

Have we learned from our mistakes in pancreas transplantation?

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Learning from mistakes

The Pancreas Forum

- A forum for learning from the mistakes of others
 - And their good practice
- Annual meeting, now in its 14th year



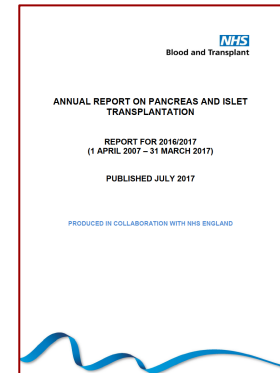
National Pancreas Transplant Forum 2018
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Cardiff CF10 2PL
Dates: 27-29 March 2018

PROGRAMME

0:00	Registration
9:15	NHSBT Annual Pancreas and Islet Transplant Report 2016/17 Click to download
9:45	National Data on the impact of pancreas quality and retrieval logistics on the transplant outcomes Click to download
10:00	Pancreas Donor Rate in UK – Are we all saying the same thing? Click to download
10:30	Discussion
10:45-11:00	Coffee/Tea/Brisk
11:00	Trends in pancreas transplantation – USA Raja Khandekar (USA)
11:40	Trends in pancreas transplantation – UK Angus Anderson (UK)
12:00	Discussion
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Pancreas Transplantation in Type 2 DM George Soly (Brazil)
14:15	Update on Immunotherapy Trials on Type 2 DM Colin Dixon (UK)
14:45	Discussion
15:00-15:15	Coffee/Tea/Brisk
15:15-16:15	Case presentations Cardiff, Edinburgh, Guya, Harrogate, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford, Cardiff

Annual Report on Pancreas transplantation

- Benchmarking centres against their peers
- Providing data for patients



Acknowledgements

- Claire Counter



Mistakes?

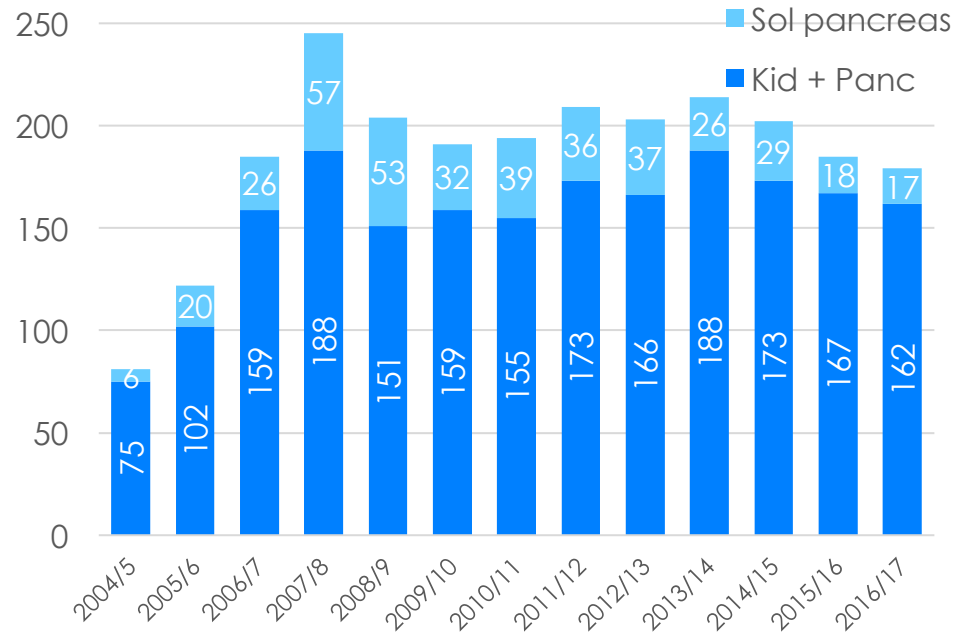
- Questions
 - What did we get right (if anything)?
 - What are our mistakes?
 - Did we learn from them?
- Considerations
 - Programme organisation
 - Indications
 - Patient Assessment
 - Implantation techniques
 - Immunosuppression



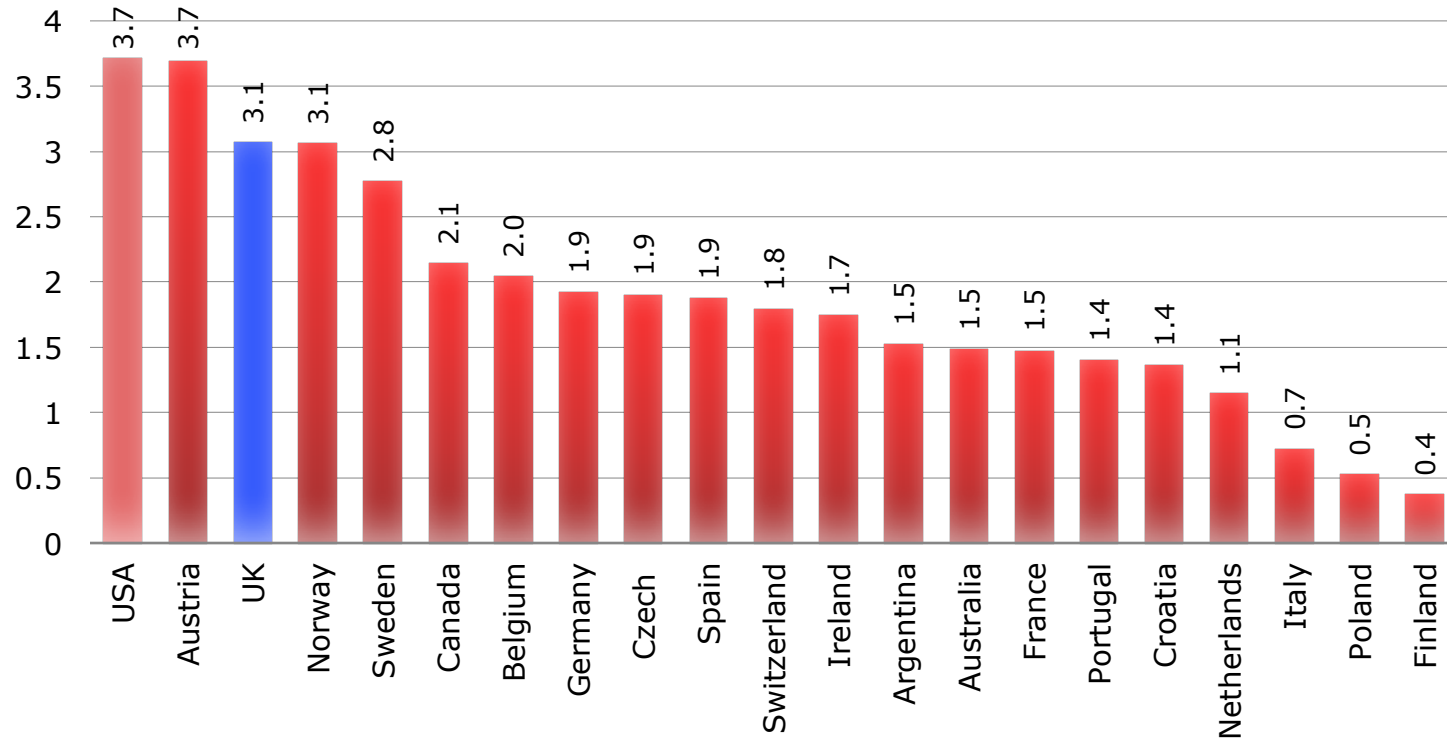
Development of pancreas transplantation in the UK



- National funding
 - Scotland 2002
 - England 2004
 - Wales 2006
 - Islets 2008
- Note:
 - Eurotransplant activity was 157 transplants in 2015

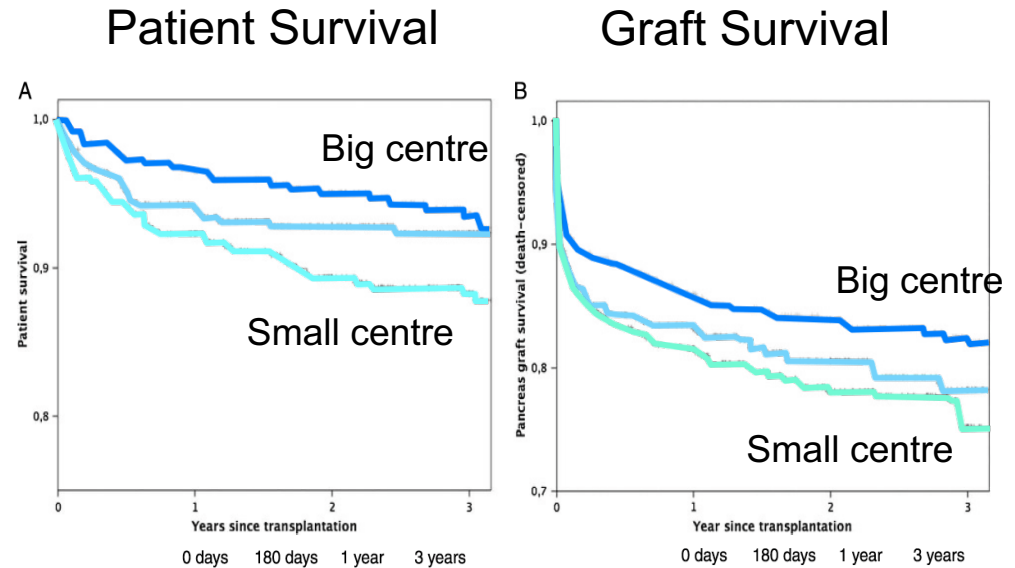


Pancreas transplantation in UK vs elsewhere



Centre volume affects SPK outcomes

- Pancreas transplants in EuroTransplant 2008-2013
- Centre volume
 - Big: ≥ 13 per year
 - Medium: 5-12 per year
 - Little: < 5 per year



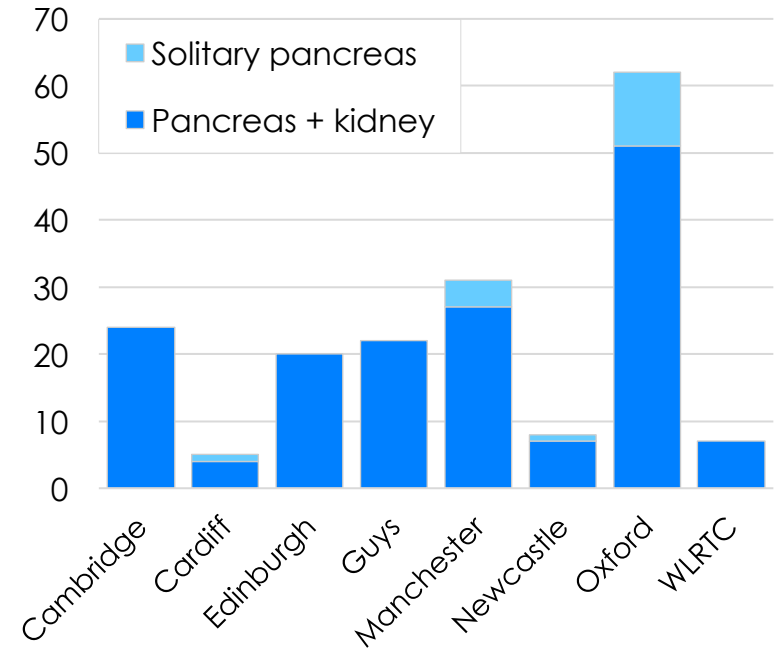
Organisation of pancreas transplantation in the UK

