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Subject(s): Doctor, the Liver Transplant Doctors' Office, the First Affiliated Hospital, Zhengzhou University

Summary

- 1. It is a designated COVID-19 hospital in Wuhan.
- 2. If you come, please make an appointment with our Director Guo Wenzhi for Thursday mornings.
- 3. The wait time wouldn't be very short, and I guess it could be more than two weeks.
- 4. The nuclear acid test at the hospital costs over 300 yuan, and must be paid out of pocket.
- 5. A liver transplant costs 600,000 yuan. The tissue typing cannot be very fast. I guess it would take more than two weeks.
- 6. Zhang Shuijun is retired, but is still in our program. You can make an appointment with him at the clinic.

Translation

Investigator: Hi, greetings!

Doctor: (Talking to another: Lao, stay around for a few minutes, I will need you to do the ECG.) Hi!

Investigator: Hi, how are you? Is this the liver transplant doctors' office at the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Ah. What is your last name? You sounded like you should be a doctor, right?

Doctor: Yeah, yes, what can I do for you?

Investigator: Ah, it is like this. I have a couple of questions here. Well, before the New Year, my husband was diagnosed with advanced cirrhosis, then, we got into the pandemic for a while after the New Year. So I did not get a chance to get registered on the waiting list for the surgery. And now I'd like to know if we come to your hospital, what the situation is like there now?

Doctor: Yes, this is what you can do if you want to come. Please make an appointment with our Director Guo Wenzhi for Thursday mornings.

Investigator: Oh, here's the thing, as we are not in Zhengzhou right now, but in Kaifeng.

Doctor: Okay.

Investigator: So if we come to your place, what would you say the next step should be? For the tissue typing, usually how long would be the wait time?

Doctor: Well, that'd be hard to say, because it's not certain in terms of the wait time.

Investigator: It's not certain? So in your usual cases, as you did previously, how long was the wait time usually? Would it be very short?

Doctor: Well, it wouldn't be very short. I guess it would be more than two weeks.

Investigator: More than two weeks? That is not too bad.

Doctor: Right.

Investigator: Over two weeks. That is shorter than what other hospitals told me. By the way, let me ask you, about Zhang Shuijun, is he still in your program?

Doctor: Yeah, Professor Zhang is still in our program. But he is already retired.

Investigator: He no longer does those operations, right?

Doctor: Basically no.

Investigator: Oh, I see. Well, is your hospital a designated one for COVID-19?

Doctor: Yes, yes.

Investigator: Yes, well, well, can we come and see a doctor? Do you take patients as normal now?

Doctor: It's okay, as our regular clinic is not affected, as long as you have green health code from Alipay.

Investigator: Ah. If we...Ah! In our situation now, for sure we will not get the green health code. Then what can we do at your hospital? Do we need to go through some tests, if we want to come and see a doctor?

Doctor: Hi, have you...have you been exposed to the virus during the pandemic ?

Investigator: Oh, in our... because in our area, our neighborhood does not have it, but our city does.

Doctor: Okay.

Investigator: Do we still need to go through the test for COVID-19?

Doctor: Well, please check if your health code in Alipay is green. If not, I suggest you wait till it becomes green, then come over.

Investigator: Ah, so your hospital does not do the nuclear acid test, the screening test for quarantine, or whatever before admission...?

Doctor: Now, now we don't enforce the test before admission. But if you have exposed to the virus during the pandemic, you must go through the screening test.

Investigator: Ah, so when can you go back to normal? Is the lockdown lifted in your area? Do you...?

Doctor: We need to wait for the notice from the state government for us to go back to normal.

Investigator: Do you have any patients, at your hospital now? Those with COVID-19?

Doctor: No.

Investigator: No, none in your place. Well, as you're a designated COVID-19 hospital, is that referring to your location, or another division of yours?

Doctor: It is our hospital. Any problems?

Investigator: It's your own location! That's what I am worried about. So, if we go there....

Doctor: Ah, there is no use to worry about that.

Investigator: Ah, no use. But we are worried for sure. Because this situation is quite, quite...sometimes it shows symptoms. If we were to go there, it could be that before the liver cancer is healed, the patient could have died (from the virus) in 15 or 20 days.

Doctor: Okay, if you are truly worried, you can come after the pandemic is over.

Investigator: Well, could you... could you give me any information? How long would it take to get back to normal?

Doctor: No.

Investigator: No.

Doctor: The state government's direction is the only official guide.

Investigator: So recently there must be nobody going to your place, patients like us who would like to come and see the doctors?

Doctor: Many of them.

Investigator: Ah? Quite a lot! There are indeed patients with bigger guts than we. Oh, do you do operations, right now?

Doctor: We've been doing it.

Investigator: Ah, if you've been doing it, then I can feel assured. If other patients can get their transplants done, let's say, in a week or two, then we can consider it. I thought that you no longer took any patients, being a designated COVID-19 hospital.

Doctor: Ah.

Investigator: Well, about Zhang Shuijun...So now we can only make an appointment with Director Guo for Thursdays, right?

Doctor: Ah...

Investigator: Is that so?

Doctor: Yeah.

Investigator: Anybody else, other than Director Guo, because that Professor Zhang was recommended by our neighbor?

Doctor: If you have no other options, Professor Zhang still sees patients at the clinic. If you have no other options, you can make an appointment to see him at the clinic.

Investigator: Ah, Zhang, Zhang, you mean that Zhang Shuijun?

Doctor: You can see him at his clinic by appointment. After you get the hospitalization card, you can directly come to our program.

Investigator: Ah, you don't enforce the nuclear acid test, right? So I'll bring the health code, is there anything else I need to know?

Doctor: Oh. As long as you haven't been infected by the virus or exposed to it, you'll be okay.

Investigator: Ah, anything else? Nothing else, right?

Doctor: No more. If it does not work out, you can go through the screening test at the clinic.

Investigator: Ah, going through the test at the clinic. If we do that, would that be free?

Doctor: No.

Investigator: Ah. We have to pay the expenses. How much money? We have to pay out of pocket? Because we don't have (Doctor: About...) health insurance here.

Doctor: A bit over 300 yuan or so.

Investigator: Ah. The nuclear acid test for COVID-19 costs over 300 yuan. That is not too bad.

Doctor: Right.

Investigator: If we go through a transplant here, how much would it cost?

Doctor: Well, let's discuss that later.

Investigator: Because we will not use any health insurance, we will have to pay all the expenses here by ourselves and don't have....

Doctor: It depends on the specific situation.

Investigator: Specifically, how much roughly would it cost? It cannot be a small number for sure, so we have to prepare for it, please tell me.

Doctor: About 600,000 yuan.

Investigator: About 600, 000 yuan. Ah, okay, I got it now. Well, I will check it out on the internet before we come for a visit.

Doctor: Well, you can make an appointment and see Professor Zhang.

Investigator: Okay, okay. Thank you then. I'll let you go back to your work. Sorry for the trouble. Okay, thanks. Goodbye.