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Subject(s): Doctor Liu, Organ Transplant, the Second Affiliated Hospital, Hainan Medical University

Summary

1. We do a lot. We do over one hundred cases of kidney transplants a year, but cannot do as many liver transplants.
2. (The wait time) is one month or three month. I am not sure about that.
3. Investigator: Can they go to visit the donors' families? They hope they can express their gratitude a bit.
Doctor Liu: That is not allowed. Not allowed! The organ donor and its recipient do not get in touch with each other directly.
4. If you want to know more details, I suggest that you come here and learn about it face-to-face. After all, it cannot be explained clearly over the phone.
5. For the time being, we do liver transplants for locals only.
6. A kidney transplant costs 500,000 (yuan); for a liver transplant, one million (yuan) has to be prepared. If any infection happens, then the cost will be higher for sure.
7. Investigator: In Guangzhou, there is a brain-death center. Do you also have such a center there?
Doctor Liu: Let's not talk about those things over the phone, okay?
8. Tonight, I've told you quite a lot, too much already!

Translation

Doctor: Hello, how are you? (This is) Transplant.

Investigator: How are you? Is this Organ Transplant at the Second Affiliated Hospital of

Hainan Medical University?

Doctor: Yes, yes, yes. How can I help you?

Investigator: How are you? I'm calling you from Thailand. Now I have a few questions to ask.

(Another doctor picking up the phone)

Doctor Liu: Hello!

Investigator: Hello. Can you hear me?

Doctor Liu: Who is this? Who's this?

Investigator: Ah. Here's the case. I'm...My last name is Liang. I'm calling you from Thailand because we have a few patients here who want to go to your place for kidney transplants, because the climate at your place is a bit similar to ours. Therefore, I'd like to consult with you to learn more about your hospital. That's my situation. Do you still do those... kidney transplants? I learned from the internet that you are still doing those.

Dr. Liu: Aha, your patients are friends from Thailand, right?

Investigator: Right, right, right. They're from Thailand. Because a few patients from our place want to go to your hospital, then I'd like to ask you, if these patients go to your place, how long will they need to wait to be hospitalized? I mean whether they'll need to wait for beds there?

Dr. Liu: Ah. Basically, we have abundant beds available here, relatively speaking.

Investigator: Oh, relatively abundant. That is to say, if two or three patients come, basically they can be hospitalized once they arrive, right?

Doctor Liu: Right. However, you need to make an appointment with me ahead of time. For example, if you want to come tomorrow, you let me know today and I will reserve beds for you.

Investigator: Oh. Still need to reserve beds. That means you are approaching your capacity?

Doctor Liu: Right. However, for you, for example, you come from Thailand, right?
(Investigator: Right. I'll book air tickets). Because you need beds on the same day when you arrive here, you must have a plan! Call me when you'll come, and I will reserve beds for you.

Investigator: Okay. So, Doctor, please let me know your last name, so I can find you later

because I'm now calling the office.

Doctor Liu: Uh, my last name is Liu, composed of "wen" and "dao".

Investigator: Oh, it's Liu, the one with "wen" and "dao". Ah, Doctor Liu.

Dr. Liu: Right, right. It's Liu, the same last name as Liu Bang.

Investigator: Uh, so, in your center, are you the only doctor with the last name of Liu? Otherwise, I may find the wrong person.

Doctor: Uh. It's just I myself who have the last name of Liu.

Investigator: Oh. Only you have the last name of Liu. So, may I ask how long it takes for the surgery to be done at your hospital, because we need to think about the cost?

Doctor Liu: Ah. We need to look at the blood type.

Investigator: Blood type, oh, that means it (the wait time) can be short or long, right?

Doctor Liu: Uh, now at our place...I do not know the situations elsewhere around the world, but just across China, there are relatively more patients with blood type O on the waiting list.

Investigator: Oh. Relatively more patients with blood type O on the waiting list?

Dr. Liu: Yeah. The wait time may be a little shorter for other blood types; it may be longer for blood type O.

Investigator: A long time...about how long? As you said, it takes a long time. Do you have a ballpark figure because we...?

Doctor Liu: Uh, roughly, at our place, there were quite a lot of patients who waited for a year or longer.