- 8 centres
- Centrally funded
- NHSBT oversight

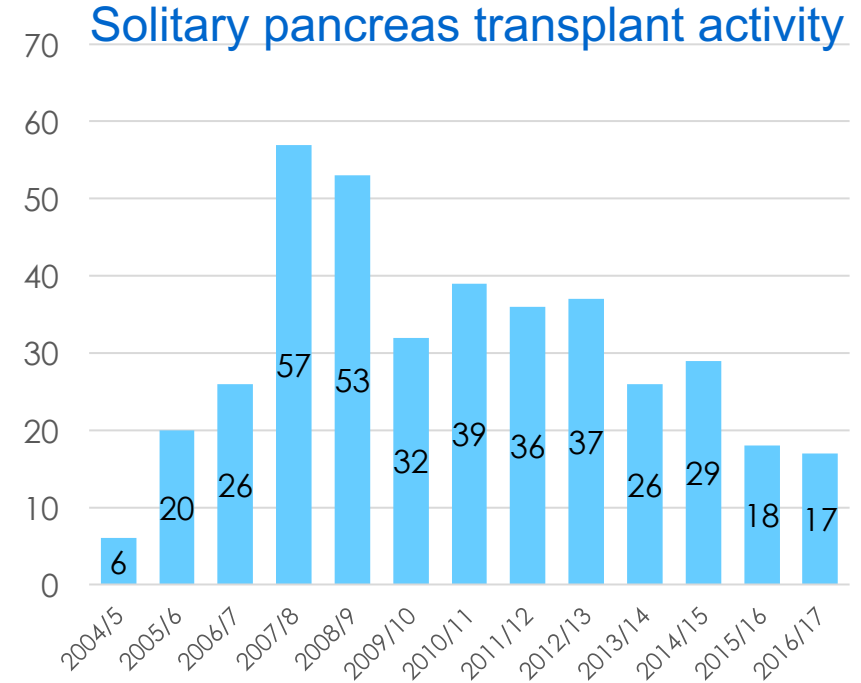
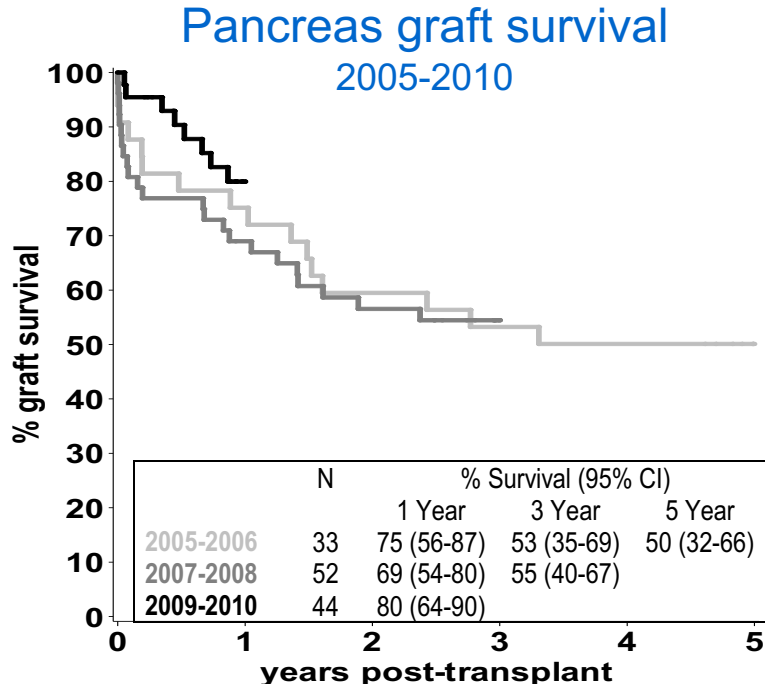


Centre activity in UK

- Range 5 to 62
- 5/8 centres in “Big” category



What did we learn: Solitary pancreas transplantation



Indications for transplant

- Type 1
- Insulin dependent type 2
 - BMI <30
- SPK: Renal failure
- PTA: Hypoglycaemic unawareness

POLICY POL185/5

Pancreas transplantation: Patient selection

This Policy replaces POL185/4	Copy Number
	Effective 26/01/18

Summary of Significant Changes Changes to pre-transplant assessment for listing

Policy

This policy has been created by the Pancreas Advisory Group on behalf of NHSBT.

The policy has received final approval from the Transplant Policy Review Committee (TPRC), which acts on behalf of the NHSBT Board, and which will be responsible for annual review of the guidance herein.

Last updated: November 2017
Approved by TPRC: December 2017

The aim of this document is to provide a policy for the selection of adult and paediatric patients on to the UK national transplant list and, where necessary, criteria for their de-selection. These criteria apply to all proposed recipients of organs from deceased donors and all centres should work to the same selection criteria.

Non-compliance to these guidelines will be handled directly by NHSBT, in accordance with the Non Compliance with Selection and Allocation Policies
<http://www.odt.nhs.uk/transplantation/tools-policies-and-guidance/policies-and-guidance/>

It is acknowledged that these guidelines will require regular review and refreshment. Where they do not cover specific individual cases, mechanisms are in place for selection of exceptional cases.

1. Conditions that are considered for transplantation
Patients who are considered for pancreas or islet transplantation fall into three categories:

- Pancreas transplant alone / islet transplant alone
 - Patients with severe hypoglycaemic unawareness but normal or near-normal renal function
- Simultaneous pancreas and kidney transplant / Simultaneous islet and kidney transplant
 - Patients with renal failure and insulin-dependent diabetes
- Pancreas after kidney transplant / islet after kidney transplant
 - Patients with functioning kidney transplants and diabetes

The majority of patients who are considered have type 1 diabetes but a minority of insulin-dependent type 2 diabetic patients may also be suitable candidates for pancreas transplant.

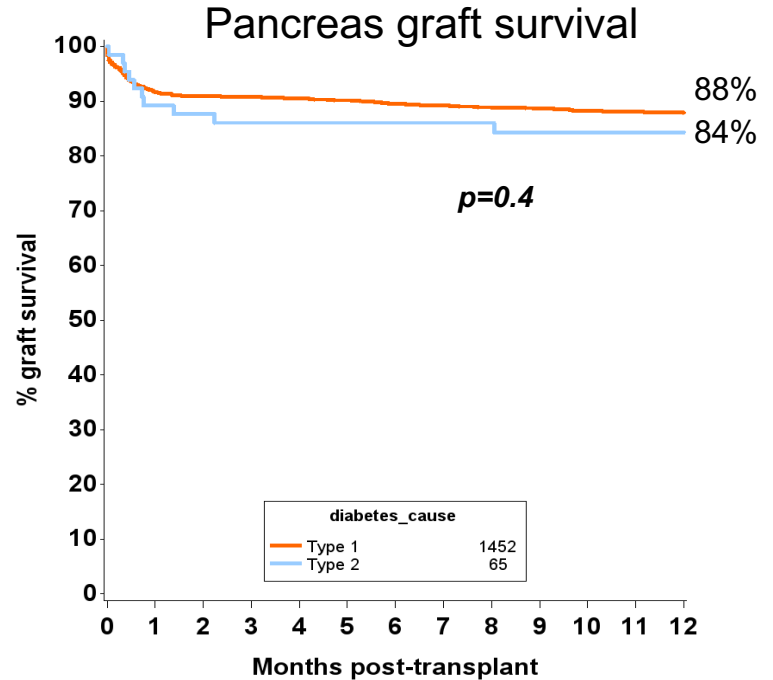
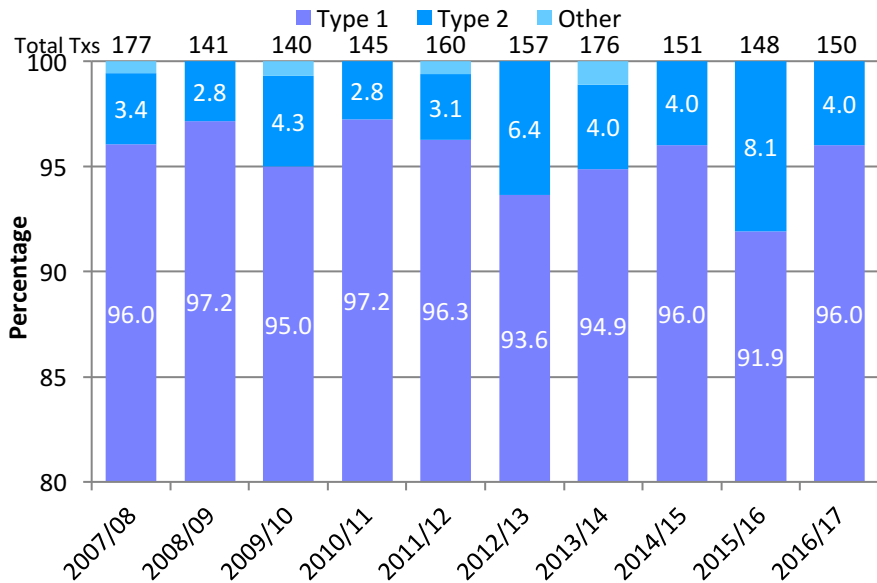
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Indications for transplant: No significant difference between type 1 and type 2



