

追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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Subject(s): Doctor Zeng, Liver Transplant, Shenzhen Third People's Hospital

Summary

1. We've done over 80 cases this year, but that's only the volume for half of the year, because we really didn't do many the first half of the year. From June till now, we've done about 60 cases, 60 to 70 cases. Over ten operations are done every month.
2. Next year it for sure will be 100 cases. No doubt about it.
3. Donor livers are pretty easy to get here. Usually it's about one week if fast, and in the slowest case, the wait time is no longer than a month.
4. We have 10 doctors in total, grouped into two teams.
5. Mainly Director Jiang does the operations, along with Director Zhao. Mainly it's the three of us doing the operations.
6. It's about 600,000 to 700,000 yuan, and that's the base cost. Complications may occur and will increase the cost.
7. We are a new center. Originally the team came from the Third Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University. The whole team of over a dozen people came over together. It has been over three years since they came.
8. Investigator: Is it possible to find those donor livers from Falun Gong?
Dr. Zeng: Now there are no such livers. About those livers that we used before, we are not sure, either. I am not sure, either. Because when I got started in this business, this has been banned in the country starting from 2010. Now since we started in 2015, everything has been from donations.
9. Investigator: Are there any donor organs from Falun Gong at all now?
Dr. Zeng: I don't know if there were any or not in the past.
10. Investigator: Some acquaintance got a donor liver from Falun Gong in PLA No. 302

Hospital.

Dr. Zeng: That I don't know. We...I don't care about those things in the past!

Translation

Dr. Zeng: Hello? Who is this?

Investigator: Hello! Hi! Good Evening. Is this Dr. Zeng of the Third Hospital of Shenzhen?

Dr. Zeng: Yes. How can I help you?

Investigator: Yes, how are you? Sorry to bother you. I just called the inpatient service and they gave me your cell phone number to contact you.

Dr. Zeng: I see.

Investigator: As I am calling for a family member, we hope to get him transferred to the Third Hospital for a liver transplant, and want to ask you about it.

Dr. Zeng: Okay. What's your situation? How is it now?

Investigator: Late stage cirrhosis, forty-five years old. It's my husband, with blood type B.

Dr. Zeng: He's got cirrhosis, with no tumors, right?

Investigator: He's got no tumors, but simply cirrhosis. I asked a few hospitals and you're the only one that can do liver transplants. So I made a couple of phone calls.

Dr. Zeng: Yes. In Shenzhen city, only we...we are the only one in Shenzhen. Right, that's right.

Investigator: Yeah.

Dr. Zeng: Em, how did you hear about our hospital?

Investigator: I asked quite a few people, then, the First Hospital, the Second Hospital, then, the Third Hospital and got it. All other hospitals told me to go to the Third Hospital, saying only the Third Hospital can do it.

Dr. Zeng: You mean, you are saying, you asked a few hospitals in Shenzhen, or those affiliated hospitals of Sun Yat-sen University?

Investigator: I also asked those at Sun Yat-sen University, and was told to come to your

hospital to get it done.

Dr. Zeng: Okay. Our hospital can do it, yes, no problem! Eh, it's a 45 years old, a male, right?

Investigator: Yes, correct. It's my husband.

Dr. Zeng: For liver transplants, in our hospital, we have done almost, eh, 80 cases this year.

Investigator: Oh, 80, that's not too many.

Dr. Zeng: Eh, over 80 cases. That, in the whole country, but roughly that's only the volume for half of the year, because we really didn't do many the first half of the year, we got it all started in June. From June till now we did about 60, 60 to 70 cases. Every half a month or every month, over ten operations are done. Over ten liver transplants are done every month. At that level, we're ranked third place in the south China area.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Zeng: Countrywide we're ranked somewhere between the 25th and the 30th place.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Zeng: But that's already very strong. Actually we are doing, pretty, already doing pretty well in the transplant industry.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Zeng: Next year we for sure will do 100 cases. No doubt about it. 100 operations should rank between the 15th and the 20th place in the country.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Zeng: Yes. Of course, if compared with those in Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, and Guangzhou--those few big centers, we are still a bit, a bit behind. But we are pretty good still. That's the first thing. Secondly, we can do liver transplants with no problem, definitely no problem. If you go and ask those in the east region, donor livers are pretty easy to get here, relatively easy. It should be, usually about one week if fast; in the slowest case, as I have seen, the wait time is no longer than a month.

Investigator: Okay.

Dr. Zeng: The second thing is about the cost. I mean, if you have the time...Shenzhen Medical Insurance for liver transplant...

Investigator: We don't have Shenzhen Medical Insurance.

Dr. Zeng: Hello! Hello!

Investigator: No Shenzhen Medical Insurance.

Dr. Zeng: Then you see if your local medical insurance can cover, or cover how much if used here.

Investigator: No problem. We are okay to pay out of pocket. We can cover it. About how much is it?

Dr. Zeng: Approximately, on average here, including the cost of the liver, plus the cost of hospitalization--all these are at about 600,000 to 700,000 yuan. That's the basic cost.

Investigator: About 600,000 to 700,000 yuan, we can afford it.

Dr. Zeng: Okay, yeah, usually it's about 600,000 to 700,000. If lucky, that is the cost. Of course, there may be complications or some other problems. Then the cost may increase a bit, by another 100,000 or 200,000 yuan or so.

