Dear colleagues,

We invite you to join us for an interactive workshop on sex- and gender-specific issues in transplantation as important, but potentially under-recognized factors determining patient and transplant outcomes.

In 2015 the National Institute of Health (NIH) launched a notice stating the expectation that “sex as a biological variable will be factored into research designs, analyses, and reporting in vertebrate animal and human studies.” The recognition of potential differences and their impact for science has been an important step forward. It reinforces the establishment of still mostly unavailable but necessary scientific insights. While the NIH motivates researchers to consider sex, it also acknowledges the importance of gender for health and disease processes. Sex refers to the biological and physiological differences, gender is seen as a social concept. Nevertheless, both are interrelated and potentially inseparable.

Our workshop starts by providing epidemiological findings on access and outcome in transplantation, followed by evaluating underlying and causative factors for potential differences. We discuss not only how to implement sex/gender in basic and clinical research proposals, but also how to translate generated evidence into guidelines and policies. Throughout the workshop we take a sex- and gender-based perspective, being aware that many times we may discuss sex rather than gender due to data limitations.

We look forward to presenting a comprehensive overview of the current evidence that intends to dispel existing myths on sex- and gender-specific questions in transplantation. Finally, we expect to identify areas where more basic and/or clinical research is needed.

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Registration & Abstract submission

Please register and submit your abstract by emailing to: gmw@mh-hannover.de

For further information please visit our website: https://www.mh-hannover.de/tagung-maerz_2018.html

Venue

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How sex and gender affect transplantation
Our workshop in close cooperation with the Integrated Research and Treatment Centre Transplantation and the Collaborative Research Center 738 intends to shed light on the question how sex and gender affect different aspects of the transplantation process.

March 7th, 2018

12:00  Greetings
TBA
Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony
Christopher Baum
President, Hannover Medical School

12:30  Facts and myths on sex and gender in transplantation
Interactive session (EDU Vote)
Anette Melk and Christine Falk
Hannover, Germany

Session I  Epidemiological Facts
Chairs:  David Gjertson, Los Angeles
Bernhard Schmidt, Hannover

13:15  Eurotransplant registry data
Undine Samuel
Leiden, Netherlands

13:45  UNOS registry data
David Gjertson
Los Angeles, USA

14:15  Coffee break

14:45  ANZDATA
Anette Melk
Hannover, Germany

15:00  Claims data
Siegfried Geyer
Hannover, Germany

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Session II  Organ-specific Aspects
Chairs:  Frans Claas, Leiden
Anette Melk, Hannover

15:15  Pediatric solid organ transplantation
Anne Dipchand
Toronto, Canada

15:45  Lung
Mark Greer
Hannover, Germany

16:15  Coffee break

16:30  Kidney
Marion Haubitz
Fulda, Germany

17:00  Liver
Marina Berenguer
Valencia, Spain

17:30  Stem cell transplantation
Hans Messner
Toronto, Canada

19:00  Speakers’ dinner

Session III  Immunological Aspects
Chairs:  Lori West, Edmonton
Christine Falk, Hannover

09:00  HLA antibodies and more
Frans Claas
Leiden, Netherlands

09:30  The Impact of Sex on Alloimmunity
Ashley Lau
Boston, USA

10:00  Coffee break

Session VI  Implementing Sex/Gender in Research and Policies
Chairs:  Birgit Babitsch, Osnabrück
Siegfried Geyer, Hannover

10:30  How to address sex/gender in basic and clinical research
Lori West
Edmonton, Canada

11:00  Oral presentations from selected abstracts
TBA

12:00  Lunch break with Poster session
(in cooperation with IFB-Tx investigators)

14:00  Gender differences at the microlevel
Tanja Zimmermann
Hannover, Germany

14:30  Policy conclusions
Birgit Babitsch
Osnabrück, Germany

15:00  Coffee break

16:00  IFB-Tx Symposium
Perspectives in Transplantation