Percentage of SPK transplants by type of diabetes

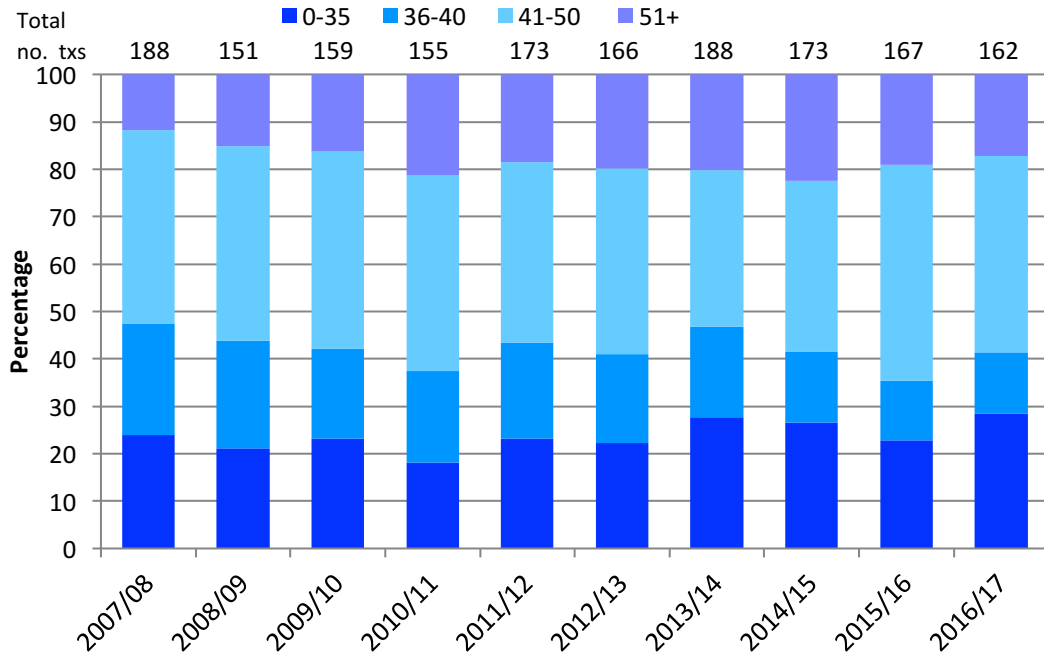


Type 2: Insulin dependent & BMI < 30 kg/m²

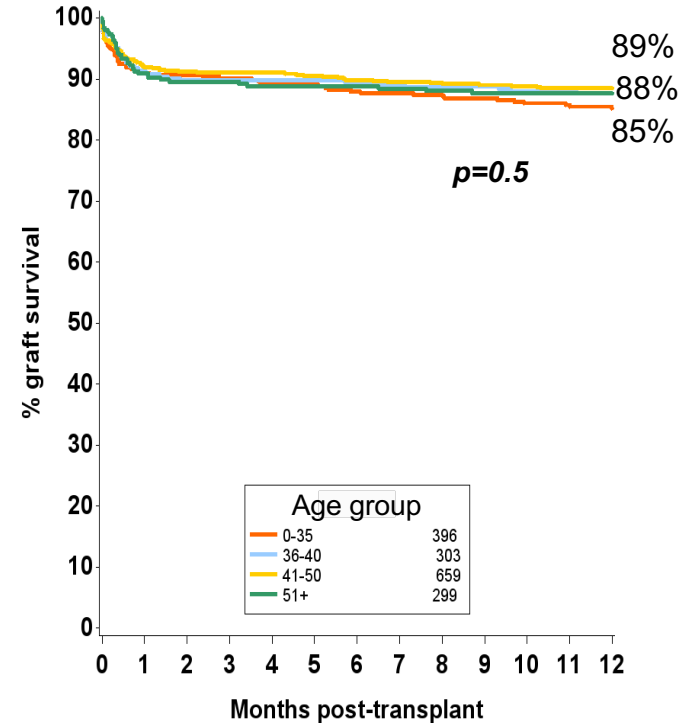
Survival by age



Percentage of SPK transplants by age of patient

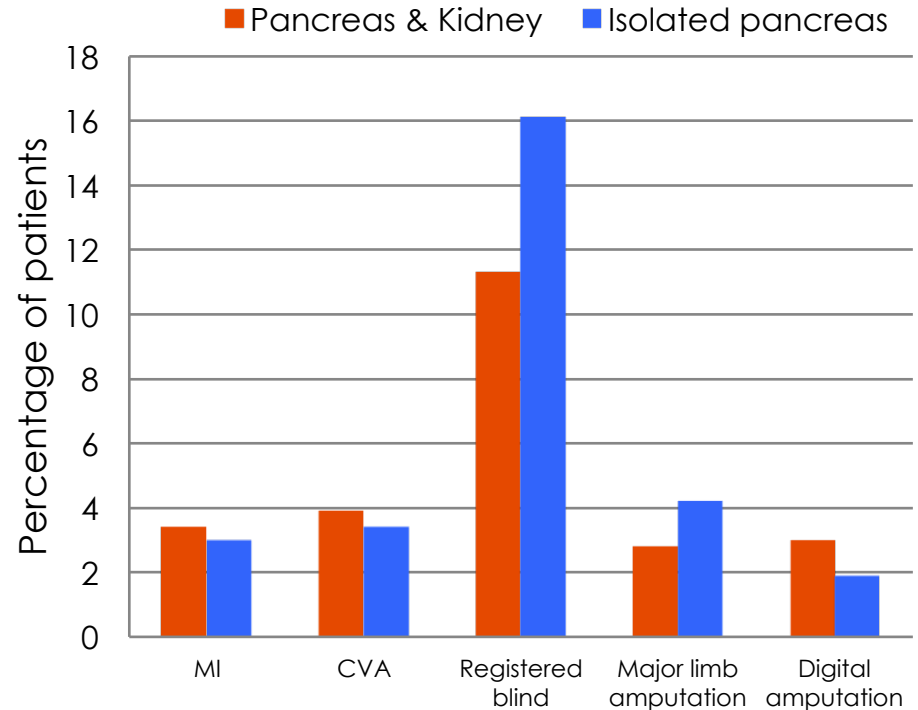


One year graft survival following SPK transplant, 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2017



Patient assessment

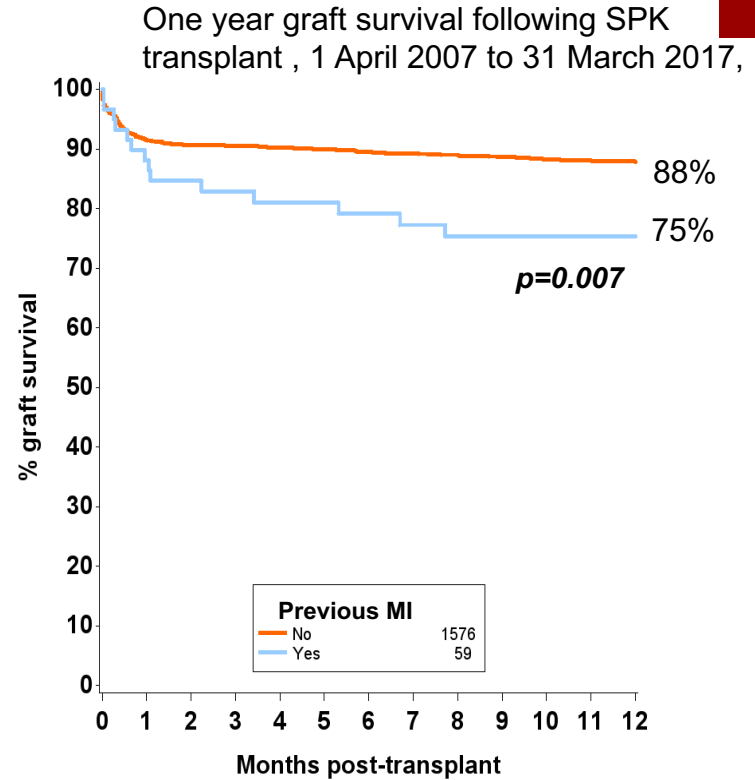
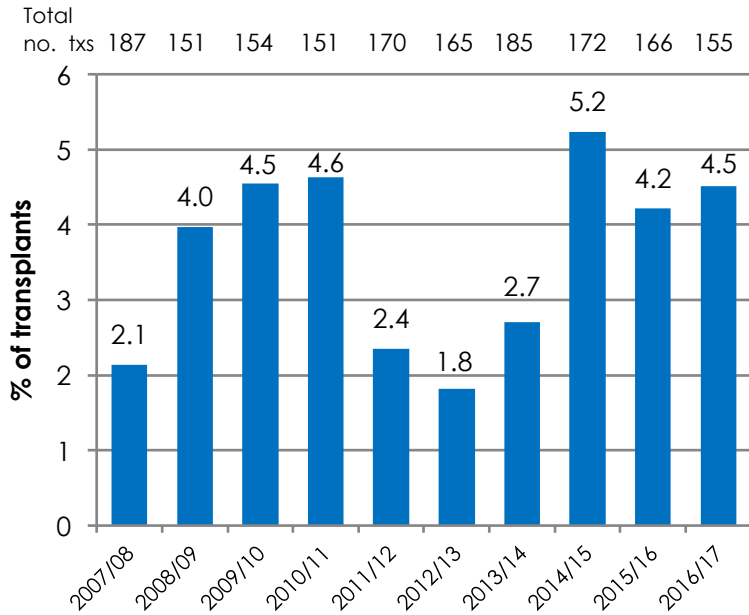
- Diabetic comorbidity
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Previous MI
 - Peripheral vascular disease
 - Previous amputations
 - Cerebrovascular disease
 - Previous TIAs/CVAs
- Renal failure
 - Dialysis burden



Pre-transplant MI is associated with poorer graft survival



Percentage of SPK transplants where patient had an MI pre-transplant

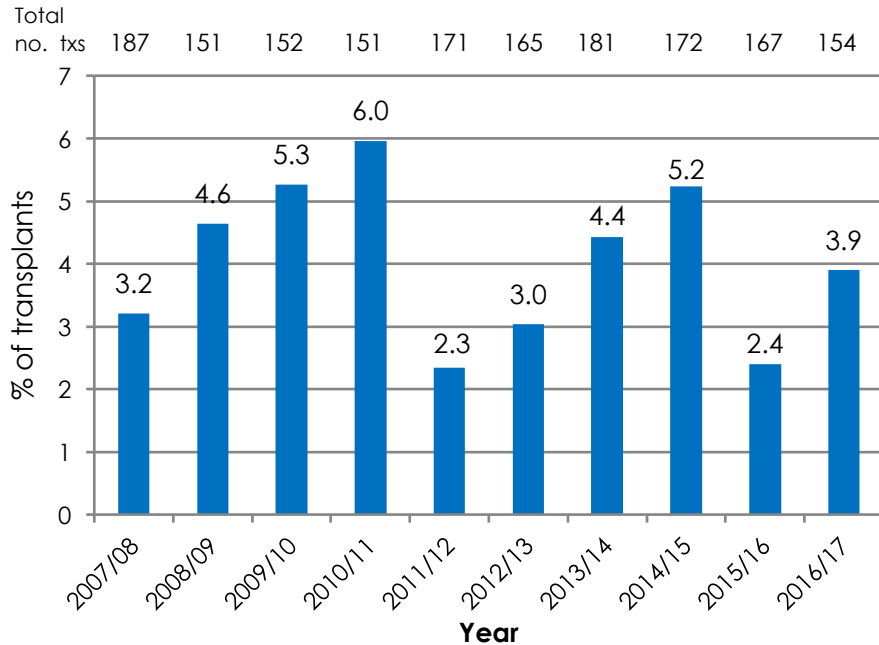


Still significant factor for one year graft survival after adjusting for donor age, BMI, donor type and waiting time: $p=0.012$

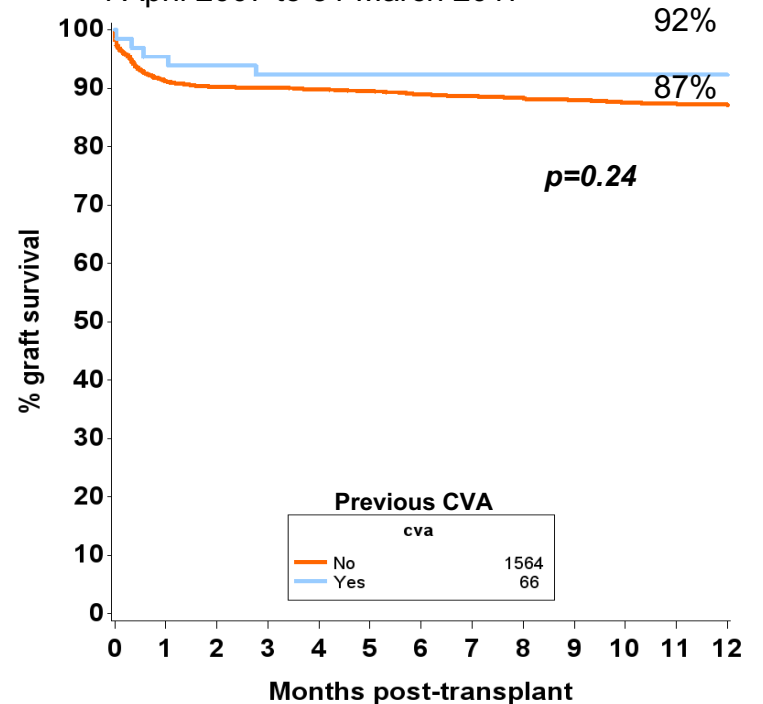
Pre-transplant CVA is not associated with poorer graft survival



Percentage of SPK transplants where patient had a CVA pre-transplant



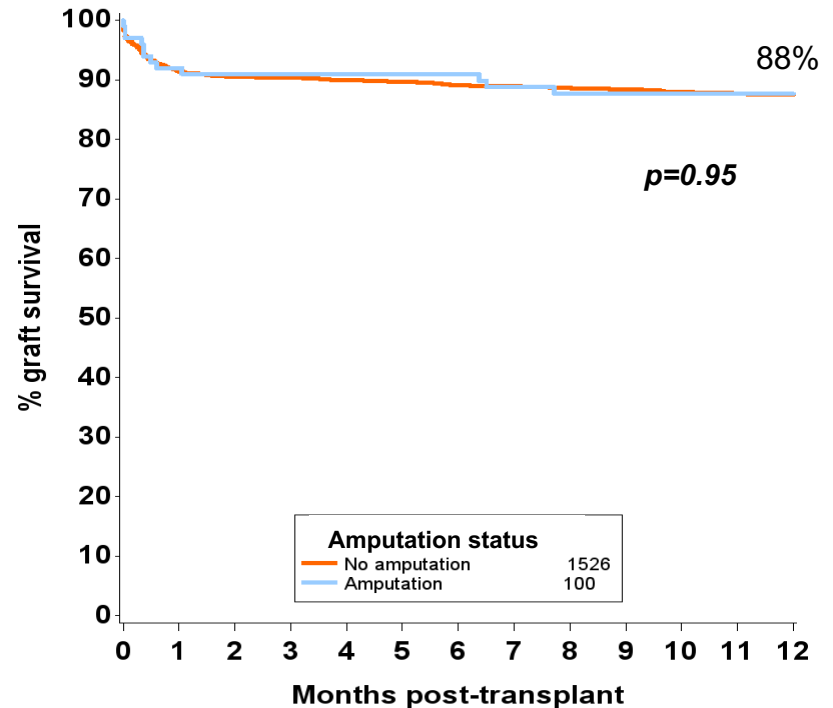
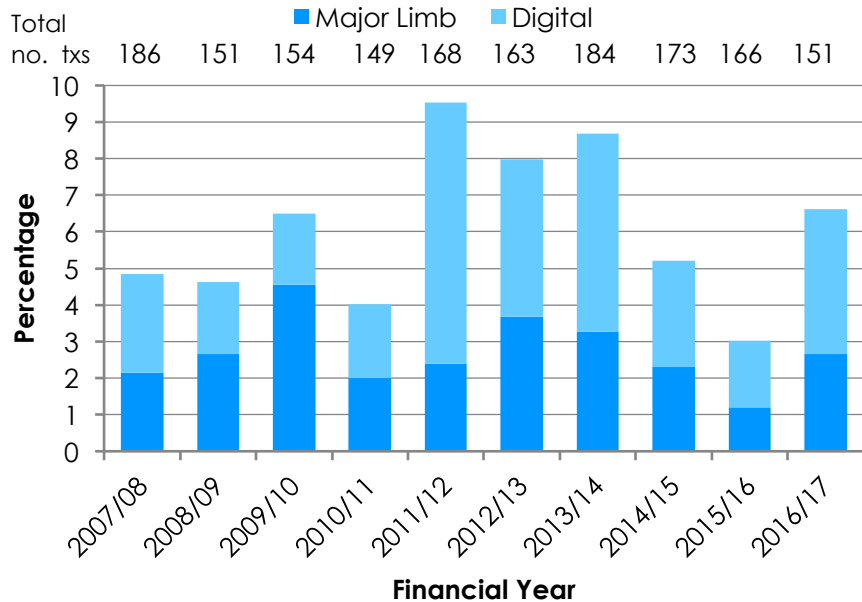
One year graft survival following SPK transplant, 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2017



