

追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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Summary

1. When a patient gets a donor, that means that someone else has had an accident or lost his or her life for whatever reason. We actually had some patients who came back for the reassessments, ran into suitable kidney sources, and got the second surgeries done during hospitalization.
2. (Compared to the Southern Hospital) We have done more cases, and we also have a lot of beds at the inpatient service—over 60 beds.
3. When kidney sources come, they sometimes come in a large volume. As a result, we did a lot of cases during the last holiday break!
4. We annually did 100 to 200 cases with no problem. We even did 300 cases before! In one year.
5. Zhao Ming is our director, and I'm in Guo Yin's team.
6. We have three teams in total.
7. I don't know those details about the cost, only the professors do.
8. The kidney must have passed the evaluation, so we could say it was qualified, not because it was from a Falun Gong practitioner, but it passed the qualification process.
9. I cannot promise you that, because it's inconvenient for me to talk about these things over the phone. You can come consult with us, all right? You can do that with our manager.

Translation

Investigator: Hi, hello!

Doctor Zhou: Hello?

Investigator: Hello, how are you? Is this the Urology of Southern Hospital Affiliated to the Southern Medical University?

Doctor Zhou: No, this is Zhujiang Hospital, not Southern Hospital.

Investigator: Oh, I might... Do you do kidney transplants?

Doctor Zhou: Ah, yes, we do, of course we do!

Investigator: Oh, you do? Then I have some questions for you. As my husband's situation is quite urgent, he needs to get a transplant done soon. I have all the files and tissue typing results handy and I can bring them over for you to take a look. If everything is suitable, I'd like to know how long it'll take to get a match? My husband is blood type B.

Doctor Zhou: Okay... tell me first, what is your husband's current condition—does he need to undergo the dialysis or anything else?

Investigator: Yes. He's at the People's Hospital of Guangdong. The doctor here suggested he have the surgery as soon as possible, but he's still been waiting for a kidney source.

Doctor Zhou: What is his current condition—does he need the surgery immediately, due to his health problems?

Investigator: Yes, it's due to his health issues.

Doctor Zhou: Why don't you come make an appointment tomorrow, on Saturday? You can come make an appointment with Doctor Zhou Song, what do you think?

Investigator: Doctor Zhou?

Doctor Zhou: Yes, Doctor Zhou Song—Doctor Zhou is at the organ transplant center.

Investigator: At the organ transplant center...which Song? Is Song the same as the one meaning forest?

Doctor Zhou: Yes, Zhou Song. You can bring him all his files, just come over!

Investigator: Okay, if I come, I just bring all his files, but not with the patient now, right?

Doctor Zhou: The patient needs to come as well. Along with your husband, you bring all his files and everything else that you've prepared—I need to check if the tissue typing results provided by the other hospital look complete. I need to take a look at them.

Investigator: Ah, every hospital has about the same procedures! So, based on your experience and under normal or similar circumstances, how long do we need to wait in the queue for a surgery here? Can it usually be done in one week or half a month?

Doctor Zhou: It's hard to say. For some patients...let me give you an example. When a patient gets a donor, that means that someone else has had an accident or lost his or her life for whatever reason. But think about it, a patient may come back to get the reassessment, and happens to run into a suitable kidney source to get the second surgery done during hospitalization. It's hard to predict. Ah, alright. Some patients have the surgeries done after they wait several months; and sometimes some with good health conditions have the surgeries done quickly, while other patients have waited for over a year and eventually get the surgeries done later. These things are hard to say.

Investigator: Ah, I see. A friend of mine recommended the other hospital affiliated to Southern Medical University. As you're Zhujiang Hospital, which of you two hospitals has done more cases?

Doctor Zhou: Hum, both the hospitals are doing fine. We're Zhujiang Hospital of Southern Medical University, and we've been doing it recently and have been doing just fine.

Investigator: Ah, At your hospital usually...

Doctor Zhou: If you ask me this question, I will certainly tell you that we're better, and we have a lot of inpatient rooms as well.

Investigator: Ah, how many rooms do you have? How many beds?

Doctor Zhou: We have over 60 beds.

Investigator: Ah, then the patients would have more chances—more opportunities to have the surgeries done.

