



Investigation Respondent: Liver transplant doctor at the First Affiliated Hospital of Lanzhou University

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Summary

1. All liver and gallbladder patients are managed here, including pre-operative, postoperative and casual care. The ones who perform the surgeries are our President Li Xun and our Director Zhang Lei.
2. Generally speaking, we have relatively fewer liver resources, and sometimes the patients have to wait for several months, sometimes longer, or even half a year, but it is not always like that. Some people wait for only 20-plus days~
3. Using Falun Gong organs? Which year was that? It depends on which year he did it. He stopped doing it in **2000s**.

Investigator: Which year did you say that organs from Falun Gong practitioners could no longer be used?

Doctor: Didn't I tell you just now? It used to be like that, but not any more.

Investigation Recording

Investigator: Hello!

Nurse: Hi.

Investigator: Hello, you are the Liver Transplantation Department of Lanzhou University, right?

Nurse: Yes.

Investigator: Ah, how are you? I want my family member to come to your hospital for a liver transplant. I would like to ask...

Doctor: You need to register with us first. (Oh) After registration, we will call you when we have a liver source.

Investigator: Well, are you Li Ying? Just now someone from Boai Hospital told me to ask for Li Ying, are you the one?

Doctor: Ah, she and I are in the same team.

Investigator: Oh, is Li Ying the chief surgeon? Or is he the one in charge of this registration?



Doctor: No, we, I am only... All the hepatobiliary patients in our clinic are managed here, including pre-operative, postoperative, and casual one. The one who does the surgery is our President Li Xun, our Director Zhang Lei.

Investigator: **President** Li Xun and Director Zhang Lei are the chief surgeons, right?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: How long do we usually have to wait in a queue here?

Doctor: Well, it's hard to say. Well, we generally have relatively few liver resources, and some wait for several months, sometimes longer, or even half a year. It's hard to say.

Investigator: Oh

Doctor: Yes, we have liver source, but we also need to look at the matching type to see if the patient's matching type can be found because some blood types are different and they cannot be matched.

Investigator: I would like to ask how much money I need to prepare?

Doctor: Well, if we can find a match, um, it'll be 700,000 or 800,000 rmb yuan.

Investigator: Oh, about 700,000 or 800,000 rmb yuan. Oh, 700,000 or 800,000 rmb yuan are for our organ donors. We have a choice, right? For example, we want a young donor, or one like a Falun Gong practitioner, or a judicial organ.

Doctor: There is no choice for this. This all depends on matching. (Take the one that comes along) Yes. After when the donor becomes available, as long as it is blood type B, we will tell you what the patient's condition is like. You can choose not to do it, or you can choose to do it. (Ahhhhh) It's not like, there are a number of donors waiting for you to choose. It does not work that way. We will do it as soon as a donor is available. This donor cannot be left there waiting.

Investigator: Oh, I understand. (Oh) Well, you said that you have very few donors a year, so you can't do many in a year, right?

Doctor: Right, we haven't done much. We have since...due to the impact of the pandemic, this year there have been five cases done.

Investigator: Five cases were done. How long did they wait?

Doctor: They were all different. Some people had waited for more than 20 days, there were also those who had waited for several months. Recently, we have had patients with type B blood, and the waiting time for type B is short; they are all type A, the waiting time for type A is short, too. For type O, the waiting



time is very long. Relatively speaking, type O patients will have to wait a bit longer, because type O patients have to use type O donor's organs, (oh) This all depends, I can't tell you for sure.

Investigator: Oh, tell me something, about our Director Li Xun. He has been in your hospital for many years, right? (Right) doing surgery? You know why my sister once wanted me to go to your hospital? It was because she had a friend who said that we could ask for the director or the president when we go to your hospital. If we spent a little more money, they could help us find a Falun Gong donor. You have done that before, right? Can you do it for us too?

Doctor: Looking for what?

Investigator: It's Falun Gong, the donor, the one who practices Falun Gong.

Doctor: That we don't have, we don't have it. All donors now are through standard practice, through organ donation. In the past, it was possible to do this kind of thing, that is, um, to get them from those executed, (Eh) now there are no more such things. Now nationwide, it can only be done through voluntary donation, organs have to come from voluntary donors, there are no other types.

Investigator: Right, because my sister's friend told me with certainty that you could do it, so I thought if it was possible...

Doctor: Which year was that? It depends on which year he did it. He stopped doing it in 2000s.

Investigator: Starting from which have there been no more such types? Since which year did you say that there have been no more such types?

Doctor: This, this blood type, and there were those in a car accident in their 20s. There were donors in their 20s who provided organs to those in their 30s, or those in their 50s. (Eh, that's quite good) And there were also people in their 40s who had car accidents!

Investigator: Ah, because didn't they say ...

Doctor: You can't mention that!

Investigator: Oh, then tell me something: President Li has been performing surgeries in your hospital for so many years, and his skills are still good today, right?

Doctor: His surgery skill is mature, very mature.



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Investigator: Right, as you said, you have only done 5 cases this year, which, compared to big cities, are a bit too few. If there are no more...if you could find Falun Gong donors, I think we might consider it.

Doctor: That won't work!

Investigator: Starting from which year did you say that organs from Falun Gong practitioners could no longer be used? Starting from which year could they no longer be used?

Doctor: Didn't I tell you just now? It used to be like that, but not any more.

Investigator: Oh, okay, I got it, okay. So I thank you, and I will discuss it with my family. You don't have this types anymore, so we are less likely to go to your hospital, because you are doing fewer surgeries. We'll think more about it, and then contact you.