Recommendations and obligations in Europe for transplant coordination


1. Promote the role of Transplant donor Coordinators in every hospital where there is potential for organ donation
2. Promote Quality Improvement Programmes …
3. Exchange of best practices on living donation …
4. Improve the knowledge and communication skills of health professionals …
5. Facilitate the identification of organ donors across Europe …
6. Enhancing the organisational models of organ donation and transplantation in the EU …
7. Promote EU-wide agreements on aspects of transplantation
8. Facilitate the interchange of organs …
9. Evaluation of post-transplant results
10. Promote a common accreditation system for organ donation/procurement and transplantation programmes

DIRECTIVE 2010/45/EU
OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 7 July 2010
on standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation

- Healthcare personnel directly involved in the donation, testing, characterization, procurement, preservation, transport and transplantation of organs should be suitably qualified or trained and competent.

- The importance of donor coordinators, appointed at hospital level, has been acknowledged by the Council of Europe.

- The role of the donor coordinator or coordination team should be recognized as key to improving not only the effectiveness of the process of donation and transplantation, but also the quality and safety of the organs to be transplanted.
UEMS, EBS Qualification in Transplant Coordination

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http://www.uemssurg.org/divisions/transplantation/transplant-coordination
Establishment of UEMS Board of Transplant Coordination

The **Board of Transplant Coordination (BTC)** has been created within the Division of Transplantation of the UEMS in 2010. The main objective of the BTC is to guarantee the best standard of care in organ and tissue donation and transplant coordination in Europe by establishing homologous standards of practice and ensuring that training in donation and transplant coordination is maintained at the highest level by accrediting and examining transplant coordinators on their knowledge and practice.

The **BTC operates in close collaboration with the European Transplant Coordinators Organization (EDTCO)** and is a nonprofit entity.
BTC Members: There shall be up to two representatives, practicing transplant coordinators, from each member state of the UEMS, or all European countries, preferably nominated by the Competent Authority (2010/53/EU Directive), or National Transplant Organization (CoE Recommendation (Rec (2006)15) of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the background, functions and responsibilities of a National Transplant Organization) in official communication with the UEMS and the EBS. The tenure of each BTC Member shall be for 4 years.
Establishment of UEMS Board of Transplant Coordination

Executive Committee: The BTC shall elect an Executive Committee from its members, which will include a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, two Secretaries (Senior and Junior) and a Treasurer. The representative of EDTCO, the former President, will also be a member of the Executive Committee, and the chairman of the EDTCO Certification Committee will be a member without vote.

BTC creates and maintains transparent traceable documentation system led by the Executive Committee. Vice-Chair of the BTC Executive Committee manages the BTC Members list. Member States officially communicate all changes about representatives with Executive Committee through the Vice-Chair. BTC Executive Committee operates a subpage on the EDTCO and UEMS site to disseminate the followings:

- BTC statutes
- actual BTC Member list
- Executive Committee Members and accessibilities
- general information on CETC application
- CETC application forms, documents
Structure and collaboration of UEMS Board of Transplant Coordination
UEMS Board of Transplant Coordination Executive Committee until 2014

- **Chairman**
  Franz F. Immer, Switzerland
- **Vice Chairman**
  Sándor Mihály, Hungary
- **Senior Secretary**
  Danica Avsec, Slovenia
- **Junior Secretary**
  Nikola Žgrablić, Croatia
- **Treasurer**
  Käthe Meyer, Norway

- **ETCO representative**
  José Fernando Teixeira, Portugal
  Beatriz Domínguez-Gil, Spain
- **ETCO Certification Committee**
  Jose-Maria Domínguez-Roldán, Spain
  David Paredes, Spain
- **UEMS, Division of Transplantation**
  Vasilios Papalois, UK
- **Founding and Honorary Chairman of ETCO/UEMS Certification**
  Rui Maio, Portugal
BTC, CETC-EBSQ application

- **Deadlines:** registration is open from 1 January to 30 June. Eligibility will be confirmed by 31 July. Late applications will not be accepted.

- **Method of application:** applications have to be sent to the BTC Senior Secretary via e-mail.

- **Language:** application documents must be send in English, except Valid License as Health Care Professional and TC Training Diploma(s)/Certificates.

- **Requirements** for Applicants to the Exam: 12 months experience as a transplant coordinator

- **Necessary documents:** Application form, Certificate of present job as TC in English, Certificate of Experience as TC in English, A copy of your Valid License as Health Care Professional, TC Training Diploma(s)/Certificates, Logbook sheet in English, CV in English, List of publications in Vancouver Style, Oral and Poster Presentation List, Passport layout photo in separate file, Reference letter from the country BTC member

- **Fees:** 200 euros must be paid in the registration phase to apply for eligibility, non-refundable and a further 200 euros must be paid after confirmation of eligibility for exams.
Certification Modules

Certification can be obtained for the following separate modules:

Module 1: General Transplant Coordination
Module 2: Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) Coordination
Module 3: Living Donor Coordination
Module 4: Recipient Coordination
Module 5: Tissue Donation Coordination
Modules for Honorary and Exam certification

- Module 1: 114
- Module 2: 30
- Module 3: 31
- Module 4: 28
- Module 5: 45
Countries for Honorary and Exam certification

Spain: 43
Switzerland: 22
Italy: 10
Portugal: 7
Norway: 6
Slovenia: 4
Croatia: 3
Denmark: 3
Sweden: 3
Germany: 2
Hungary: 2
Poland: 2
Romania: 2
Australia: 1
Belgium: 1
Quatar: 1
Turkey: 1
United States: 1
Number of Honorary and Exam Certifications

- Switzerland: 12 (10 EBSQ, 2 Honorary)
- Norway: 3 (3 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Slovenia: 3 (3 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Spain: 41 (2 EBSQ, 9 Honorary)
- Sweden: 2 (1 EBSQ, 1 Honorary)
- Italy: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Croatia: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Denmark: 2 (2 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Hungary: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Belgium: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Turkey: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Portugal: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Germany: 7 (7 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Poland: 2 (2 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Romania: 2 (2 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Australia: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- Qatar: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
- United States: 1 (1 EBSQ, 0 Honorary)
Number of EBSQ/year

- 2010, Cardiff: 6
- 2011, Glasgow: 4
- 2012, Dubrovnik: 5
- 2013, Vienna: 5
- 2014, Budapest: 8
Further information about UEMS Board of Transplant Coordination

http://www.uemssurg.org/divisions/transplantation/transplant-coordination/ebsq-examination
Further information about UEMS Board of Transplant Coordination

http://www.esot.org/organisation/EDTCO-Certification_European_Transplant_Coordinator
The Certification of Transplant Coordinators in Europe

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ABSTRACT

The appropriate clinical management of the integrated process of Donation and Transplantation implies the participation of the Transplant Coordinator. The aim of this article is to present the process of Certification of Transplant Coordinators in Europe since 2001, in accordance with the Council of Europe Recommendations and the evolving model implemented in 2008 under the auspices of the UEMS, reporting the longest running European standardized assessment of Transplant Coordination skills and knowledge. It includes the rationale for development of a certification process, how the examinations were developed and updated, eligibility to take the examination, and relationship with standards of practice for Transplant Coordinators. A total of 455 healthcare professionals were certified in two phases: 1\textsuperscript{st} ETCO certification since 2001 to 2007 (390) and 2\textsuperscript{nd} ETCO/UEMS certification from 2008 to 2011 (65).