Doctor Zhou: It doesn't work that way. First of all, it depends on luck. Secondly, when kidney sources come, they sometimes come in a large volume. As a result, we did a lot of cases during the last holiday break! It's hard to say. After the holiday, we did fewer cases. So, it's really difficult to predict! Get my point?

Investigator: If so, how many cases can you do each year?

Doctor Zhou: Well, we annually did 100 to 200 cases with no problem. We even did 300 cases before! In one year.

Investigator: Ah, like your...

Doctor Zhou: The annual volumes vary from year to year. Sometimes we do quite a lot in one month, but sometimes it turns out just the opposite case—it's all different. This is hard to say. (light laughter)

Investigator: Ah... I see.

Doctor Zhou: Please bring me all your files.

Investigator: Sure, all the files. Another question: what is the estimated price for your entire transplant work—the entire job?

Doctor Zhou: Do you mean the tissue typing tests?

Investigator: The tissue typing tests, the hospitalization, the operation, and everything else—all these together—what is the total cost for one kidney transplant?

Doctor Zhou: I'm not sure about that, because I'm new here and I don't know much about those details, only the professors do.

Investigator: Uh, did you just move here?

Doctor Zhou: It should be around 300,000 yuan if everything goes smoothly.

Investigator: Oh? Around 300,000 yuan would do!

Doctor Zhou: It ranges from 300,000 to 400,000 yuan if everything goes smoothly—given there are no apparent postoperative complications. I think that was the price range before when things went well.

Investigator: Ah, you know we are financially sound, if we want a better quality one and we're willing to pay more, can we pick one on our own? Can we have the priority?

Doctor Zhou: I'm not sure about that, either, Ah, which director over there did see your patient?

Investigator: Right now, I...? They recommended Guo Xiaojun and told me to look for Director Guo Xiaojun.

Doctor Zhou: Okay.

Investigator: I think you annually do more cases than they do over there. They do fewer than 100 cases a year, according to my friend.

Doctor Zhou: We on average do over 100 cases here each year! (light laughter)

Investigator: Was that for every week? It's for every year, over 100 cases, right?

Doctor Zhou: Right! We do over 100 cases every year. You may also check with Zhao Ming, who is the director here, and with Director Guo Ying as well.

Investigator: Oh, Director Zhao Ming, and Guo...what was that?

Doctor Zhou: You may come ask about Director Guo Yin's team, and you can ask around.

Investigator: How should I address you? Doctor, what do you do? Are you in the kidney transplant team as well?

Doctor Zhou: Ah, yes, I'm in Director Guo Yin's team. You can search up and come ask for Doctor Zhou.

Investigator: Ah, you're in Director Guo's team, right?

Doctor Zhou: Yes, that's right.

Investigator: Okay, are there any differences in the technical skills among the teams—how many teams do you have?

Doctor Zhou: We have three teams in total.

Investigator: Ah, three teams. Ah... may I have your last name please?

Doctor Zhou: My last name is Zhou and I'm Doctor Zhou Song.

Investigator: Ah?

Doctor Zhou: My last name is Zhou and I'm Doctor Zhou Song.

Investigator: Ah, gosh, you are Doctor Zhou!

Doctor Zhou: Ah, yes.

Investigator: All right, now you are Doctor Zhou, so we can communicate really well, and I need your help to get a better organ. Can you do that?

Doctor Zhou: I cannot promise you that, because it's inconvenient for me to talk about these things over the phone. You can come consult us, all right? You can do that with our manager.

Investigator: Ah, a face-to-face consultation is better, right?

Doctor Zhou: Yes, it's better if you meet and discuss with us in person. I'm on duty now and cannot talk too much over the phone. Alright, you come over and have a consultation, with all the files, okay?

Investigator: I can bring you all the files. But here's another thing, as my friend recommended Director Guo Xiaojun to me, she told me that Director Guo performed the surgery for her father with an organ that was taken from a Falun Gong practitioner and worked really well. Can you get us one of that kind?

Doctor Zhou: (laughter) For such a request...(laughter) for such a thing as you requested...well...how should I put it?

Investigator: Ah?

