



Investigation Respondent: Staff of Huangpu District Red Cross Society of Shanghai

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Summary:

1. What is the Red Cross Society for? It's for calling on people to make donations. Why is there such an energetic promotion? It's because there are too few donations.
2. The number of healthy and useful donated organs is really very very few, the probability of having a matched organ is very small.
3. Many of those involved in car accident are not willing to make donations. It's not like, there are car accidents every day. But when there happen to be car accidents, people may not want to make donations.
4. Question: How many donations are there this year?
Answer: None, none at all.
5. Question: According to Shanghai authorities, in 2017 there were many traffic accidents involving food and merchandise deliverers, 2.5 persons per day.
Answer: Don't listen to their nonsense!
6. That is, there are many traffic accidents, every day there are many people who will die in traffic accidents in Shanghai; but those who are willing to make donations are between far and few, hardly any.
7. Only those who die of accidental death and are healthy can be used, otherwise they are useless.
8. Question: Organs from Falun Gong practitioners were used in the past, are they still being used?
Answer: About this, we can't comment on it. This is within their system, and you shouldn't hold any hope, because you don't have this capability and you are incapable of doing this thing, and neither will be any one who would open a back door for you.
9. Hospitals in Shanghai, such as Oriental Hepatobiliary Hospital, and Guangzhou Zhongshan Hospital, have a better chance of getting more liver supplies.

Investigation Recording

Red Cross Staff: Hello?

Investigator: Hi, you are the Red Cross Society of Huangpu District, right?

Red Cross Staff: Yes.

Investigator: Ah, Hi! I have a question for you, that is, I wanted my family member to come to Shanghai for a liver transplant. I've asked two hospitals and they both told me the liver supply is provided through Red Cross



Society's assignment. That is to say, it has to go through you. I wanted to ask, are there many donations now? And can such a surgery be arranged very quickly?

Red Cross Staff: How could you wait for a liver here? There are very few supplies now, you understand? Where are you from?

Investigator: My hometown is Heilongjiang, but my sister's home is in Shanghai. It's my husband who needs a transplant. I wanted to ask you something. I don't know how long the wait time is. If there are a lot of donations, we will get it done very soon, is that right?

Red Cross Staff: What is the Red Cross Society for? It's for calling on people to make donations. It's not to assign organs, you know that. You must remember this. It's calling on people to make donations, you understand? It's not like the Red Cross has some livers, it's not like that. Hospitals, all large hospitals have doctors, attending doctors, chief surgeons, who are waiting for liver supplies, they will notify you once a matching organ becomes available.

Investigator: Then tell me: Do you have a lot of donations? There are a lot of donations, right? I know there are many people in Shanghai waiting for surgeries.

Red Cross Staff: Why is there such an energetic promoting, do you know that? It's because there are too few donations. This is true, and we have indeed been extensively asking people to donate organs. As you know, however, transplant surgery is special in that timing is important. Think about it, it's not like the patient will get it when he goes over. It has to be within the time-frame when it can be used, such as within 12 hours or 24 hours at most, it has to be in the most fresh state. Also, it has to be from a healthy person. Would it be useful if the donor is not healthy? No. So, this thing is really very, very few.

Investigator: Very few. The doctor said, most likely, the organs are from brain-dead persons, or those who perish from car accident, etc.

Red Cross Staff: Right, right, people having trauma from car accident. Think about it, how many people need them?

Investigator: Oh, quite many, a few thousands of them...

Red Cross Staff: Yes. If you have health issues, nobody wants your organs. If you told the patient the organ was from a sick person, the patient wouldn't want it.. The organ from a sick person is useless. It has to be from someone healthy. You know that! Only organs from someone who dies an accidental death and who is healthy, can be used. Otherwise, it's useless. Don't you agree?

Investigator: Yes.

Red Cross Staff: So the probability of having a matched organ is very small.



Investigator: How many donations do you have a year? How many are there of those that can be used? Your district?

Red Cross Staff: So far, it's very few, really very few. Because it's not donation. It will depend even when it happens. If there is a car accident, some people, many people, are unwilling to make donations. It's not like, car accidents happen every day. It's not likely, there won't be many. When there is a car accident, however, the family does not necessarily want to donate. You understand this, don't you?

Investigator: Ah, I understand. I called the City Red Cross Society, they said donations are all handled by the local district. So I wanted to ask, if Shanghai gets a lot of donations, surgeries done in Shanghai hospitals should get done quickly, that is what I thought.

