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Summary:

1. The best case scenario is less than a month. If your matching is done well and if you are in luck, we'll notify you within one month. If your matching is not done well, it may take one year, or half a year, it's all possible.
2. Since now the donor qualities are not that good, I'll do it if it's good, and I won't if it is not.
3. We are doing it selectively, so we don't do that many. If you want a hospital that does a lot, you may go to the Zhongshan Hospital, they are doing a lot.
4. We don't want the tortured ones.
5. Question: We don't mind paying more money, are you able to find good kidney source? Answer: Let me tell you, this is not like before when it was done through the judicial system. In that case, there sure were, but now it's hard to say, doing it through donations.
6. Are they all from donations? Most of those who had cerebral hemorrhage are older folks, definitely not suitable for transplant surgery. Those who had a sudden bursting of cerebral blood vessels, or those who were injured in a car accident, or those who were young...because there are fewer car accidents now. You know there are fewer car accidents after the ban on motorcycles.

Investigation Recording

Nurse: Hi, who's this?

Investigator: Hello, my name is Li. I'd like to ask if you are the Guangzhou Overseas Chinese Hospital? (Nurse: Yes.) My family member wants to get a kidney transplant in your hospital. I wanted to ask what procedure I should go through in order to go to your place? Which director should I talk to?

Nurse: You want kidney transplant?

Investigator: Yes.

Nurse: Hold on.

Investigator: Thank you.

Doctor: Hello?

Investigator: Hello, how are you? My name is Li. Since my family member wants to do kidney transplant in your place, I'd like to get some information.

Doctor: Have you contacted Director Ding Hongwen?



Investigator: No. Which Director? Would you say it again? Did you say Director Ding Hongwen?

Doctor: That's correct.

Investigator: Director Ding Hongwen is in charge in this area, that is to say, he has a team, and he's in charge in this area, right?

Doctor: Yes, right. He is our director.

Investigator: Because it's National Day Week, I haven't contacted him yet. I'm calling this number first to ask what I should do. Should I make an appointment with him?

Doctor: Wait a second, let me put him on the phone, please wait.

Investigator: Oh, he's there. Really great, that's great.

Doctor: (Talking to Ding) There's a patient here, he wants to do kidney transplant, and he wants some information.

Ding Hongwen: Hello?

Investigator: Hello, Director Ding Hongwen, it's great to talk to you. My family member needs a kidney transplant. I was told you're the best.

Ding Hongwen: You bring the patient over first to let us see the patient's...

Investigator: He's done blood tissue matching. So just take the report over and that will do...

Ding Hongwen: If he's done the matching, just bring the report to me, that's right. And then we need to see the patient in person. When did he get the matching done?

Investigator: A few months ago, probably it's been 4-5 months.

Ding Hongwen: Okay, no problem. Community immunity...it's not that thing related to the pandemic, I don't need his Covid-19 test result. But we need to see if his medical report is complete.

Investigator: His report is complete.

Ding Hongwen: Then there's not any issue.

Investigator: The family worries about him and wants to know how long he has to wait. Although he is put on another hospital's waiting list, they recommended you to us.

Ding Hongwen: You go on staying on that list. I am not sure about it anyway, because it depends on his matching, and I don't know his blood type, don't know about his matching...so now you ask me how long it will take, I don't know.

Investigator: He is type B. I just want to know how long roughly he has to wait?



Ding Hongwen: It's hard to tell. The best case scenario is less than a month or a month. If your matching is done well and if you are in luck, we'll notify you within one month. If your matching is not done well, it may take one year, or half a year, it's all possible.

Investigator: Ah, what about last year? Have you done a lot of kidney transplants this year? Do you have a lot of patients?

Ding Hongwen: We don't do many. We are doing it selectively, we are doing it based on donated organs. Because now the qualities of donated organs are that good. If it's good, I would do it. If it's not good, I wouldn't do it. Anyway, we are...as I told you, we are doing it selectively, we don't do that many transplants. If you want a hospital doing many transplants, you can go Zhongshan Hospital, they are doing a lot.

Investigator: We can't make it on the waiting list at Zhongshan Hospital, there are too many patients, so we won't go there.

Ding Hongwen: Right, Zhongshan Hospital does many transplants. I am doing it selectively, based on the quality of the donated organs.

Investigator: You pick patients, pick healthy ones when doing it.

Ding Hongwen: Since I don't do many surgeries, so I do it only when I find the good ones (organs).

Investigator: The patient is very young, only 20 something.

Ding Hongwen: That means he should have an organ of higher quality.

Investigator: Yes, the kidney source for him.

Ding Hongwen: Typically younger patients require organs of higher quality. There are strict limitations for both matching and donor's age.

Investigator: Right, he wants a good kidney, one from a healthier donor. Someone told me there are kidneys coming from Qi Gong practitioners, that kind of kidneys is the best.

Ding Hongwen: We don't want organs from people who got tortured.

Investigator: That's for sure, of course. So, can you find that best kind of kidney—we don't mind pay more money—the good kidney?

Ding Hongwen: It's hard to say, now it is being done through donations. Let me tell you, this is not like before when it was done through the judicial system. In that case, there sure were, but now it's hard to say, doing it through donations.

Investigator: There are now no organs from the judicial system, from Qi Gong practitioners.

Ding Hongwen: Correct. Transplants all use donated organs. Most of those who had cerebral hemorrhage are older folks, definitely not suitable for transplant surgery. Those who had a sudden bursting of cerebral blood vessels, or those who were injured in a car accident, or those who were young...because there are fewer car accidents now. You know there are fewer car accidents after the ban on motorcycles.



Investigator: I wanted to know...according to my friend, I have a friend working in the judicial system, he said Qi Gong practitioners' organs are the healthiest. He asked me to tell you, go for this type of organ. Is it available?

Ding Hongwen: No. Because it's against the law for us to do it through judicial system now, so we won't do it.

Investigator: Eh, it's against the law?

Ding Hongwen: This is clearly stipulated, right, right. It can't be done through judicial system anymore, right.

Investigator: That type of organ is not available now, it can't be found. So I will talk it over with my family member.

Ding Hongwen: Eh, it can't be done with that type.

Investigator: Oh, it can't. It could before, but not now, right?

Ding Hongwen: Right, now the state regulations won't allow it.

Investigator: Eh, okay, thank you, thanks.

Ding Hongwen: Okay.

Investigator: Thanks.