Doctor Zhou: You cannot request a special kidney. Let me put it this way, a liver source must go through our strict screening process. It must pass the specifications and function well before it gets placed in the patient's body. It cannot be used if it fails the evaluation. Every kidney normally must go through the entire qualification process and can only be used after the assessment confirms it's qualified, so it is not like what you might think. Here could be the reasons why the liver source worked well on your friend's father: first of all, the kidney must have passed the evaluation, so we could say it was qualified, not because it was from a Falun Gong practitioner, but it passed the qualification process. It worked well on him, indicating a good balance between both the donor and the recipient. Of course, there also could be other reasons, first, the surgeon was skillful; secondly, the patient did a good job taking care of himself—all different factors could be at work. So, a successful surgery does not rely on a kidney source alone—we cannot say that a good kidney source would solve all problems—it varies from case to case! Yes.

Investigator: Because she told me that the practitioners don't drink or smoke and usually are quite healthy, so her father has been doing well for quite a few years after the surgery.

Doctor Zhou: Well, think about it. Given the donor was healthy, it definitely went through qualification screening, including inflammation, thrombosis, and various inflammation tests, to finally become a qualified kidney source. Of course, in other cases, smoking does not necessarily cause damage to the kidney, so the kidney can also be used if it's qualified. So, your primary concern is not whether the kidney is good or bad. As long as the kidney is qualified, it can be placed in the patient in any case. It would lead to a very successful transplant surgery when it perfectly fits in the patient's body—this would then give rise to an excellent postoperative outcome. Does that make sense?

Investigator: Well, in general, you...

Doctor Zhou: ...Think about it that way.

Investigator: Well, your director knows way more than we do, so I hope you can help ensure its good quality for us. It wouldn't matter if we have to pay more for a better kidney. So, you usually...

Doctor Zhou: How should I address you?

Investigator: My family name is Zhu.

Doctor Zhou: Your last name is Zhu?

Investigator: Yes, my husband's last name is Sun, and you will see when I bring you the files. Since we manage a business here in your region, we're financially sound. So, we need to find a doctor here who can treat him well, get the surgery done quickly, and find him a kidney of better quality. These are the three requests from us.

Doctor Zhou: Is the patient currently in the provincial hospital over there... is he admitted?

Investigator: Yes. He's hospitalized. We were told to wait a while, a few more days first...

Doctor Zhou: His current condition is—can he still generally do things such as walking?

Investigator: In general, yes, he can do all that.

Doctor Zhou: Has he undergone dialysis yet?

Investigator: Yes.

Doctor Zhou: Is that due to his renal insufficiency?

Investigator: He started having the complications several years ago, and last year, his doctor suggested that he get his kidney replaced. He didn't dare to do so and was concerned about the side effects with another person's kidney. But then he heard the story that my friend's father had the surgery done with a Falun Gong donor.

Doctor Zhou: It is very inconvenient to talk too much over the phone. I am on duty now. If you want to come visit and your husband's physical condition is good enough, you may come bring the files for us to take a look. But the premise is that it does not affect his current treatment there, some rules and regulations.

Investigator: Is there any shortage of beds at your hospital now?

Doctor Zhou: What you can do now is ask his doctor there for an assessment to see if he can be discharged. If he can, then you come over here. It should be fine. In the meantime, I can also check if a vacant bed is available. All right?

Investigator: Ah, alright, do I still need to go check with that southern hospital? If you can confirm that he can get it done here, I don't need to go there anymore. It's very hard to run around like this.

Doctor Zhou: You can come for an assessment first. This is Zhujiang Hospital in the Haizhu district.

Investigator: Ah, in the Haizhu district. So, I...

Doctor Zhou: It's very close to the provincial hospital.

Investigator: Let me discuss with my family members, and I'll get back to you tomorrow. How is that?

Doctor Zhou: Sure, all right.

Investigator: How can I find you tomorrow if I need to?

Doctor Zhou: You may...you can write down my phone number.

Investigator: Good, the number please.

Doctor Zhou: 132

Investigator: 132

Doctor Zhou: 465

Investigator: 465

Doctor Zhou: 12375

Investigator: 12375, good. I'll come over tomorrow and call your cell number, all right?

Doctor Zhou: Yes, that's good. Are you Ms. Zhu?

Investigator: Yes, I'm Ms.Zhu.

Doctor Zhou: Your husband's last name is Sun, right?

Investigator: Yes, that's right.

Doctor Zhou: All right, I'll talk to you then. I must go now.

Investigator: All right, thank you very much! Bye.

Doctor Zhou: Bye.