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UK LKD Network Newsletter

INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of the LKD network newsletter. We have some feedback on a very successful network meeting held in January and an update on measurement of isotopic GFR in potential living donors. We hope you enjoy the BTS this week and that it gives you more ideas and inspiration for your living kidney donation work.

UK LKD Network Meeting 24th January

Many thanks to all who attended the first one-day meeting of the 'UK Living Kidney Donation Network' at the Birmingham Burlington MacDonal Hotel on Thursday 24th January 2019 which was sponsored by NHS Blood and Transplant. The meeting combined presentations from expert faculty, table top discussions, case-based clinical scenarios and improvement methodology to cover topics such as equity of access and missed opportunities in living donor kidney transplantation, streamlining the donor pathway and understanding the data and what it means to recipients and donors.

The meeting was very well attended by 105 members of the multi-disciplinary team including specialist nurses, nephrologists and transplant surgeons with good representation from both transplanting and referral centres. Attendees involved in recipient management, from advanced kidney care (low clearance) to transplantation, as well as those leading living donation were able to meet, share practice and discuss possible improvements to their programmes.

At the end of the meeting we asked all teams to take back some actions to improve living kidney transplantation. You may be checking that all patients in your unit with GFR < 15 have had a transplant status allocated or be review those with BMI over 35 to see if any could be considered for transplant. You might be looking at your older population to ensure all those over 70 but possibly suitable for transplantation were being considered or you might be improving the pathway from one failing kidney to a second transplant opportunity.

The network will be surveying you with the summer newsletter to find out what you changed! Thank you for all your hard work. If you didn't get to the meeting and are interested in finding out more about the day, click here:

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/living-donation/uk-living-kidney-donation-network/> for further information.

Assessment of renal function in Potential living kidney donors

Following the withdrawal of ⁵¹Cr-EDTA, find the most recent update about assessment of renal function in living kidney donors from the BSNM, BTS, RA and NHSBT [here](#).

Dates for the diary

UK Kidney week 2019 - Brighton 3rd – 5th June 2019

Key transplant sessions include

Monday 3rd June: 14.10 -15.40

Kidney Transplantation: Recipient, donor, and organ assessment; practical aspects for clinical care

Tuesday 4th June: 15.10-16.10

Kidney Transplantation: improving access, improving outcome

Tuesday 4th June: 16.50 – 18.20

Long-term kidney transplant follow up: A Multidisciplinary approach

Resources for UK Living Donor Kidney Transplantation Network

A list of up to date resources and how to access them is attached.



LDKT useful
resources v4 March :

Kind regards

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