Previous amputation does not affect graft survival



Percentage of SPK transplants where patient had an amputation pre-transplant



Patient survival

- One year patient survival is not affected by
 - Previous MI ($p=0.29$)
 - Previous CVA ($p=0.16$)
 - Smoker ($p=0.27$)
 - Limb amputation ($p=0.25$)

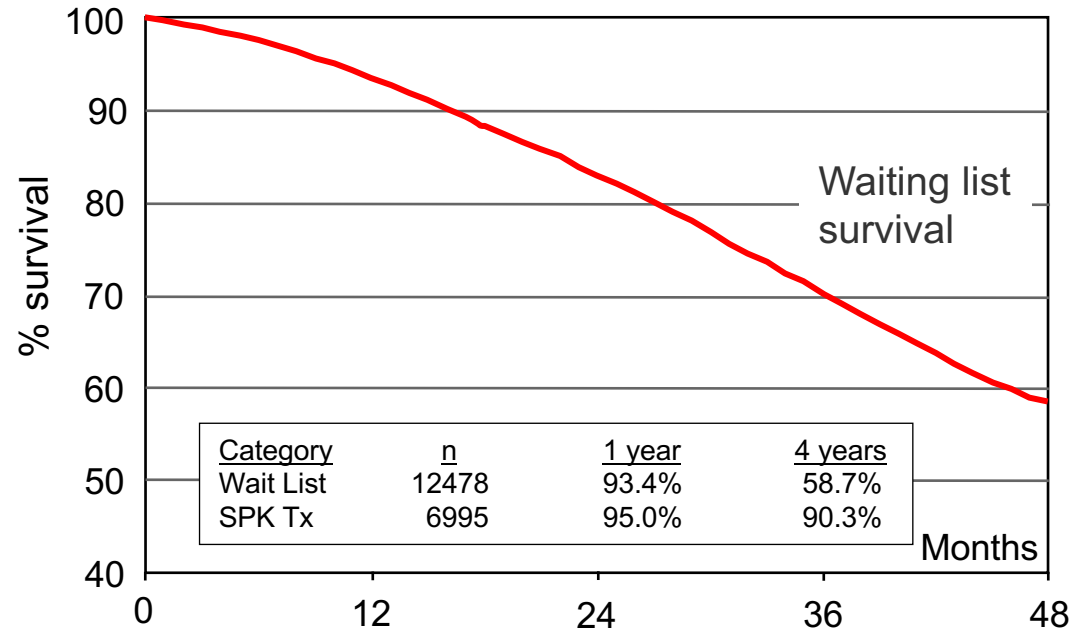


Assessment summary

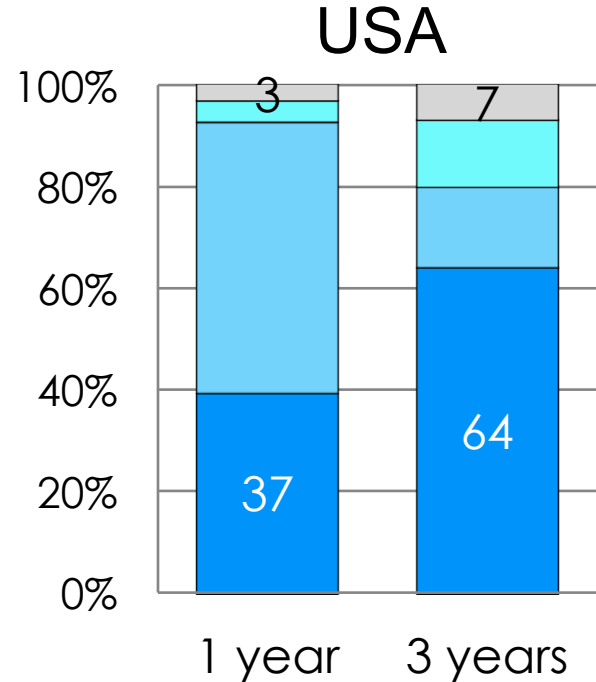
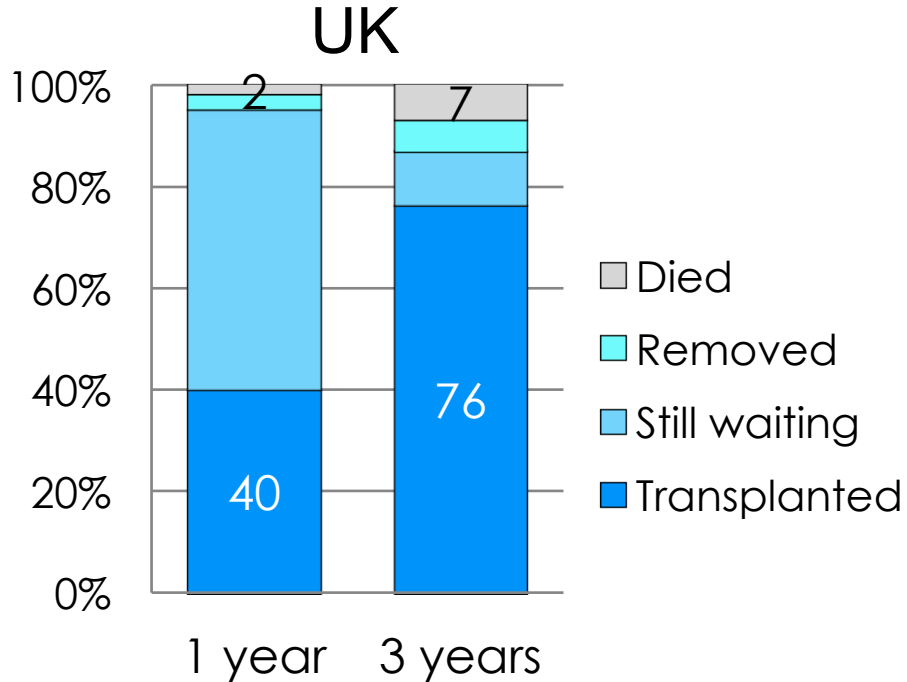
- Solitary pancreas recipients have a 50% 5 year graft survival
- The outcomes are the same for patients with type 1 and insulin-dependent type 2 diabetes
- There is no clear difference in graft survival by recipient age
- A history of MI is associated with poorer graft survival
- Previous CVA or limb / digital amputation do not influence graft survival
 - But there may be selection bias involved here

Waiting for a transplant

- Have we got this right compared to USA?



Outcome following listing for a simultaneous pancreas & kidney in 2013 pancreas in the UK



7% die waiting

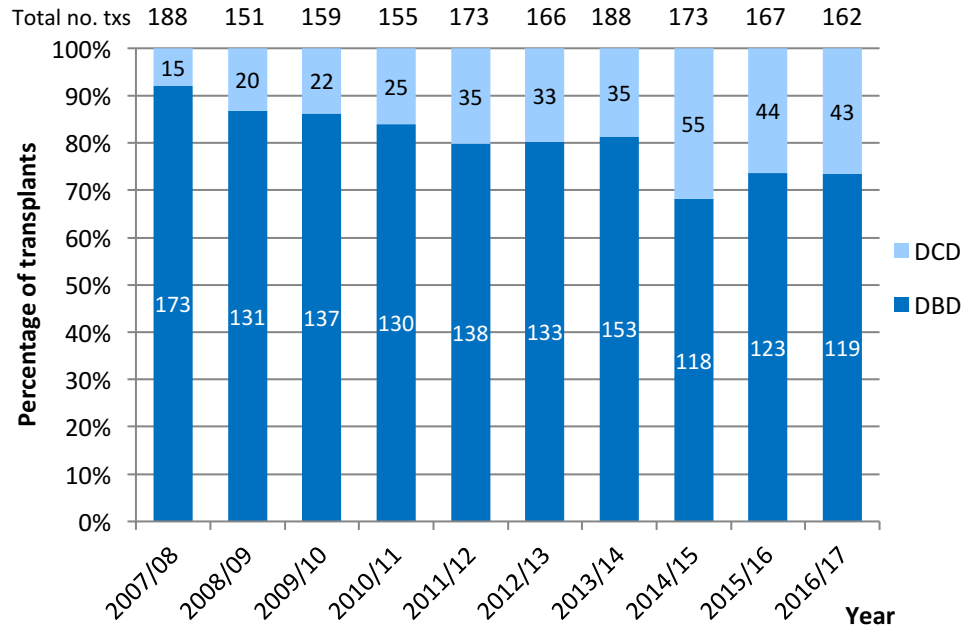
UK figures are 4/13 to 3/14

DONOR TYPES

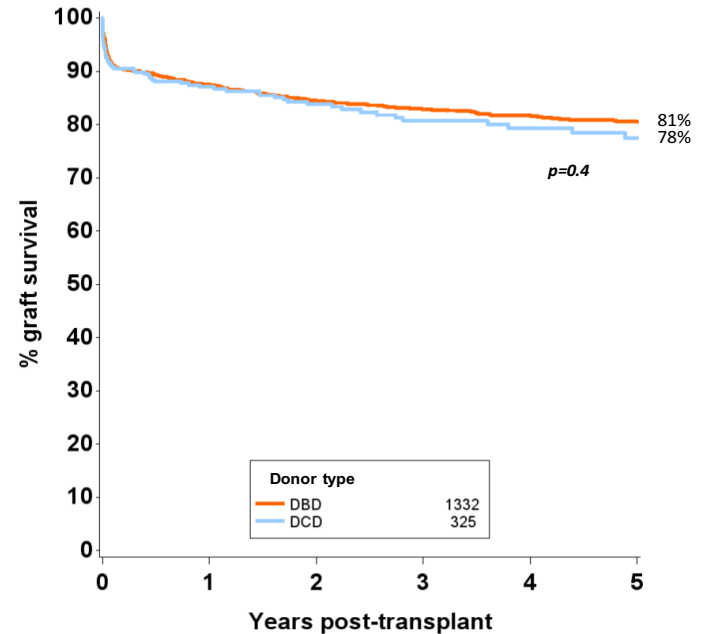
The donors: DCD pancreases are as good as DBD pancreases



