



Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (Registered Society formed by Government of Tamil Nadu)

Dr.R.Kanthimathy M.D.D.A
Member Secretary

CHENNAI ROTTO AND SOTTO'S MEETING

Chennai ROTTO and SOTTO's meeting with NOTTO Director involving all convenors of our SOTTO's from other states was held on 10th December 2018 from 10:00am to 05:00pm at Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN) office to discuss the issues regarding challenges faced during allocation process and various pertinent issues relating to organ sharing among SOTTO's

The meeting was attended by

- 1.Dr.J.Radhakrishnan, Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu
- 2.Dr.A.Edwin Joe, Director of Medical Education
- 3.Dr.N.Rukmani, Director of Medical and Rural Health Service
- 4.Dr.Vasanthi Ramesh, NOTTO Director
- 5.Dr.R.Kanthimathy, Member Secretary TRANSTAN
- 6.Dr.G.Swarnalatha, Additional Professor In charge Jeevandan
- 7.Dr.K.Satya Vara Prasad, Director Jeevandan AP
- 8.Dr.Vasudevan, Professor of Urology Govt Medical College and Hospital, Pondicherry
- 9.Dr.Sreejith Parameswaran, H.O.D Professor of Nephrology JIPMER
- 10.Dr.Noble Gracious, Nodal Officer Mrithasanjeevani
- 11.Dr.Kishore Phadke, State Convenor Jeevansarkthkathe.

Dr.R.Kanthimathy Member Secretary TRANSTAN welcomed Dr. J.Radhakrishnan , Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu and Dr.Vasanthi Ramesh NOTTO Director and all the delegates from various states and presented the agenda for the discussion.

Dr.J.Radhakrishnan , Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, welcomed and addressed the gathering and appreciated the good work done by all SOTTO's. He stressed on the following points.



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- All the three organizations NOTTO, ROTTO, and SOTTO should work together to overcome the challenges
- Transplantation should be done more in government hospitals rather than private sectors, because it should reach the poor people free of cost
- To bring more awareness among people about organ donation.
- All hospitals should regularly update the waiting list, so that erroneous waiting list does not get circulated in the Media
- All government hospitals have to identify more number of donations so that poor will be benefitted
- Allocation to overseas patients is done only when there are no suitable compatible Indian recipients

This was followed by Powerpoint Presentation and sharing of experiences and discussions among the SOTTO's

Dr. G.Swarnalatha Additional Professor and in charge – JEEVANDAN TELANGANA spoke on the following points

- Jeevandan has adapted the 2014 THOA.
- Totally 25 hospitals are registered in Jeevandan – 22 private hospitals and 3 government Hospital
- Highlighted the Deceased Donor statistics from 2013 to 2018.
- Also mentioned about the support from the government for deceased organ donation programme and about the health schemes available in their state for the below poverty line people.
- Briefed about Organ Allocation policy, waiting list and transplant registry and said website is being maintained by NIC (National Informatics Centre).
- Recipient details are uploaded in website and all the registrations are done online. The recipient details are listed according to age, blood group, organs and zone wise and matching of donor and recipient is done online automatically
- Conducting regular programs on Organ donation, creating awareness on organ donation in villages, Interaction with Police and religious Scholars, CME and Transplant coordinator training programme.
- 15th August and November 27th is marked as Organ Donation Day.
- Representatives from Jeevandan attend condolence services of the deceased donors.
- Chapter on Organ Donation has been added in the 10th school syllabus.



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Dr.Vasanthi Ramesh Director NOTTO requested Dr. Swarnalatha to share the police module, awareness programme photos and transplant coordinator training manual

Dr.K. Satya Vara Prasad - Director of JEEVANDAN ANDHRAPRADESH spoke on the following points

- Jeevandan Telangana and Jeevandan AP functioned together till 2014
- On 25th January 2015 Jeevandan Andhra Pradesh separated and inaugurated their logo
- Jeevandan was started independently on 18th March 2015
- Allocations are done only by the chief transplant coordinator (Member/Convener).
- Dr.Satya Vara Prasad has requested NOTTO to make NIC (National Informatics Centre) as mandatory to maintain the website in all states
- The following problems faced by Jeevandan AP.
 - Brain Death Declaration
 - Donor Maintenance
 - Donor Family support
 - Cost of Transplantation not defined.

Dr. Noble Gracious Nodal Officer MRITHASANJEEVANI KERALA spoke on the following points.

- Initially started program in 2012. Kerala has adopted 2014 THOA
- Kerala has been divided into three Zones North Zone, Central Zone 1 and 2 and South Zone. Organ allocation is done by KNOS according to the date of registration. One organ always goes to Government.
- Promotion activities on organ donation:
 - Training workshops
 - Stake holder's awareness program
- Shared about deceased organ donation program statistic from 2012 to 2018



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Challenges faced by Kerala:

- Neurosurgeon refusing to identify and certify Brain Death
- More clarity is required in the law regarding terminating ventilator care after certification of Brain Death.
- Doctors are against video recording which is the protocol followed in Kerala while certifying Brain Death.
- Compulsory one government doctor in the panel to certify Brain Death
- Consent for doing Apnoea test

Dr.Kishore Phadke JEEVASARTHKATHE KARNATAKA spoke on the following points.

- Initially the programme run by the NGO called Foundation of Organ Retrieval and Transplant Education.
- Later ZCCK -Zonal Coordination Committee of Karnataka for transplantation formed with specific policies and guidelines.
- FORTE got dissolved ZCCK formed and ZCCK dissolved and Jeevasarthakatha came into existence.
- Shared about state statistics.

Challenges faced by Karnataka

- Loss of potential donors
- Misconception
- Lack of public awareness
- Non admission of critically ill trauma patients
- Lack of ICU counsellors
- Lack of support from police



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Dr.Sreejit Parameswaran H.O.D Professor of Nephrology JIPMER PUDUCHERRY spoke on the following points.

- Transplantation Services Offered at JIPMER
- Discussed the Cadaver Kidney registration under 2014 THO Act
- Shared about deceased donor statistics from 2013 to 2018 and State-wise Distribution of transplant recipients from Deceased Donors
- Sharing of organs with other states
- SOP for Brain Death Certification at JIPMER and Brain Death Certification form
- Various Educational & Awareness activities conducted by hospitals.
- Outcomes of Kidney Transplantation

Dr.Vasanthi Ramesh Director NOTTO requested **Dr.Sreejit Parameswaran** to share the SOP For Brain Death Certification, Best Posters and Awareness programme photos.

Dr.Vasanthi Ramesh Director NOTTO addressed the gathering and shared views on improving the deceased organ donation programme in India. She started her presentation with sharing the statistics given by states.

- Shared about allocation policy followed across the countries
- The World Health Organization has been long concerned with ensuring the ethical use of organs and tissues around the world. Also shared about World Health Assembly (WHA).
- Mentioned about Indian Transplant registry and difference between Online and Offline Entries.
- Requested all SOTTO's to ask their stake holder hospitals to register with NOTTO
- Stressed the need for online data sharing among state and central
- Wanted all state to adopt 2014 amended THOA
- Wanted uniform maintenance of organ registry in all state by NIC (National Informatics Centre)
- Wanted organ register linking of SOTTO's, ROTTO and NOTTO.

Dr.R.Kanthimathy Member Secretary(TRANSTAN) thanked all the delegates for having attended the meeting and giving valuable opinions and suggestions.

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Dr.R.Kanthimathy 13/12/18