Investigator: One year! It's hard to say whether that patient would still be alive. If for other blood types, say blood type B, what is the shortest (wait time)? About how long is it?

Doctor Liu: The wait time is about three months to one year.

Investigator: It's also three months to one year! Then you can do very few transplants, with patients waiting for up to a year, right?

Doctor Liu: We do a lot actually! We do over one hundred cases of kidney transplants a year!

Investigator: (As you do) over one hundred cases, how come the wait time is so long? Waiting for three months to one year...then how about the beds?

Doctor Liu: That only means that we have relatively a lot of patients waiting. We have relatively a lot of patients!

Investigator: Then, say, if my patients go there, do they wait in the hospital or they need to rent a place to wait?

Doctor: Either is okay.

Investigator: However, would the cost be fairly high if they wait in your hospital?

Doctor Liu: Yes.

Investigator: Here there is a financial (issue)...

Doctor Liu: Ah. If you simply do the tissue tying, we suggest that you stay (in our hospital) for three to five days, then rent a place outside to wait.

Investigator: Oh. However, at your hospital, the shortest (wait time) is three months, right?

Doctor Liu: I'm not sure about that. That three month figure, as I just told you, is a rough estimate.

Investigator: Okay.

Doctor Liu: Because as for our donated organs, they (organs) are all donated voluntarily. So, such donations can happen only when those donors are dying and willing to do so. Therefore, I cannot control that.

Investigator: For instance, as you know, some Tai patient once talked about it...as you know, in Thailand, many people believe in Buddhism. They raised a question, that is, if they do the surgeries and they know who these donors are, can they go visit the donors' families? They hope they can express their gratitude a bit.

Doctor Liu: That is not allowed. Not allowed!

Investigator: That means...

Doctor Liu: At our place, the organ donor and its recipient do not get in touch with each other directly, but can communicate only through our Chinese Red Cross Society.

Investigator: Oh, that is to say, the recipient cannot get in touch with the donor, right?

Doctor Liu: That's right. We must go through the Chinese Red Cross Society. The direct communication between the donor and the recipient is definitely not allowed; we do not provide that information, either.

Investigator: Oh, you don't provide the information. So, at your hospital, for those donated organs, or your organ sources, nobody knows when they would become available, and no one knows anything about the health conditions of those donors, either.

Doctor Liu: That's right. The organ donations have nothing to do with our hospital either, but have much to do with the Chinese Red Cross Society. These things are decided by them, that is, whether a donation can be accepted is up to the Chinese Red Cross Society to decide, not our hospital.

Investigator: Then for your organ sources, say, if a donor is allocated to you but dies or whatever, wouldn't his organs already become hardened upon arrival at your hospital?

Dr. Liu: Ah, that is not the case. On that, we have a time limit.

Investigator: Ah, then, say, after the donor is dead, then (the organ) gets allocated, then the time it takes...including extracting the organ and performing the surgery, I feel that time would be quite long.

Dr. Liu: Rest assured about that. Our Chinese Red Cross works very efficiently.

Investigator: Oh, Red Cross Society? They're very efficient?

Doctor Liu: If you want to learn more details, I suggest that you come here to learn in person, because many things cannot be explained clearly over the phone.

Investigator: Okay, I know what you mean. At least I need to know the basics because we're so far away and need to check out a few places. We also have the issue of financial planning, you know. Besides, the patients need to know how much money they'll have to prepare, how long it will take, or whether the organs are good—all these things are among the questions that need to be addressed. I've now first picked Hainan because the climate is similar to that of Thailand. However, I also need to see which hospital can best serve our needs and wishes. We're also learning about that. Now here's my question: what roughly would be your cost?

Doctor Liu: As for the cost, it would be about 500,000 yuan.

Investigator: About 500,000 yuan. It does not include (the treatment) for special (situations) such as infections; costs for other things are not included, right? So, 500,000 yuan only covers the best-case scenario at your hospital.

Doctor Liu: If any infection happens, then the cost for sure will be higher.

Investigator: Then how long (does the patient) need to be hospitalized? That is not known?

Doctor Liu: It depends on whether the patient recovers well.

