

追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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Subject(s): Luo Zhigang, President of the Second Hospital, University of South China

Summary

1. The beds are now fully occupied.
2. The cost for a kidney transplant is over 300,000 yuan, but can be partially reimbursed with medical insurance.
3. A patient needs to stay in the hospital for about a month after the surgery.
4. I have participated in all kidney transplants conducted here at this hospital, so you can rest assured. That I can promise you!

Translation

Investigator: Hello?

Luo Zhigang: Hello?

Investigator: Hello, is this Doctor Luo Zhigang?

Luo Zhigang: Who is this?

Investigator: Uh, I'm at the Central Hospital with my brother here. As I checked with the medical staff here at the inpatient service, they recommended that I contact you. So, if we transfer to your hospital, would there be any beds available?

Luo Zhigang: With so many divisions in our hospital, I can't answer that question. You have to check with the relevant division(s) directly, okay?

Investigator: Don't you do kidney transplants? They recommended specifically that I contact you. Don't you do kidney transplants?

Luo Zhigang: You go make an appointment at our outpatient clinic first, okay?

Investigator: Okay, but I was told that I should consult with a doctor first, so to determine whether there will be a bed available. So, that's why I'm calling you.

Luo Zhigang: Listen, we have the specialist outpatient clinic available on Mondays and Thursdays. You can visit our specialist clinic, all right?

Investigator: Are you available at your specialist outpatient clinic?

Luo Zhigang: No, but we do have the outpatient clinic specifically for kidney transplantation. I am on a business trip now.

Investigator: But I wonder if I could send you his medical records for your review, okay? Would that be appropriate?

Luo Zhigang: You come to our outpatient clinic first, okay?

Investigator: Are you going to be there for us at the clinic then if we come?

Luo Zhigang: One of our doctors will be available at the clinic, and he will keep me informed, okay?

Investigator: I'd like to ask you another question. Do you have any beds available, right now?

Luo Zhigang: There are no beds available now, and all the beds are taken.

Investigator: But I still would like to ask, how long would we have to wait? How long would be the wait time for his surgery after he is admitted into your hospital?

Luo Zhigang: No, it's not like that. There are two major steps involved in the kidney transplant hospitalization. The first step is to bring over the patient's medical records, including his blood type and whatnot. In addition...

Investigator: He has blood type B.

Luo Zhigang: Additionally, we also have to do a so-called "HAL" matching, which is technically too complicated to be explained clearly over the phone simply *via* such a call. There're lots of medical issues involved.

Investigator: But I'm calling you because you are the well-recognized expert at your hospital.

Luo Zhigang: Let me tell you—okay, okay—Listen, there is no problem with that.

Investigator: Right now, my primary concern is whether he could be admitted into your hospital. Then I need to know the wait time. I have to make my own arrangements, such as finding someone to stay by his bed, and I'd like to ask you about these things. Since you are the leading expert, I'd like to consult with you. I will bring you his detailed files.

Luo Zhigang: Ah, yes, yes.

Investigator: Oh.

Luo Zhigang: Now in China, all organ transplants are based on voluntary organ donations. (*Investigator jumping in to speak*) Please let me finish.

Investigator: Okay, how long will it take to find an organ? This is exactly what I wanted to know.

Luo Zhigang: How long will it take to find one...?

Investigator: I'd like to know how long the wait time for an organ is going to be. (As you know, our case) is really urgent.

Luo Zhigang: First of all, it's hard to tell when there will be a donor available...

Investigator: Do we need to wait as an inpatient in the hospital or to wait at home?

Luo Zhigang: There is no need to wait as an inpatient at the hospital. We'll first have to get his tissue typing done with all data, including HAA and PRA, stored at that place. If an organ becomes available, if we find that it matches well in advance, we will notify you. This is how it works.

Investigator: So, we'll wait for your further notice at home, right?

Luo Zhigang: Ah, right, right, that's right.

Investigator: How much is it for a single kidney transplant? We'd like to have an idea first.

Luo Zhigang: For a single kidney transplant, the cost should be approximately over 300,000 yuan.

Investigator: Oh, it's over 300,000 yuan.

Luo Zhigang: You can get some reimbursement if you have medical insurance. I should say, this is pretty much the case now.

Investigator: How long will he need to stay in the hospital after his surgery?

Luo Zhigang: About a month.

Investigator: He can be discharged from the hospital in a month or so, right?

Luo Zhigang: Yes, you're right. Generally speaking, that's how long it takes.

Investigator: If we come to your hospital (for the kidney transplant) and want to do the surgery, you would be available to do it for us yourself, right?

Luo Zhigang: I have participated in all kidney transplants conducted here at this hospital, so you can rest assured. That I can promise you!

Investigator: Oh, it sounds great, thank you!

Luo Zhigang: Okay, okay.

Investigator: Thank you, okay.

Luo Zhigang: Okay, okay, okay..

Investigator: Thank you. Bye!