



## Investigation Respondent: Nurse with the Kidney Transplantation Department of Shaanxi Provincial People's Hospital

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### Summary

1. Nurse: Because basically if it's one person, doesn't that person have two kidneys? You are just one person, but the other half of the kidney needs to have a recipient too, only then can this kidney be taken out. Basically, when we do kidney transplant, we always do it for two patients simultaneously.
2. Question: So you have to find such a person, remove the kidney here and transplant it there, is that what you mean?  
Answer: Ah, yes, yes. You think about it: if you only picked one here, wouldn't that one be wasted?
3. Question: So you need to find two people, right? After matching, you'll do both at the same time, right?  
Answer: Ah yes.
4. Go see our Dr. Zhang Pengjie, he specializes in kidney transplantation.
5. They are all doctors with our kidney transplant department, Du Peng, Zhang Pengjie, and Chen Rui...
6. Question: More than 100 cases were done a year, right?  
Answer: Pretty much so.
7. Many patients in our department come here for recovery after kidney transplantation.
8. Question: There are quite a lot of kidney sources, right?  
Answer: Ah, quite a lot, yes.

### Investigation Recording

Nurse: Hello! kidney? ? ? (inaudible)

Investigator: Hello! Shaanxi Provincial People's Hospital, right?

Nurse: Ah.

Investigator: Kidney transplant department, right?

Nurse: Ah

Investigator: Ah, this is what I wanted... I wanted to contact your hospital, our family member has uremia. The doctor recommends a kidney transplant as soon as possible...a kidney transplant. I want to contact your hospital and ask you: Is there a long queue at the hospital? And is there a shortage of beds?

Nurse: Well, for a kidney transplant, you need to have a kidney source.

Investigator: Right.

Nurse: Beds are available.

Investigator: Yes, how long do we have to wait for a kidney? Do you have it? Can they do it? If they can do it, we will take the information to the hospital and register.

Nurse: Well, the kidney source...because if it's one person, doesn't one person have two kidneys?

Investigator: Ah yes.



Nurse: You are just one person, and the other half of the kidney needs to have a recipient... only then can this kidney be taken out.

Investigator: Oh, this is how it works!

Nurse: Yes, you think about it: one person has two kidneys, but your transplant ... your transplant only needs one kidney, so you have to... basically, when we do kidney transplant, we always do it for two patients simultaneously.

Investigator: Oh

Nurse: One kidney per person.

Investigator: Oh, so you have to find such a person, remove the kidney here and transplant it there, is that what you mean?

Nurse: Ah, right, right, right.

Investigator: Oh

Nurse: You think about it: if you only picked one here, wouldn't that one be wasted?

Investigator: Um, that's right. So you need to find two people, right? After matching, you'll do both at the same time, right?

Nurse: Ah yes.

Investigator: Oh.

Nurse: By the way, you...you can do it this way. Tomorrow will be Friday. You can come to our hospital to see Dr. Zhang Pengjie, he is the one who specializes in kidney transplantation.

Investigator: Oh, that's how it works. Oh, I looked up online, and there's one named Du Peng, and Sun Jianguo, and so forth.

Nurse: Ah, yes, they are all doctors with our kidney transplant department, Du Peng, Zhang Pengjie, and Chen Rui (inaudible).

Investigator: Oh, so there are several teams doing it, right?

Nurse: Yes, you have to discuss this with our doctor face to face.

Investigator: Yes, right.

Nurse: And finding a kidney source will take time.

Investigator: Oh, you were right. Your hospital is quite...quite good. Er, it can be done this way...isn't it true that it came from the stock?

Nurse: Well... it's not like that. It's all fresh. For example, if someone had a car accident or something like that, and he was in a brain-dead state... it's not that the kidney is removed only after the person is dead, rather, it's when the person is dying... that is, for example, if he gives up treatment or something like that, his kidney will be taken out before he dies.

Investigator: Oh, that's how it is, eh...

Nurse: If it is frozen, it will...that...that kind of kidney can't be in good condition.

Investigator: Right. I think...that is, after the surgery, uh, it won't be safe, right? And this is safe, right?



Nurse: Ah yes.

Investigator: Oh, that is to say...but where does this kidney come from? From where?

Nurse: This... we usually have it even in small hospitals. For example, if someone has a car accident or something, and they give up treatment, they will give our superiors... will give our department a call.

Investigator: Then I will wait in line at your hospital. When you have such an opportunity, then we will come and we will have the transplant done.

Nurse: Ah

Investigator: Ah

Nurse: Ah,

Investigator: Then let me ask one more thing, that is...

Nurse: About more details...okay.

Investigator: That is, the family member said, "find me a good doctor. I need one...one that has good medical skills." And this is what I thought: the more he does, the better his skills will be, right? They.....

Nurse: We have done four cases last year.

Investigator: How many can they do in a month?

Nurse: Well, it mainly depends on the kidney source. If there are more kidney sources, we can do it every month.

Investigator: Oh, then roughly... roughly how many can you do in a year? One to two hundred cases?

Nurse: Last year we did...it's...it's not that many, ha ha (laughing)

Investigator: More than 100 cases, right?

Nurse: More or less, that is... that is, since we opened...from the opening of this department to now, we have been doing it every year.

Investigator: Oh, you've been doing it for a long time, right?

Nurse: Ah yes.

Investigator: Ah, I remember that I had a colleague... there was this... some sort of a patient friend, he said that he had it done in your hospital, just... uh, ten years ago, that is, and he is still alive. So he recommended I come to your hospital.

Nurse: Yes, many patients in our department come here for follow-up examination or that sort of thing after kidney transplantation.

Investigator: Then you have been doing this for a long time, for such a...for ten or twenty years, uh, you've been carrying out this... this transplant... this project, kidney transplantation.

Nurse: Ah, about that long, yes.

Investigator: Oh, but then, how much money do I need to have? I... I'll probably have to get it ready.

Nurse: Uh... you should discuss this with our doctor when the time comes, because everyone is different depending on the specific situation.



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Investigator: There is hope this time. That is to say, this... there are quite a lot of opportunities, right? That is, kidney transplant being done right on the spot. There are quite a lot of kidney sources, right?

Nurse: There are quite a lot, yes.

Investigator: Okay, thank you.

Nurse: Ah, no problem.