Investigator: Usually, for the younger ones, the best patients, for example, are there any...usually I pick those with ages of between 30 and 50. Is that better? So, the patients... (Doctor Liu: are you talking about the patients?) We dare not take old people.

Doctor Liu: That is not a problem.

Investigator: Not a problem, right? Is there an age factor? For example, at what age...at an old age, he would easily get infected, or recover slowly or whatever, so, is there such an age issue? So, I need to consult about that.

Doctor Liu: Yes. However, that does not mean it cannot be done.

Investigator: It can be done?

Doctor Liu: It can be done, but you need to accept the risks, right?

Investigator: Yes. I also need to consider their financial situations: some are very wealthy; some do their own businesses; but some are not well off. When we take those individual cases, we need to be especially careful. It's like that. Also I would like to ask whether you do liver transplants, at your hospital?

Doctor Liu: We do.

Investigator: You do both kidney and liver transplants?

Doctor Liu: Yes!

Investigator: So, you can do both kidney and liver transplants. Then your skills must be excellent!

Investigator: Our hospital is the only one doing the transplants in Hainan. Other hospitals cannot do those.

Investigator: Oh. Then I called the right place. You are the first hospital I called. Oh. You are the only one who can do those.

Doctor Liu: Ah, but for liver transplants, we only take on locals.

Investigator: Oh. Liver transplants are done for locals only?

Doctor Liu: For the time being, we do them for locals only.

Investigator: Is it because for your resources, you do not have that many doctors, or you have too many patients?

Doctor Liu: Oh. It involves other issues. We only do them for locals for now.

Investigator: If you do not do a lot, are there any issues that your technical skills are not that matured?

Doctor Liu: Our technical skills have definitely matured.

Investigator: Oh. The technical skills are definitely matured. Then for your liver (transplants), can you also do over a hundred cases, as you do for the kidney transplants?

Doctor Liu: That definitely cannot be done. It definitely cannot be done.

Investigator: It's 500,000 yuan for a kidney transplant, then how much is it for a liver transplant?

Doctor Liu: For a liver, a liver (transplant) may need a million yuan.

Investigator: In your region in Hannan, your (hospital) is the only one that does (the transplants). I've heard that in Guangzhou, there is a brain-death center. Is there such a center at your place? I heard about it from my friend, as I want to get a transplant done, I'd like to know about it. In Guangzhou, there is a brain-death center. Some of their organs are extracted in their own hospital; some are taken in the brain-death center. So, at your place, do you excise the organs in your hospital or you have them taken in a brain-death center there?

Doctor Liu: Ha, ha, ha. Let's not talk about those things over the phone, okay?

Investigator: Because that is related to the organ quality!

Doctor Liu: If you want to know about that, you can come over here to learn in person.

Investigator: I also would like to come over...I'd like to. However, there should be some general information available so I can think it over.

Doctor Liu: Listen here, I've already talked a lot to you over the phone tonight. If you want to know more details, I still suggest you come here and learn about it face-to-face.

Investigator: Oh. Learn about it face-to-face.

Doctor Liu: Then the doctors in our hospital or in our center are all okay. You don't

necessarily have to find me.

Investigator: Don't necessarily have to find you and other doctors are also fine.

Doctor Liu: Yes, because sometimes I am on duty and sometimes I am not.

Investigator: Okay. Anyway, I will call your office number to ask you questions: for example, when the time comes, what I need to do when I arrive the next day, ask whether you have beds and the next steps, etc. Nevertheless, don't you think it is also quite convenient to consult over the phone? Why do I have to go there in person to inquire about your place. I do not understand.

Doctor Liu: After all, these things cannot be explained very clearly over the phone.

Investigator: Then if we talk face-to-face, aren't we going to chat like this too? Isn't chatting over the phone done in the same way? Why can't you provide more details over the phone, but insist that we meet face-to-face, instead?

Doctor Liu: I don't even know who you are over the phone.

Investigator: Don't know who I am? Then do you have to know me to give a consultation? A consultation can only be done for an acquaintance...?

Doctor Liu: Over the phone, I've told you a lot tonight, too much already!

Investigator: Well, thank you very much. So, I will think about it. I will learn more about it. Thank you. I will check out how other hospitals do as well. Okay. Thank you. Okay.

Doctor: Okay.