SPK transplants in the UK by donor type



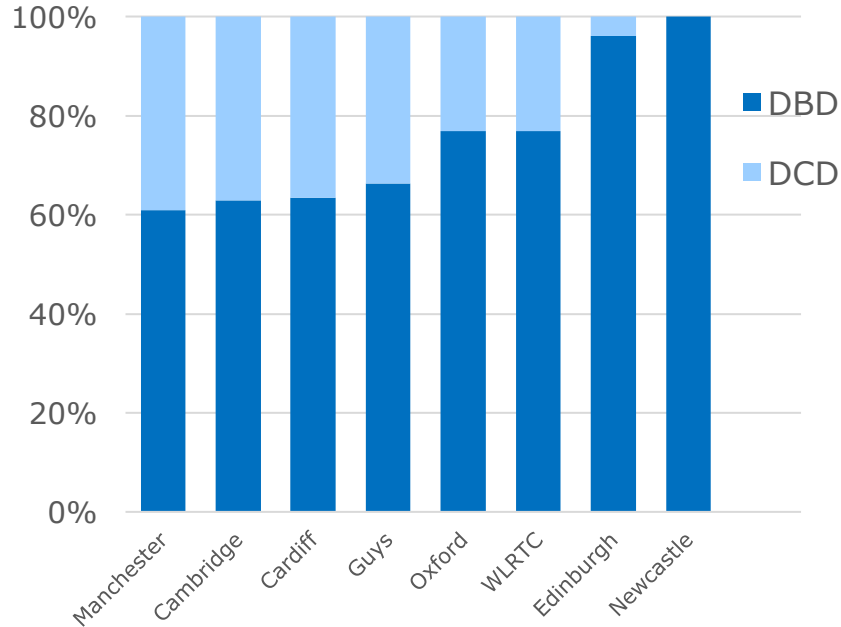
5 year graft survival by donor type



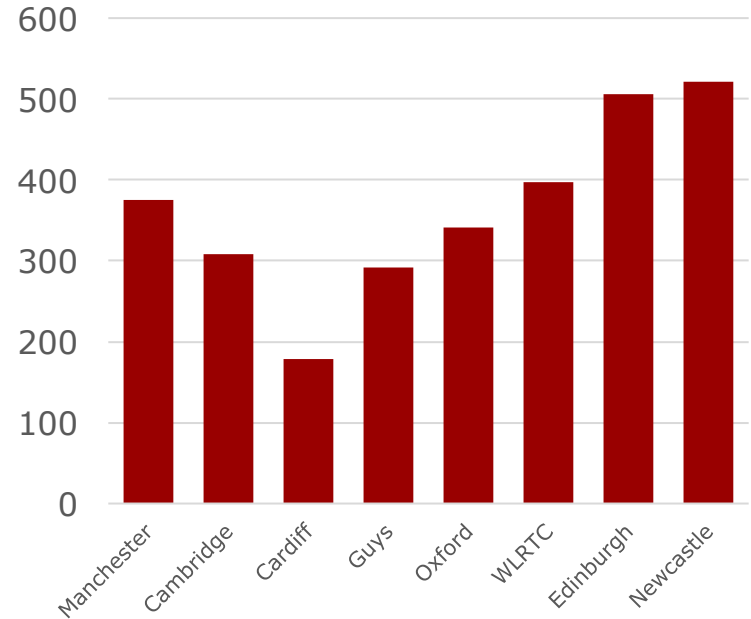
DCD pancreas use varies from 0 to 39% *in spite of there being no difference in outcomes*



Proportion of DBD and DCD pancreases used by centres, 1/4/14 to 31/3/17



Median waiting time to transplant 2011/14

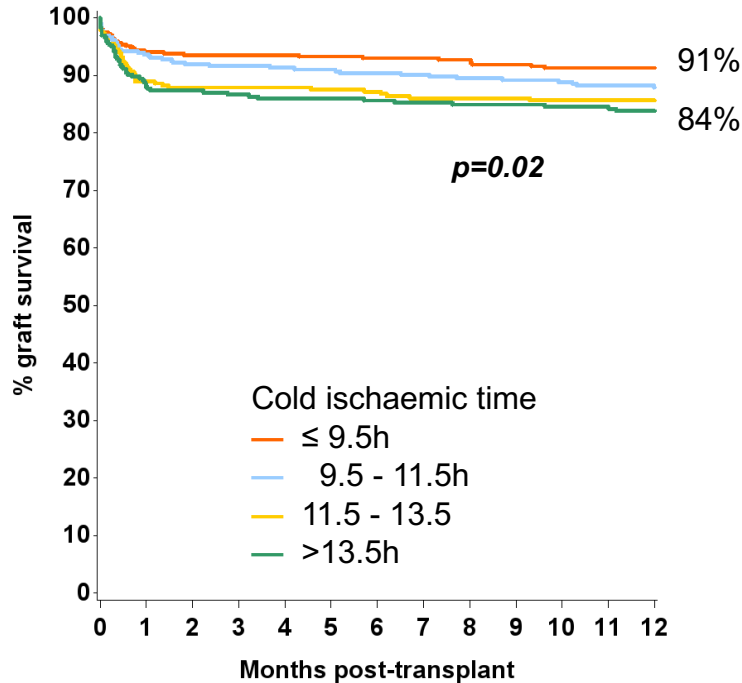


Data from NHSBT annual reports

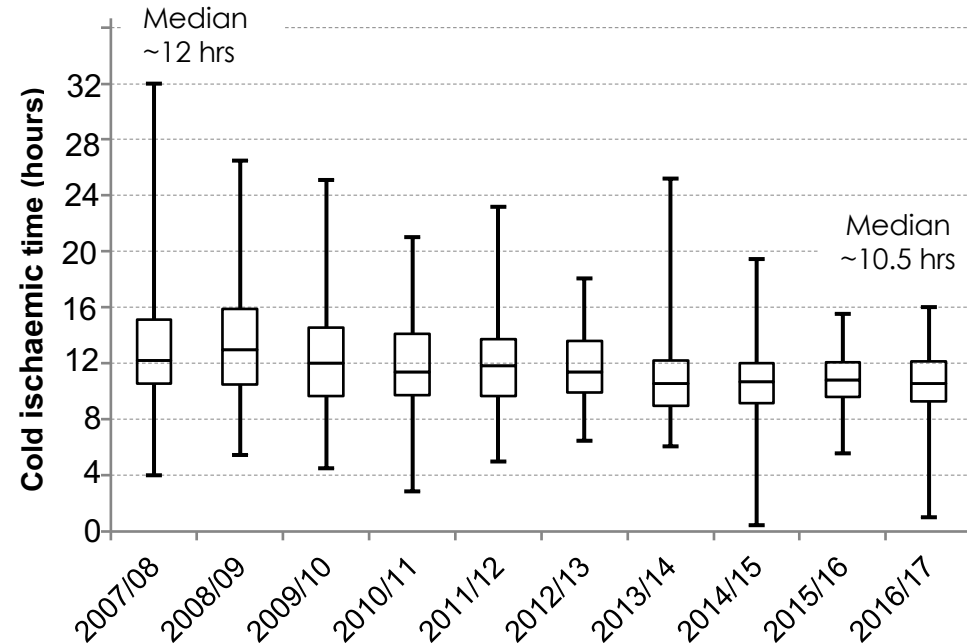
Cold ischaemia affects graft survival: DBD donors



One year graft survival following DBD
SPK transplant 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2017

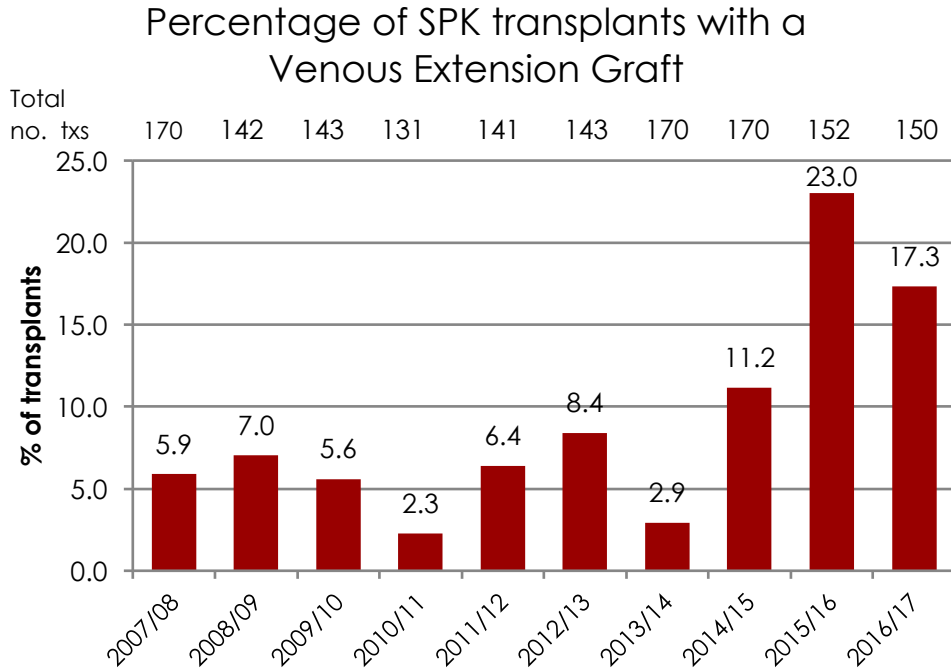


Median cold ischaemia time for
SPK transplants from DBD donors

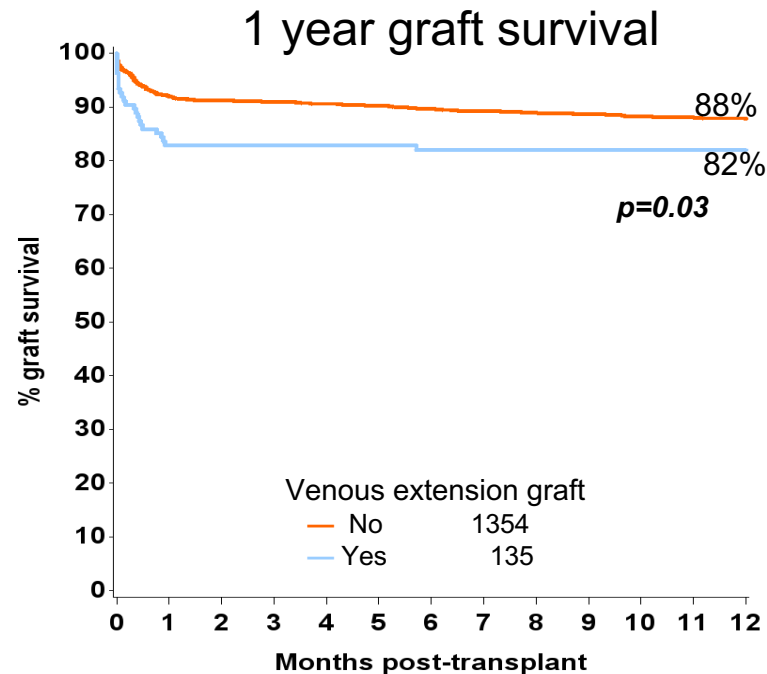
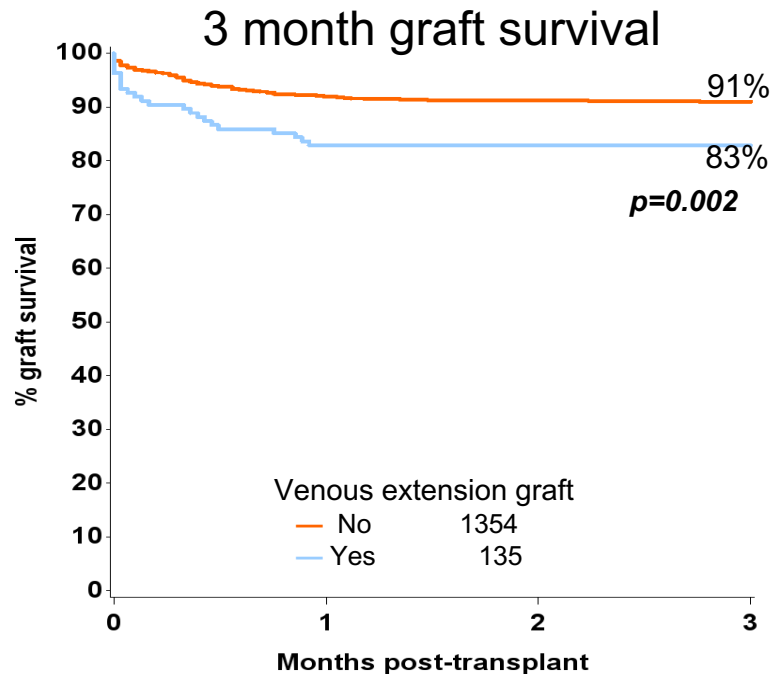


