85% are transplanted in the country of procurement. The rest 15-20% of the organs are offered to another Nordic transplant center due to exchange obligation, pay back, or rotation list.

Scandiatransplant 2015:

- 500 Utilized deceased donors (18,77 pmp)
- Organ transplants performed

1204 kidneys (335 were living related)

401 livers (5 were living related – 2 were domino)

154 hearts (0 were domino)

141 lungs including heart/lung

2402 patients on waiting list at end 2015

Organ exchange between Nordic centers 2015:

