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Subject(s): Two Doctors, Liver Transplant, the First Affiliated Hospital, Xinjiang Medical University

Summary

- 1. Dr. Bai just performed a liver transplant yesterday. If you call him now, you may not get through.
- 2. Both Director Bai and Director Mi are the directors in charge of liver transplantation here.
- 3. If lucky, you may get it the next day.
- 4. We do two to three cases a month.
- 5. There are only four or five large centers: Tianjin, Shanghai, then Hangzhou, and Henan. They all can do over 300 cases in just a year.
- 6. The largest one is Renji Hospital. At Renji, they do over 400 cases. Last year, they did 800 cases, but they have been doing fewer this year there.
- 7. If you trust us and want to get it done here, we can help you here, you know?

Translation

Doctor 1: Hello. Who are you looking for?

Investigator: Hello. Hi. It's still me. I am Li Yu'ang. For that phone number you gave me just now, 15909009240, I called the number but couldn't get through. It's just not working. Do you think you can just give me the cell phone number of Dr. Bai, so I can contact him directly? Is that okay?

Doctor 1: You give me your cell phone number! As you see, Dr. Bai just performed a liver transplant yesterday. So, if you call him now, you may not get through. I will ask someone in charge of this area to contact you. Is that okay?

Investigator: Oh, how about this, because this is the case, as my younger brother got his tests done down there, his doctor recommended to us two hospitals: one is you guys, the First Affiliated Hospital of the Medical University, and the other is the People's Hospital of Xinjiang, which, according to him, does it too. So you say...

Doctor 1: They don't have the qualifications. I can tell you frankly, right now in Xinjiang the only one meeting the regulations is our hospital. Ah!

Investigator: In the entire Xinjiang, the first one is your hospital, is that so? Because...

Doctor 1: Right now at this moment the only one that meets the regulations for the transplant surgeries is our hospital.

Investigator: Oh...they're not even qualified. Because they said that...about Dr. Bai, I want to ask if Dr. Bai is in your center...

Doctor 1: Wait, just a moment!

Investigator: Oh?

Doctor1: Just a moment please, let me find someone in his group. You talk to him. He is in charge of the liver transplants here.

Investigator: Alright. Thank you.

(Another doctor answering the phone)

Doctor 2: Hello. Hi.

Investigator : Hello? Hello! Hi, hi.

Doctor 2: Hello, hi.

Investigator: Hello. Hi, hi. This is...this is...this is Dr. Bai's research group of Liver Transplant at the First Affiliated Hospital of Xinjiang Medical University, right?

Doctor 2: That's right. Yes, yes.

Investigator: Here's my situation. Oh, my name is Li, Li Yu'ang. I am a family member of a patient. Now in Hami, he has been diagnosed with Hepatitis B, advanced cirrhosis. Then his doctors recommended that he need to have a transplant done soon as his best option at this point...to get his liver transplant done.

Doctor 2: I see. Your brother now has cirrhosis, cirrhosis at...stage, right?

Investigator: Ah, yes, that means he's got it already at its late stage, advanced cirrhosis. I mean the family is in the trading business, so money is not a problem. Now we just hope...

Doctor 2: Listen, I see what you mean. Listen to me, the first thing you need to do is to come and get him admitted into our hospital. Eh, we first need to assess how weak your brother's physical condition is, which we wouldn't know just by listening to you right now. He needs to come and stay in our hospital. To get admitted here, first if we have a bed available in our center, then for sure he'll get admitted into the inpatient service of our center. If no more beds are available in our center, we will first put him in the Internal Medicine of Hepatology.

Investigator: Will it be an outpatient or inpatient assessment?

Doctor 2: Yes. First he'll be assessed at the Internal Medicine of Hepatology for his illness, and his treatment needs. Now, first thing first, if he needs to get a transplant done, he must acquire a liver source. You got it? He must obtain that liver organ before it can be placed in him, right?

Investigator: Yes, yes, yes!

Doctor 2: Right. Before it's placed in, doesn't he first need to be maintained or have his physical condition fine-tuned? Didn't you say he's been getting way too thin right now?

Investigator: Right, right, right.

Doctor 2: You first need to have the patient's condition adjusted before the operation. Don't you agree?

Investigator: Yes, yes, yes. It's like this. Oh.

Doctor 2: First we'll assess his condition, then, as he's admitted into our hospital, you can contact us to get our phone number afterwards. Okay?

Investigator: Okay.

Doctor 2: While he's hospitalized here, you come over and contact us, then we meet. Then as one of his family members, are you making the decisions for your brother, or is his wife, or are your parents making the decisions for him?

Investigator: I'm the one. I can do that for him directly...

Doctor 2: I see. So, so, as the decision maker, as you're making the decisions for him, you need to come to meet with one of our directors, Director Bai, or Director Mi. They

are the directors in charge of the liver transplantation here. He will talk to you about the risks of the surgery.

Investigator: Oh. So, if lucky, how long is the wait time for the surgery?

Doctor 2: If lucky, you may get it done the next day.

Investigator: If lucky, we can get surgery done the next day?

Doctor 2: For the transplant patients, 80% of them are like your case. I totally understand what you're saying now. I hope you first come to our hospital for an assessment to see if your brother is physically suitable for a transplant. Then we will get him registered here. The sooner you come, the sooner we can get him registered. As soon as tomorrow, there could be one that becomes available. But if there is one tomorrow but your brother is not registered here, then that liver source will have to be given to someone else, right? If he is not registered on file, we can't assign one to him. It's the same everywhere you go in the country: One first must get an assessment done, then register, then wait in line before one can get it done.

Investigator: Ah. Are you sure you can help get it scheduled for him in two to three weeks? If everything goes smoothly, and if yes, then I won't need to go door to door and ask other hospitals. We can just drive a few hours from Hami to your hospital, and just go directly to your hospital.

Doctor 2: Here's the situation. No, No, Our place over here is unlike anywhere in the inland. Here we are not. In our region, in Xinjiang, there's a small population, but in the inland, there's a large population.

Investigator: As skilled as you are in the surgeries, about how many cases can you do each month, like those liver transplants?

Doctor 2: Up to two, two to three cases.

Investigator: Oh. Two to three cases a month. That should be considered a lot, right? Two or three cases a month.

Doctor 2: Correct.

Investigator: Oh, then...

Doctor 2: As for the level of the transplants in Xinjiang, that's about it for Xinjiang!

Investigator: Oh?

Doctor 2: If you go to the inland, if you go to Renji Hospital in Shanghai, each year they can do more than 300 cases, 300 to 400 cases.

Investigator: Previously, to be honest, I contacted a transplant center, quite a large transplant center there in Tianjin.

Doctor 2: Right, right, right.

Investigator: I contacted them.

Doctor 2: They don't do as many there in Tianjin, either. In Tianjin, they do 300, or 200 to 300 cases there?

Investigator: They may...

Doctor 2: The largest one is Renji Hospital. At Renji, they do over 400 cases. Last year they did 800 cases, but have done fewer this year there.

Investigator: Renji did 800 cases last year, is that right? Renji Hospital.

Doctor 2: Correct.

Doctor 2: I know how the patients' family members feel. I would do the same if I were you. But that's our situation in Xinjiang here. We can't explain these things clearly over the phone. If you trust us and want to get it done here, we can help you here, you know? But you need to see that Xinjiang certainly cannot compare with the inland. In the inland they have more resources, but also more patients waiting in line. I'm telling you also that there are more people waiting in line. You are just one such an example yourselves. You can't get anything perfect.

Investigator: Right.

Doctor 2: Hangzhou is alright too. There are only four or five large centers there, which are not too many, either. In Tianjin, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Henan, there are relatively large centers. Then you can inquire about them all. They can do over 300 transplants in just a year. But this year, none of them will do too many. I just tell you that ahead of time.

Investigator: Yes.

Doctor 2: Then that's it. I am busy here. Then if you have anything...

Investigator: I understand.

Doctor 2: That's it. I am too busy here!