



Investigation Respondent: Duty Staff with Red Cross Organ Donation Office of Anhui Province

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Summary

1. Allocating organs is not within the authority of the hospital; it has to go through the allocation system.
2. Obtaining donated organs is possible only after someone dies, it's unpredictable and cannot be controlled.
3. When a person donates organs, the organs can be obtained only after the donor dies.
4. Not all donated organs can be used for clinical purposes; what you were talking about are the kind obtained by hospitals in the ICU.
5. Duty staff: As for donated organs here, there haven't been many this year, there have been very few this year. There were a few dozen, and among these few dozen, they were not necessarily all kidney donations. There were also liver donations, and some may be... there were only around forty donations.

Investigator: So, the total, including corneas, livers, and kidneys, that could be used for clinical transplantation, there were about 40 of them?

Duty Staff Duty Staff: Yes, that's correct.

Investigation Recording

Duty Staff: Hello!

Investigator: Hi, hello! It's our Red Cross of Anhui Province, right? Is this the number for the organ donation office?

Duty Staff: Yes.

Investigator: Okay, this is what I wanted to know: we went to the hospital for kidney transplant for my husband. The hospital said now that... that with the organ for a kidney transplant, there's a waiting list, and it's the Red Cross that handles organ allocation. That is, we can get one only when they have it. So I want to ask you, for the organs registered with you here in Anhui, are there a lot that can be used clinically? How many are there?

Duty Staff: You mentioned registration. We only have registration for volunteer donors. There's no... what he said... the kidneys that await registration, we don't have that. Those are managed by hospitals.



Investigator: Oh, no, what I mean is, if a donor, if he indeed has an accident or his organs...when the donor's organs can be used, aren't you going to...aren't they have to go through you? Aren't you going to do verification or what not?

Duty Staff: They don't go through us. We, well, we are just involved in witnessing the process. However, the allocation of these organs needs to go through a system. We don't have the authority over this matter and even the hospital doesn't have this authority. They must go through the system. Yeah.

Investigator: Oh, of those organ donors that go through you, how many organs can be used in surgeries? So that we know our chances.

Duty Staff: **About this, I...about this question of yours**, I have no way of giving you an answer, because we are dealing with death, which is unpredictable. It is not like someone is waiting for you, it's like...for instance, some chronic illnesses await death. We cannot control the number of such cases, nor can we find out. If you want to...or if you want to wait for an organ, in Anhui, there are only two hospitals that offer such services: the provincial hospital and the First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University.

Investigator: Sure, I'd like to ask you, for example, of those organs from donors who have gone through your organization this year, and that can be used for clinical surgery, how many such organs are there?

Duty Staff: As long as there are donations, we can use them. This year, we have been able to use all the donated organs.

Investigator: But, even though you have donations...if he has not...even though there's a donation, you can't use it until after the donor passes away. It's not like the organs can be used when the donation is made. What you mentioned, the type that becomes available at the ICU in the hospitals...

Duty Staff: Eh, let me tell you this...

Investigator: Ah, I don't understand.

Duty Staff: Eh, let me tell you this, the thing you asked about, the number of people you asked about, how many people who donate, this is not something we can control. Let's just say, the deaths due to sudden events, or some accidents, or unexpected illnesses, their numbers vary each month, and even every day. Is that right? I have no way to...

Investigator: How many organs are there approximately this year? We just want to know if we wait for the organs here, what are the chances of getting one? Is there a lot this year? Is there a lot?

Duty Staff: We don't have many donations here this year. There are fewer this year.



Investigator: Are there several cases, or a few dozen cases?

Duty Staff: There are a few dozen, but not all of them necessarily involve kidney donations. There are also liver donations. With some, they could be... We do have statistics on the number of kidney donations, and this year there are fewer donations compared to previous years.

Investigator: Oh, so your total...

Duty Staff: There are only forty something. Yeah.

Investigator: So, the total, including corneas, livers, and kidneys, that could be used for clinical transplantation, there were about 40 of them?

Duty Staff: Yes. That's correct.

Investigator: Oh, that's too little. Alright, then I got it.

Duty Staff: Didn't I tell you? Every month is different. Yeah, alright.

Investigator: Oh, now I know you have too few a year.