



Investigation Respondent: Nurse with Liver Transplant, Jiangxi Province People's Hospital

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Summary:

1. Director Xu performs at least two or three liver transplants a week. This year, he has performed fifty or sixty liver transplant surgeries.
2. Surgeries were suspended for one month during the pandemic, and have been ongoing since then.
3. If you want to have liver or kidney transplants, you can go ask for more information at a registration office over there. They have records on file. I don't know the specific numbers.
4. Organ quality is fully ensured by the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO).
5. Registration office phone: 87712410

Investigation Recording

Investigator: Is this the Liver Transplant Department of Jiangxi Province People's Hospital? Hello!

Nurse: Yes!

Investigator: Hello! I'd like to know if Director Xu Zhidan is available?

Nurse: Director Xu is at the expert outpatient clinic today.

Investigator: Oh. This is what I wanted to find out: There's a patient in my home who needs a liver transplant. I checked online, and I saw that Director Xu is the best. Is that correct?

Nurse: You can come someday. You can come to the ward to see him any day Monday through Friday or consult him during his expert outpatient clinic hours on Thursdays.

Investigator: Oh, is Director Xu very busy? Does he perform liver transplants every day?

Nurse: He probably performs two or three surgeries a week, at least.

Investigator: Oh. Were surgeries ongoing during the pandemic, may I ask?

Nurse: Surgeries were halted for a month during the pandemic, but they have been ongoing since then.

Investigator: Since Director Xu is so busy, how many transplants did he do last year? His skill is not an issue, right?

Nurse: I don't have the specific numbers, you may have to ask them, why don't you call the registration office at 87712410? They have specific records, and you can inquire about the details there. Okay?

Investigator: Currently, are there many liver transplant patients in the hospital? Is there a shortage of beds?

Right now, how many liver transplant patients are hospitalized? Is there a shortage of beds?

Nurse: After the liver transplant, patients will be taken directly to the intensive care unit. We have about four patients in it, with two leaving today. It's hard to say because there must be a donor before a transplant; if there is no donor, there won't be transplant. So I have no way of telling you the exact day when you can have it done, or what not.



Investigator: Oh. For the fastest, how long does it take to schedule a transplant, roughly?

Nurse: You call 87712410, and they know better. Here is the nurse station, and we do not know that much. They specialize in organ transplants, so, if you want liver or kidney transplant, you can ask them.

Investigator: Ah, okay. Then I just ask you about hospitalization. If the patient needs to be hospitalized, how long will he stay there? Can he be discharged within a month if everything goes well? (Discharged from the hospital?) Yeah, discharged from the hospital.

Nurse: Oh, you mean from admission to discharge? (Right) If the surgery is successful, the patient can be discharged in 15 to 21 days, just two to three weeks before he can be discharged.

Investigator: Oh, so you take care...

Nurse: If the patient recovered well, it usually can be done.

Investigator: Eh, that proves you did a good job in taking care of the patient, so the hospitalization time is not long, right?

Nurse: Yeah, we did okay. It should be called...but at present the hospitalization time are typically two to three weeks.

Investigator: Ah, how many beds do you have? Is it in short supply? Is there a shortage of beds? (Nurse: Beds?) Yeah, beds.

Nurse: Currently we are okay with beds, they are not in short supply. And this week is fine, there are still a few available.

Investigator: Some hospitals have done only one or two transplants, and we won't go to them, we won't sign up to wait, it's not worth waiting for. How many transplants has your hospital performed from January until now? Roughly. It could have done dozens of them, right?

Nurse: That's why I suggested you call the transplant office, because they keep records. I'm not sure about the specific number, there seem to be around fifty to sixty liver transplants this year. I don't know what the specific number is.

Investigator: Oh, that's about how many have been done, and it's alright, not bad, quite a lot done. Now I have one last question, and that is about the quality. What about the quality control over the liver source?

Nurse: Quality is fully ensured by the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO).

Investigator: Is this a nationwide system, or does our hospital manage it independently?

Nurse: This is a statistics in Jiangxi Province, we get the statistics from the province.

Investigator: So, the patient's family is not involved at all, and there's no need for us to deal with it, right?

Nurse: A double-blind principle is for sure applied to the family, and that for sure can not be breached.

(Investigator: I don't know it, so I asked.) The family is not allowed to get involved in this part.

Investigator: Oh. May I ask, are you a doctor or a nurse?

Nurse: I'm a nurse.

Investigator: Oh, you are a nurse. Thank you. Okay, then how much money should I prepare, approximately?

Nurse: Ah, you'd better ask them, they know better.



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Investigator: Eh, okay.

Nurse: Okay. I have their phone number, do you need it?

Investigator: Yes, I do. Tell me all the numbers you know, starting with Director Xu. Go ahead.

Nurse: I don't have Director Xu's number, but I have given you the registration office's number.

Investigator: Oh, the registration office at 87712410. Any other numbers?

Nurse: Currently, no. Director Xu is with the expert outpatient clinic, and he doesn't have a special line. We are not supposed to give away his cellphone number. So for now you ask him for it, okay?

Investigator: Oh, okay. Oh, alright. Thank you. (Nurse: Eh, goodbye) Goodbye, and thank you.