Investigator: Okay, no problem.

Dr. Zeng: Usually, we say, our transplant operations here are very mature now. Our operations have never had any issues, almost never...they should be 100% successful. The main problems occur in the postoperative phase. From what we can see now, the main problems with a liver transplant are postoperative infections, due to the immune period.

Investigator: Oh?

Dr. Zeng: So, usually, the majority of the patients eventually passed away because of that.

Investigator: Dr. Zeng, then, are you the one who does the operations?

Dr. Zeng: Yes. I am one of the Chief Physicians in our center. We now have two teams in the center.

Investigator: Okay.

Dr. Zeng: Mainly Director Jiang does the operations. Of course we also have Director Zhao. Mainly it's the three of us doing the operations.

Investigator: What's the name of Director Zhao? My sister asked me to ask...

Dr. Zeng: Zhao Dong.

Investigator: Ah, Zhao Dong, Dong as east, correct?

Dr. Zeng: Ah, yes, yes. Ah, we also have...we totally have about 10 doctors.

Investigator: For the few names you mentioned just now, can you please repeat? My sister told me to see if we can find some connections, to get better treatment later.

Dr. Zeng: That's no problem. Mainly it's Director Jiang. Our Director Jiang is the lead surgeon. We also have Zhao Dong, mainly doing...For the rest of us, we are now...

Investigator: Assistants?

Dr. Zeng: One core team, one assistant team.

Investigator: Two teams.

Dr. Zeng: We have two teams, and our doctors are grouped into two teams. You may, if interested, ask your sister, your brother-in-law to come visit our clinic and bring his records to us for our review. Or come to the inpatient service unit, to learn more about it in person.

Investigator: Alright. So, should we look for Director Jiang when we come to get registered? Should we register for an appointment with Director Jiang?

Dr. Zeng: Eh... you don't need to register, no need to register first. Come to our clinic directly. We'll take a look, then you register, then get admitted into the hospital, okay? Tomorrow you can come to our inpatient service unit... or Monday, or ...

Investigator: Tomorrow? Tomorrow won't work, because we need to take care of some things in the family, in our business, then ...

Dr. Zeng: Oh, that's alright. Whenever it's convenient for you, tell your sister, your brother-in-law to bring his medical records, previous hospitalization records, documents of all sorts, CT, inpatient treatment summary, hospitalization logs, and the blood test results, etc.--bring all these things to us for our review.

Investigator: Okay, alright.

Dr. Zeng: We are now the Third People's Hospital of Shenzhen, near Longgang. And we are in Building F, on the 17th floor of Building F.

Investigator: On the 17th floor of Building F. Yes, the telephone operator told me that already: the 17th floor of Building F, and the extension too.

Dr. Zeng: Okay.

Investigator: Well, I have a question: how long you have been doing liver transplants at this hospital? For many years?

Dr. Zeng: Em, we are a new center. Originally, our team came from the Third Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University. About over a dozen people in the whole team came here, all together. It's been over three years now since we got the qualification.

Investigator: Over three years...

Dr. Zeng: Yes, over three years.

Investigator: Here is the thing. I have a classmate from my hometown. Her father had his liver transplant done in Beijing. Back then the donor livers they found were from those who practiced Falun Gong. Her father hardly had any complications later. It was very successful. Like you said, that kind of livers are very good. those...

Dr. Zeng: Now there are no such livers. About those livers we used before, we are not sure either, I am not sure. Because when I got started in this business, that thing has been banned in the country since 2010. Now since we got started in 2015, these things have been all from donations.

Investigator: Em, that's through the Red Cross?

Dr. Zeng: Yes. All are through the Red Cross. Now for all the donated organs that we acquire, they all come from that...that...that legal channel, meeting all international standards. They're all from the only legal channel, all from the only legal channel.

Investigator: There are no more those from Falun Gong at all? That kind of organs can't be found any more, no matter how much money is paid?

Dr. Zeng: That's impossible to acquire now! I don't know if there were any that kind of organs in the past. For the information from overseas, I can't verify it. I'm not sure about how it made its way into the news, either. But for the time being, we ...

Investigator: Because my classmate's neighbor's father—they were in Beijing because of some connections—they went to the PLA No. 302 Hospital. Because of the connections, they were told to ask for that kind of organs from Falun Gong practitioners, because those were young!

Dr. Zeng: That I don't know. We...I don't care about those things in the past.

Investigator: Dr. Zeng, here's my another question: are there many patients waiting for livers at your hospital now? Are there many patients?

Dr. Zeng: Quite a lot still. There are quite a lot of patients with severe liver problems,

such as cirrhosis, or liver cancer.

Investigator: Oh. As for waiting for a liver...if transferred over, can we check into the hospital normally?

Dr. Zeng: Yes, yes, yes. You can come over. Yes, you come over, so we check further and assess the patient's condition.

Investigator: How many hospital beds are there at your place?

Dr. Zeng: Here? There're about a few dozen beds. That should be enough.

Investigator: Over a few dozen beds...enough, okay.

Dr. Zeng: Okay, okay.

Investigator: Thank you, alright. Thank you Dr. Zeng. What's your full name? Zeng what?

Dr. Zeng: Anyways you can just come ask for me. You will know those things when you come.

Investigator: Alright. Thank you! Goodbye!

曾医生:再见!

Dr. Zeng: Goodbye!