The plumbing

Portal vein extension graft on the donor pancreas



Venous extensions are associated with poorer graft outcomes

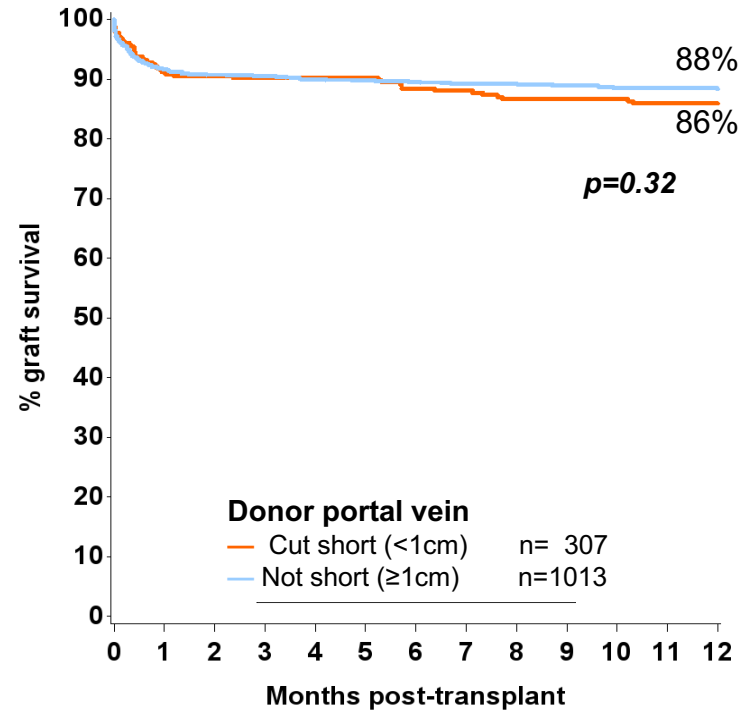
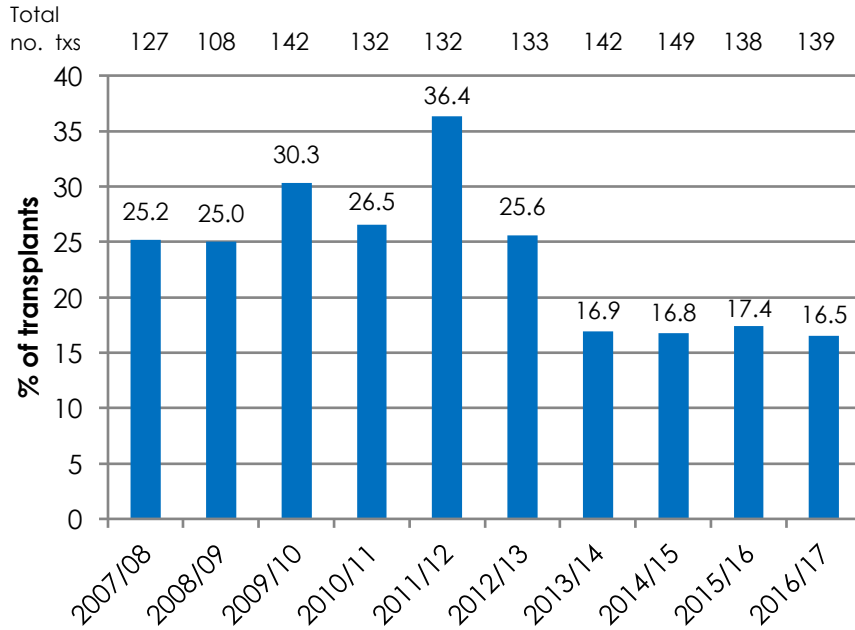


Still significant factor for one year graft survival after adjusting for donor age, BMI, donor type and waiting time: $p=0.03$

Is there a penalty for using a pancreas with a short portal vein?



Percentage of SPK transplants where portal vein was cut short (<1cm)

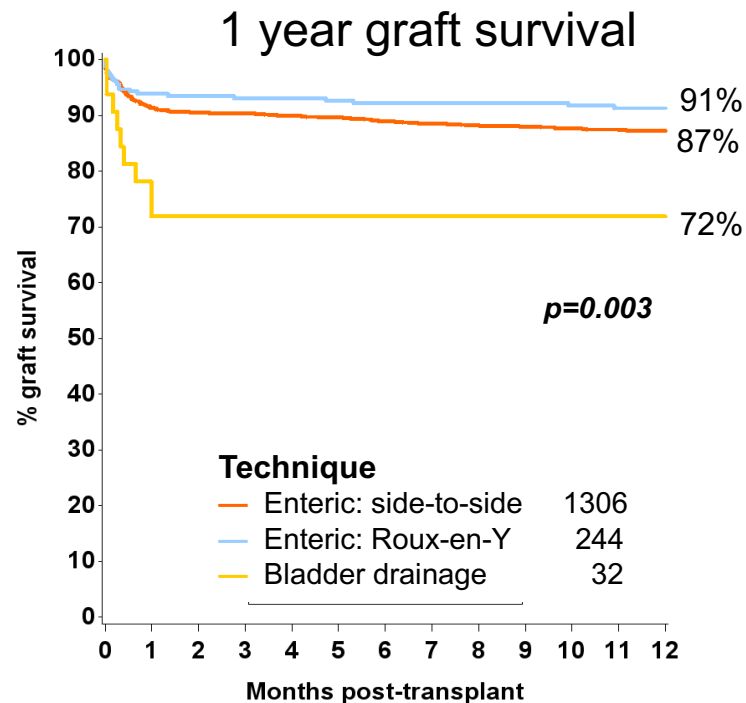
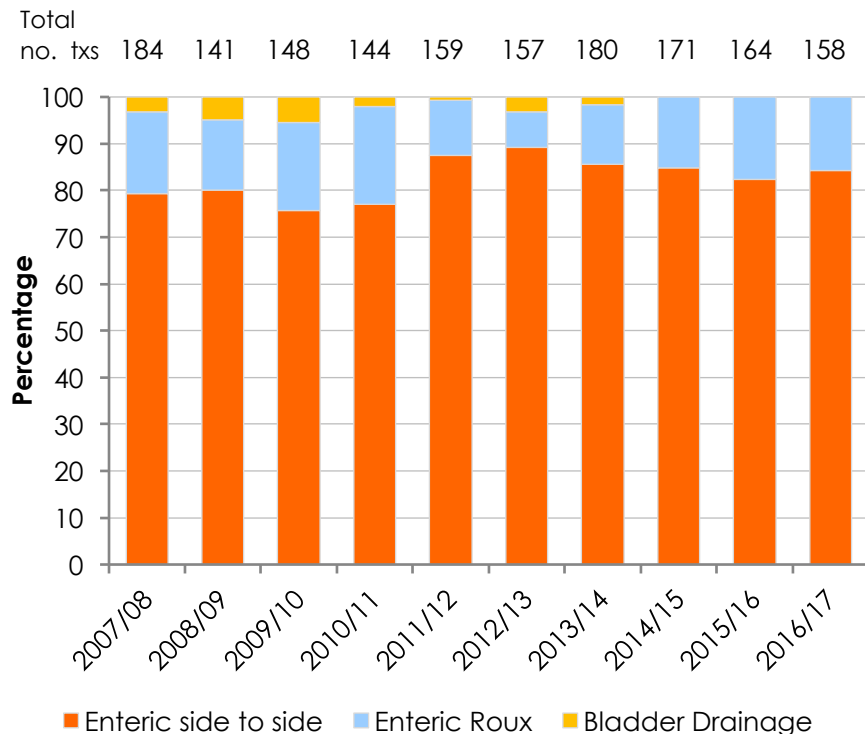


Duct management

- Enteric drainage
 - Duodeno-enterostomy
 - Side-to-side anastomosis
 - Roux-en-Y
 - Duodeno-duodenostomy
- Bladder drainage



Duct management technique

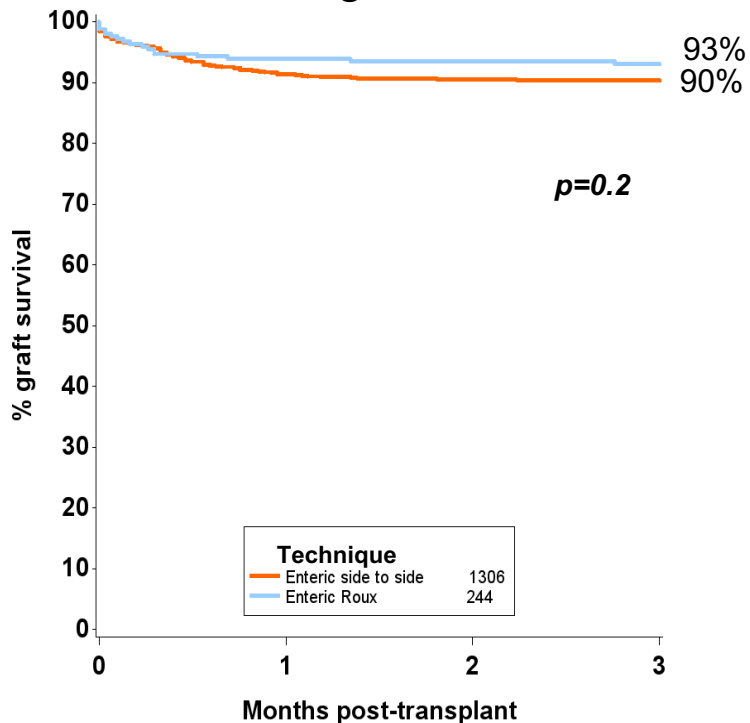


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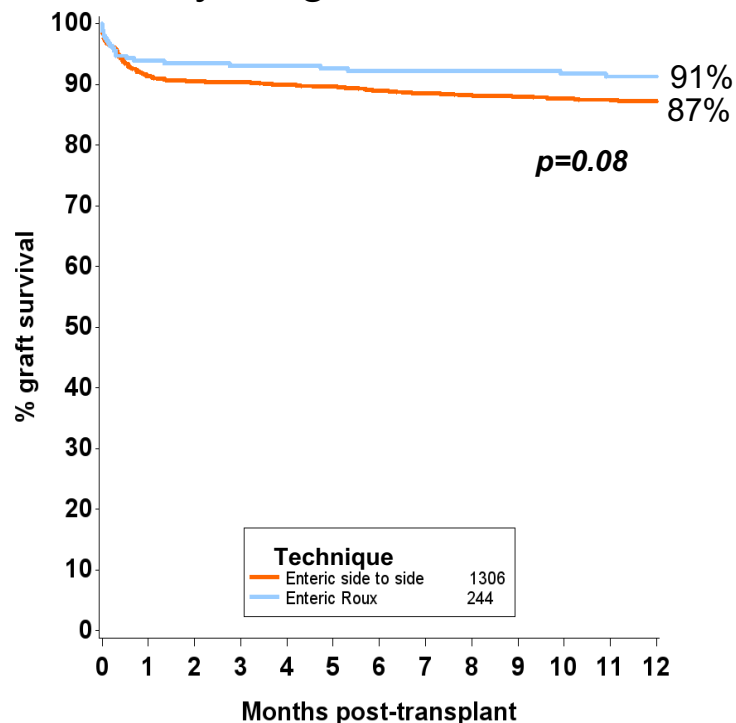
Roux or side-to-side enteric anastomosis?



3 month graft survival



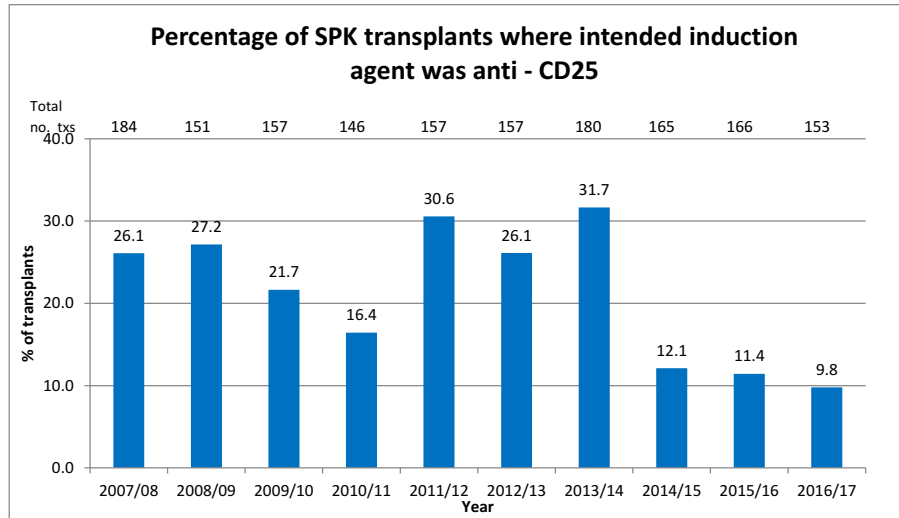
1 year graft survival



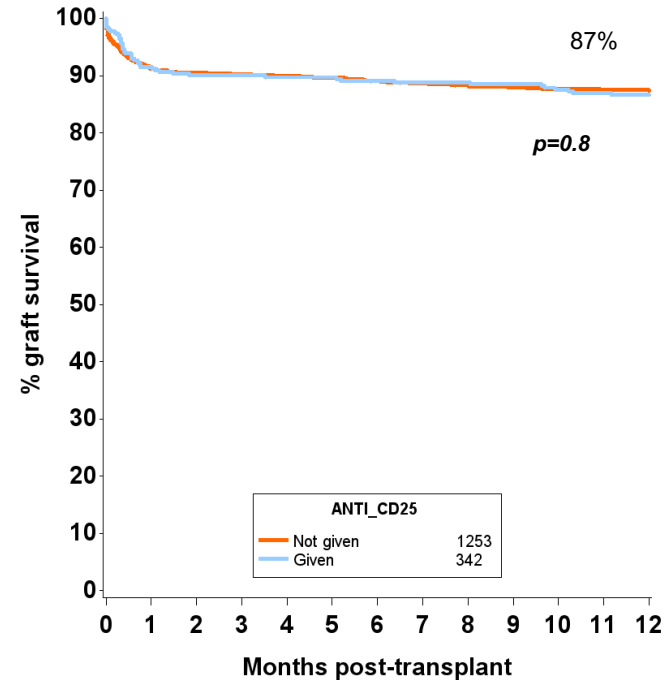
Immunosuppression

Note: The next slides include off-label use
of immunosuppression

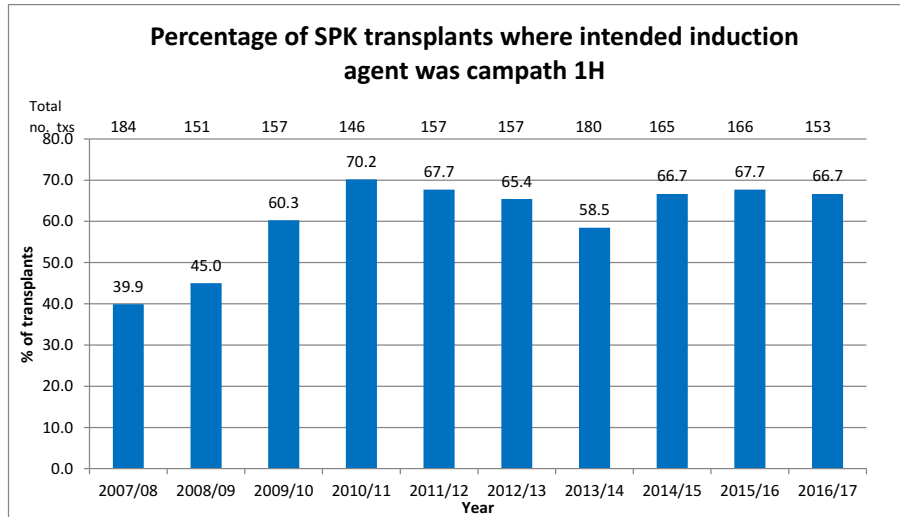
CD25 monoclonals do not affect graft survival



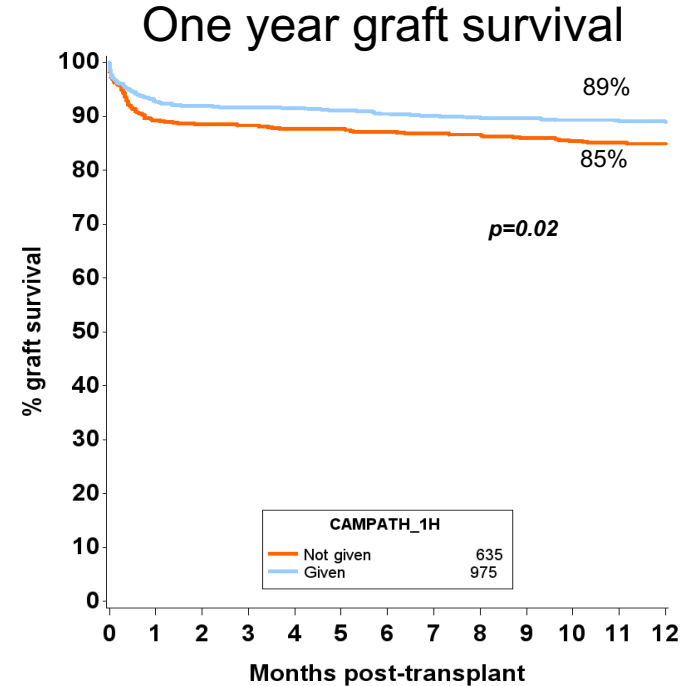
One year graft survival



Campath 1H (alemtuzumab) does improve 1 year graft survival

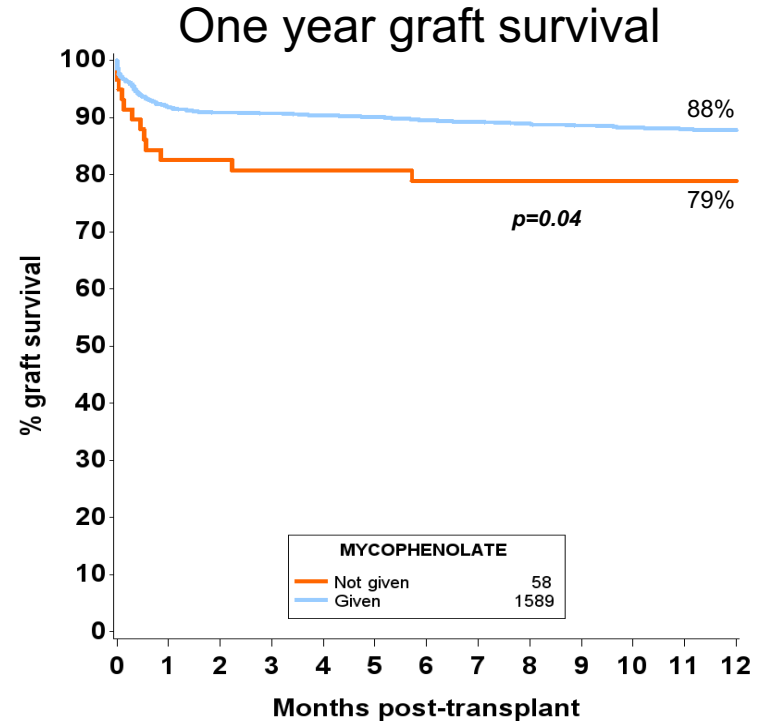
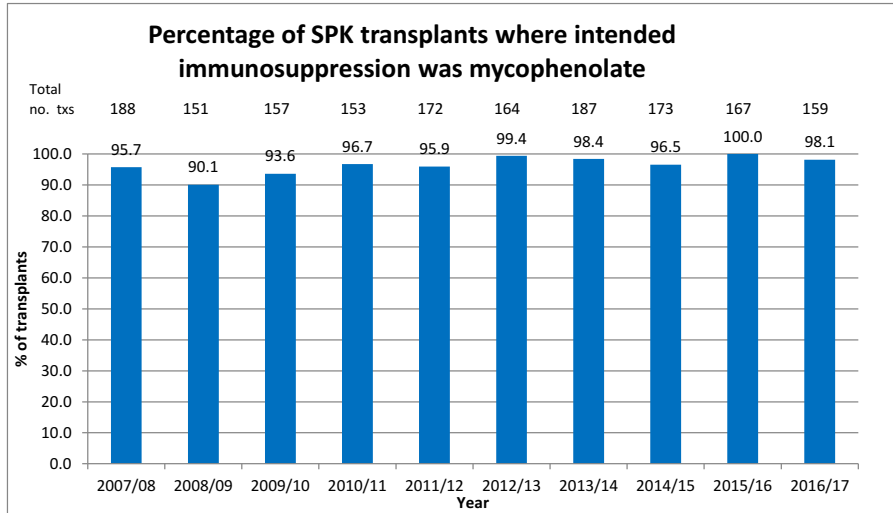


SPK transplants in the UK between
1 April 2007 and 31 March 2017



Still significant factor for one year graft survival after adjusting for donor age, BMI, donor type and waiting time – $p=0.004$. Increased significance after adjusting for these factors appears to be due to interaction between donor factors and Campath 1H.

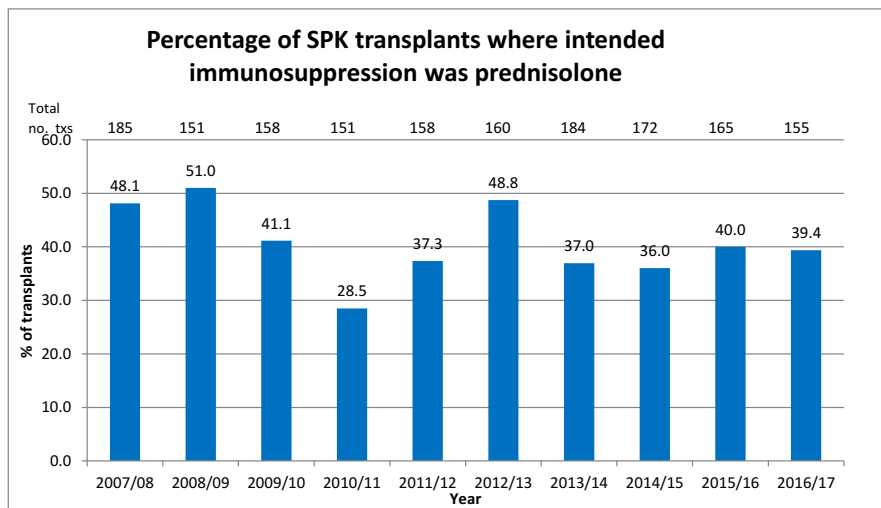
Mycophenolate



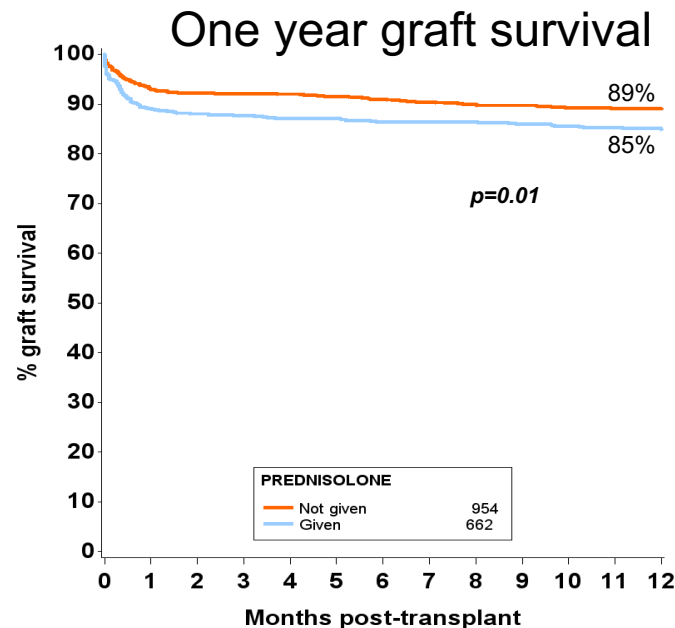
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Not significant factor for one year graft survival after adjusting for donor age, BMI, donor type and waiting time – $p=0.06$