Red Cross Staff: Eh, it's very difficult, really very difficult! We hope a success will be the best.

Investigator: How many are there this year, I mean those through you?

Red Cross Staff: None. None at all.

Investigator: Oh, good heavens! Your district has none at all?

Red Cross Staff: None at all! It is different this year, isn't it!

Investigator: The pandemic!

Red Cross Staff: Think about it, most of major surgeries could not be done, right! None of them could be done. So it was difficult in the first place, now it has become even more difficult.

Investigator: According to a news report, in 2017, the traffic accidents involving food deliverers in Shanghai—and this is what food deliverers themselves said—there were many such vehicles accidents, on average, 2.5 persons per day, it's the casualty number, it's not a reference to all that are dead, it includes both the dead and injured.

Red Cross Staff: Don't listen to their nonsense.

Investigator: It's from the traffic bureau.

Red Cross Staff: There was a statistic about this, there was a statistics. You need to remember what I am telling you here, and that is, there are many traffic accidents, there are many people in Shanghai who die in traffic accidents, but those who are willing to make donations are between far and few, almost none. People are unwilling to do it. Some people got badly injured, so their livers can't be used, you know that? So it's really hard. There are many cases like this in society nowadays.

Investigator: Right. I have a former classmate who studied medicine. He said that, just like what you said just now, if an organ is to be used, it's time-sensitive. So try to get it nearby. If there's one that's matching in the



local hospital, it'll be done in the local area. But if the hospitals...the technology in hospitals are sure to be very good...there are many famous hospitals in Shanghai, and the waiting lists are long there. But, as you've said, if there are no donors, there's little chance I could get one.

Red Cross Staff: Correct.

Investigator: I heard the airports in Qinghai and Xinjiang have special channels for organ transportation. Can we get organs from there and use them in Shanghai? If it's possible, I could think of a way at that link...if I find some connections there...

Red Cross Staff: This...it has to be Shanghai...it's not like you can have it easily...all the doctors have their networks, they can request a transfer. If the organs become available, they can be transferred here, and this is how it works. You just wait here in Shanghai, there are relatively more liver sources here, you just wait here and sign up with the hospital on the waiting list. The hospital will notify you after the organ is delivered.

Investigator: Since you don't have any here in Huangpu District, do I still need to call other districts about it? If this is the way to find it, I don't really know how to do it.

Red Cross Staff: If you call around, no hospital doctors will say to you, "I have a lot, you just come." It's not likely that way, you know that? Right? It's not likely.

Investigator: Oh, right. About donations...let me ask you another thing. A few years ago, one of my neighbors had an elderly family member who had a transplant back then. He had it done, it seems, at the 302 military hospital. He said he had it done through internal networks! It was one of those years, when he used an organ from a Falun Gong practitioner, that is, a judicial organ. So are there now still such organs?

Red Cross Staff: This...this... we can't make any comments on it. When did that happen? I can't comment on that. But that was something within their system, so don't expect to get it that way, because you don't have this ability. You are unable to do that, and nobody would open a back door for you. You don't have this ability, and there's no express vehicle for you to ride. It's impossible, right?

Investigator: Right. He must have...his family has some connections in 302 hospital...

Red Cross Staff: You're a bit like, grab anything you could get hold of under the circumstances. I'd advise you to trust Shanghai. Go to the Oriental Hepatobiliary Hospital, and sign up on the waiting list there. Their hospital has a better chance to get a liver source.

Investigator: Is that right

Red Cross Staff: Either Zhongshan Hospital or Oriental Hepatobiliary Hospital. Both of them are pretty good.

Investigator: I didn't check with those two hospitals. I have checked with Renji , and Xinhua Hospital affiliated with Shanghai Jiaotong University. I've checked with these two hospitals, and then...



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Red Cross Staff: Oh, oh, Xinhua is not bad either. There's no use even if you asked about hepatobiliary surgery, it's not possible.

Investigator: We can't...we can only be put on the waiting list.

Red Cross Staff: Besides, the patients going there are all on the brink of death, you must know that.

Investigator: Okay.

Red Cross Staff: Wu Mengchao's team, Wu Mengchao's team at Oriental Hepatobiliary.

Investigator: Wu Mengchao, Okay, I got it.

Red Cross Staff: You must have heard of him.

Investigator: Okay, I will check with them again. Thank you, great, bye.

Red Cross Staff: Okay, no problem. Bye.