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Subject(s): Doctor Guo, Kidney Transplant Inpatient Service, ZhuJiang Hospital, Southern Medical University, Guangzhou

Summary

1. Investigator: “They’re from Thailand, Is that okay?”
Dr. Guo: “If they want to come, it’s best to consult with our doctors in person.”
2. We do over a hundred transplants a year.
3. We’re not worse than other hospitals in the city. We have been doing it for years, as one of those who started it pretty early in Guangzhou.
4. There are no beds available now if they come. They need to make reservations first.

Translation

Dr. Guo: Hello?

Investigator: Yes, hello. Is this Kidney Transplant at Zhujiang Hospital of Southern Medical University?

Dr. Guo: Yes, how can I help you?

Investigator: May I ask if Director Zhao is there?

Dr. Guo: He’s not.

Investigator: He’s not? Okay, here’s my situation. I’m currently in Thailand now, and I’d like to ask if you still do kidney transplants there?

Dr. Guo: We do.

Investigator: Well, here’s the thing. I have a few patients, who want to have organ

transplants at your hospital, because they have few organ sources availability here. So, I'm calling to consult you, because I have a relative with the hospital here, who told me the hospital has some patients in need of organ transplants. So, I thought your hospital seems to...

Dr. Guo: Are they Chinese citizens?

Investigator: Oh, no. They're from Thailand. Is that okay?

Dr. Guo: Well, if they plan to come for their surgeries, it's best to consult with our doctors in person. So, I think you should ask their families or the patients themselves to come over to our outpatient clinic, and talk to our professors at the clinic.

Investigator: That's not possible for them at this point. I need to learn a little more about your situation there, so these patients can at least have a general idea as to which hospital they should go to, the wait time, and expenses, etc. Only after they get an idea of all that, can they come over. Otherwise, it would be difficult to have them take the action.

Dr. Guo: We need to register their nationality though.

Investigator: Okay, but they're all overseas Chinese.

Dr. Guo: Well, I'm not sure about that.

Investigator: Okay, let me just ask how long it would take to get a transplant done at your hospital? Can you do that in two weeks?

Dr. Guo: Um... not that fast. It depends.

Investigator: A month? Does it take a month?

Dr. Guo: Some waited several months or even several years. It all depends!

Investigator: It depends, right?

Dr. Guo: So, I'm telling you that you better call in during daytime, okay?

Investigator: This is the inpatient service, correct?

Dr. Guo: Yes.

Investigator: Well, an evening time like this is exactly when you most likely become available, because you're much busier during normal business hours! Because we need to inquire about a few hospitals, usually about their wait times, as well as expenses, do you know these things about your hospital? Approximately how much does it cost to have a kidney transplant at your hospital?

Dr. Guo: Um, about 400,000 yuan is needed, probably.

Investigator: 400,000 yuan? Does that cover the organ itself? Also, the wait time is roughly about a month? It's one month, right?

Dr. Guo: I didn't say a month. I can't tell you that for sure.

Investigator: Oh, you can't tell for certain.

Dr. Guo: There were fast cases, and slow cases as well. We also had cases where patients waited several years. We had all sorts of cases.

Investigator: Several years? How could they afford to wait that long? They must have been dead way before that! Ah, let me ask then, does your hospital do a lot of cases? How about your doctors' skills?

Dr. Guo: We do a lot in our hospital, more than 100 cases a year.

Investigator: Over 100 a year? I know that a lot of hospitals in Guangzhou are doing it. Take yours, Zhujiang Hospital, as an example, you've been doing it. So, is your transplant volume considered large or small in Guangzhou?

Dr. Guo: Ours is okay!

Investigator: Is it okay?

Dr. Guo: Yeah, I would say so!

Investigator: Well, as you know, the doctors' skills go hand in hand with the quantities they do. So, large quantities must mean good skills, then, when it comes to the organ sources, the organ quality must be good too, right?

Dr. Guo: Yeah.

Investigator: If they fail, their reputation suffers as a result, then nobody would go to them anymore, so...

Dr. Guo: Those hospitals are all pretty much the same. We are not worse than any other hospitals here! Also, we have been doing it for years, and we are one of those who started it early in Guangzhou. However, I do have a concern, as I'm kind of under the impression that only Chinese citizens are qualified to have organ transplants. But, I'm not particularly sure. As I told you, it's best for you to consult us during daytime.

Investigator: Alright then. I know there's a Professor He in Guangzhou, and he seems to have done a lot of cases. Is he with one of those Zhongshan hospitals?

Dr. Guo: Yeah, yeah.

Investigator: Like what my friends told me...

Dr. Guo: (Laughing) Ha-ha, a lot (of cases) too.

Investigator: He does even more, like what I heard. I just would like to ask a couple of more questions: are there a lot of beds at your hospital? Any beds available now? If these patients come over, if they're just suitable for the surgeries, can you...

Dr. Guo: They need to make their reservations in advance.

Investigator: Need to reserve ahead of time? You have such a shortage of beds now?

Dr. Guo: Yeah.

Investigator: If I come over, I'd like to bring two or three of these patients together. I don't want to keep traveling back and forth.

Dr. Guo: They need to make reservations first. Otherwise, there will be no beds available when they come here.

Investigator: Well, don't you have a very limited number of beds at your transplantation center as well? Why do you have such a shortage of beds?

Dr. Guo: Not really so. We have more than 50 beds.

Investigator: Oh, over 50 beds?

Dr. Guo: But we have a lot of patients!

Investigator: A lot of patients? How long do they usually stay at your hospital there? I mean, in general, how long do those patients of yours usually stay?

Dr. Guo: Well, how can I tell you? It all depends. They all have different situations.

Investigator: As we talked about the cost, do you know...? I can also see that's a concerning issue, one that I need to explain to these patients here when I talk to them. You're charging over 400,000 yuan. Okay then, we've got this cost issue to think about. Another thing is that doctors also are doing it here at this hospital, and have been doing it all the time. Because I have a relative who is a doctor over here, he's asked me if there're external experts who can do it well so that I can send a few of their patients elsewhere. And I agreed to give it a try. So, I'd like to take a look at the cost, since this thing is concerning everyone!

Dr. Guo: Right, right.

Investigator: Okay, okay, alright. Thank you! What's your last name? Can you tell me your last name?

Dr. Guo: It's Guo.

Investigator: Okay, okay. Your last name is Guo. Alright, thank you! Thank you very much!