Prednisolone

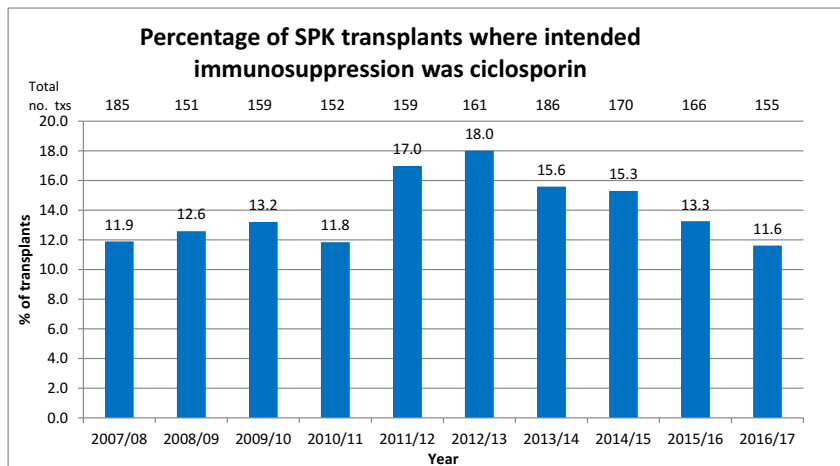


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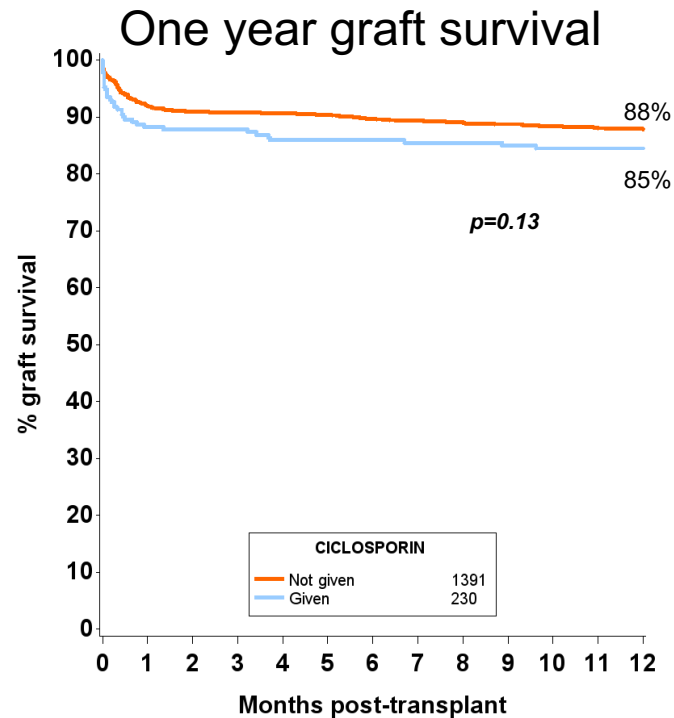


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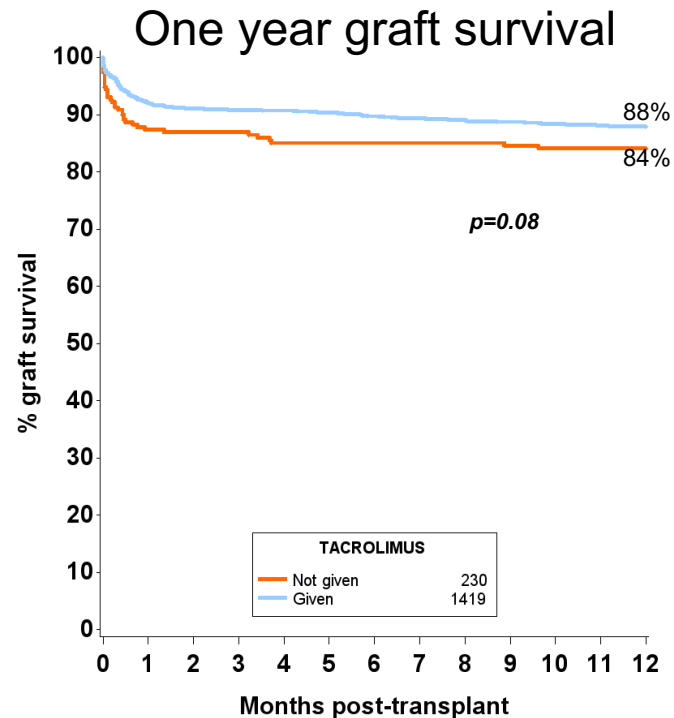
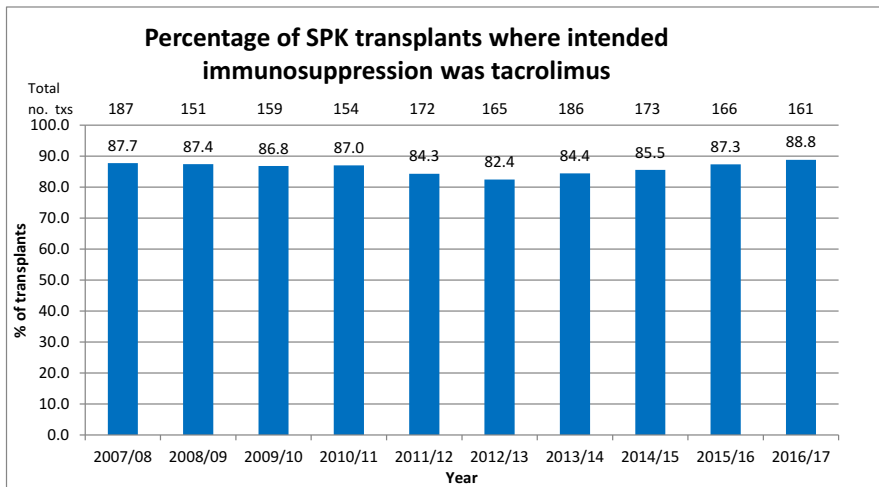
Ciclosporin



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Tacrolimus



Cambridge practice – learning from mistakes or anecdote based medicine?

■ Consent

- Reoperation is common: 30%
- Nerve damage
 - Spinal ischaemia 1%
- Its miserable
- But its great 3 months later

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Patient Information

Combined kidney and pancreas transplantation

Key messages for patients

- When you are called to come in for instructions given by the transplant you not to eat or drink anything following any long acting insulin.
- Please bring with you any medications you have been given relevant to your care if results.
- When a suitable kidney and pancreas are found, this may be at any time of the mobile phones charged and with you report to Ward G5 without delay. This cannot survive outside the human body.
- **Transplantation is not without risk.** By putting you on the list, you have decided that the risks to your life from the chances of you dying if you did not have any more risks that you would rather avoid sign the consent form.
- Please call the transplant co-ordinator if you have any questions or concerns; out of hours phone number is 01223 337777.

Please read this information carefully. Sign it to document your consent. After the form into your medical notes.

Important things you need to know
Patient choice is an important part of your care. You can change your mind at any time, even after you have given your consent. If you no longer wish to have a transplant, it is important to tell your transplant co-ordinator immediately, so that you can be removed from the list.

Combined kidney and pancreas transplant, CF170, Version 8, November 2017

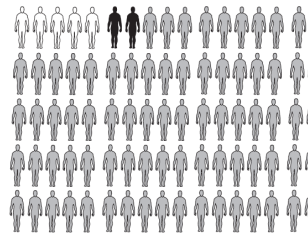
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Patient Information

Significant, unavoidable or frequently occurring risks of this procedure

A combined kidney and pancreas transplantation is a complex procedure. There is a **small risk (5 in 100, 5%)** that the blood vessels of the transplanted pancreas will become blocked by a blood clot following this procedure. This will lead to failure of the kidney and/or pancreas and we will need to re-operate on the kidney and/or pancreas transplants in a further operation. A further operation will have a blood clot which does not result in loss of the pancreas, it will need to take medicines to thin the blood to help the clots dissolve.

To help you to understand what this means visually we have printed this document with 100 people. We have shaded 5 of these, and left five illustrating a risk of 5 in 100 (the risk of losing the pancreas because of a blood clot means that there is a 95 in 100 chance that this will not happen).



There is a **2 in 100 chance of death** (98 in 100 chance of being alive one year following the transplant operation); this is represented by the 2 shaded people in the cartoon. Your doctors will tell you if they think your risk of death is more than 2 in 100, as might be the case if you have heart problems.

There is a **reasonable chance (30 to 40 in 100)** that you will need to have one further operation following the transplant. This might be because of a number of possible complications, including bleeding, leaking from the bladder or bowel, or to take a tissue sample (a biopsy) from the pancreas.

After the operation, there is an **overall 25 in 100 risk of acute rejection** of the transplanted pancreas.

Combined kidney and pancreas transplant, CF170, Version 8, November 2017

Consent Form

Combined kidney and pancreas transplantation

For staff use only:
Hospital number: _____
Surname: _____
First name: _____
Date of birth: ____/____/____
NHS no. ____/____/____
(the hospital identification label)

4 Use of Tissue

a) I agree that tissue (including blood) not needed for my own diagnosis or treatment can be used and stored for ethically approved research which may include ethically approved genetic research. Yes No

b) Where additional clinical information is needed for the purposes of ethically approved research, I agree that relevant sections of my medical record may be looked at by researchers or by relevant regulatory authorities. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my records. Yes No

5 Donor specific choices

We assume that you are willing to accept a kidney and pancreas from any donor that we consider appropriate for you considering your health at the time unless you indicate donor types below that you do not wish to consider. A full explanation is given in the information sheet. If you indicate you do not wish a particular type of donor you should remember that you reduce your chance of receiving a pancreas.

Initial the box if you do not wish to have a kidney and pancreas from the type of donor described

a) I do not wish to receive organs from a donor after circulatory death and understand that 1 in 4 pancreas donors are circulatory death donors. Kidneys and pancreases from such donors have equal long term outcomes, but are slower to start to work immediately after transplantation.

b) I do not wish to receive organs from a donor who has died from a brain cancer, although I realise that there is only a small (less than 2 in 100) chance of the cancer being transmitted to me.

c) I do not wish to receive organs from a donor known to use intravenous drugs or whose behaviour puts them at risk of viral infections even though their viral tests suggest I would have less than 2 in 100 chance of becoming infected and needing to take antiviral drugs as a result. Around 2 in 100 donors exhibited such high risk behaviour.

d) I do not wish to receive organs from a donor who has a history of cancer, although I realise that there is only a small (less than 1 in 100) chance of that cancer being transmitted to me.

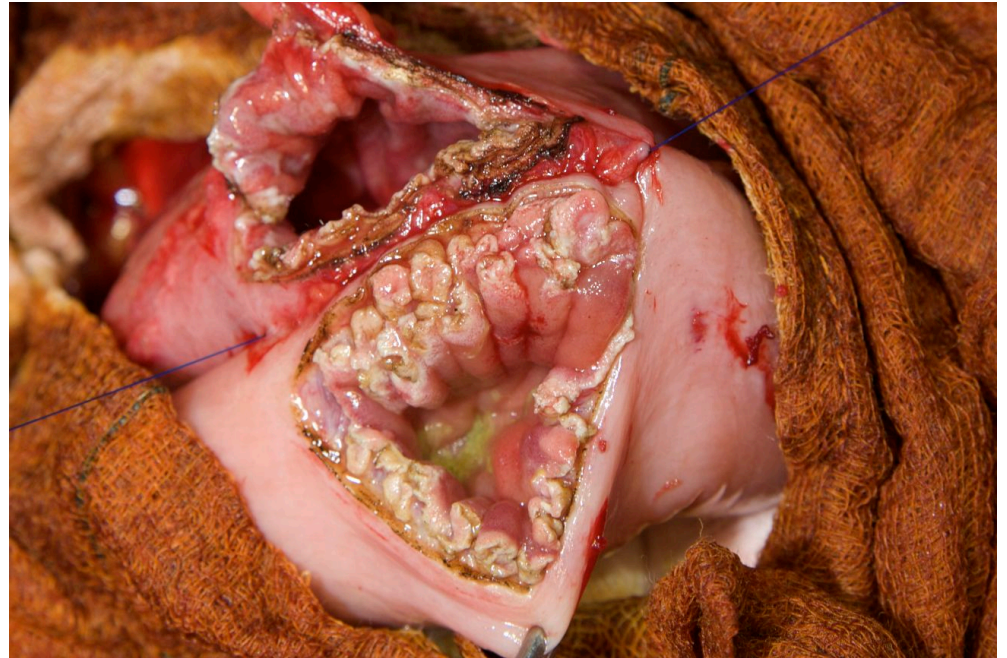
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- Gastroparesis
 - Jejunostomy placed at surgery
 - Avoids PN

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- Avoid betadine flush of donor duodenum
 - UW preserves epithelium better



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- Reperfuse the vein first
 - Its easier to control the bleeding



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- Appendicectomy
 - It sits on top of the pancreas
- Cholecystectomy
 - if stones:
 - 2 cases of early acute cholecystitis

Cambridge practice – learning from mistakes or anecdote based medicine?

- Air mattress
 - Heel ulcers common



Summary

■ The following do not affect graft survival

- Type 1 vs type 2 DM
- Recipient age
- Prior CVA
- Prior amputation
- CNI choice

■ The following cause significantly worse graft survival

- Prior MI
- Increased cold ischaemia
- Portal vein extension grafts
- Bladder drainage
- Steroid immunosuppression
- Non-use of Campath and MMF