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Subjects: Li Guowei, Kidney Transplant Surgeon, Xijing Hospital Affiliated to the Air Force Medical University (aka the Fourth Military Medical University)

Summary

1. The surgery could only be performed at Xijing Hospital, and the surgeons there are all directors.
2. “So there was no such thing as Falun Gong practitioners like you said at all. There is no such thing right now. It seems that since 2013 or 2014, this thing has stopped.” “Unless you have strong connections, very strong connections. Richer people all want to use this kind (of donors).” “If you caught up with the batch before 2013, and the effects of these transplants were very good.”
3. Li is a kidney transplant doctor at Xijing Hospital. He said, “I know and understand this better.”
4. “Now only the First Affiliated Hospital of Xi’an Jiaotong University and Xijing (Hospital) are doing this surgery in the entire Shaanxi Province.”
5. Xijing Hospital does more than 300 cases of kidney transplantation per year.
6. In Xijing Hospital, there’s one director whose family name is Qin, and the other one with a family name of Yuan. The two directors perform the kidney transplant surgeries.
7. “The majority of the people are unwilling to donate now, and fewer and fewer people are willing to donate. You have no other way to get kidney sources now.”
8. “We are also willing to use them! In the past, the state allowed hospitals to use the kidneys from executed prisoners. Those donors were really good. After we did the surgeries ourselves, we all knew that the effects of this kind of donors were really good.”

9. "He had already asked the organ transplant center in Tianjin, and the kidney source alone would cost 350,000 yuan in cash. So he did the transplant here."
10. "Although there are car accidents on the road every day, the problem is that not every day you have donations"
11. "It is useless for the donor to sign it himself. When the time comes, the donor's family members must agree. If they don't, the organs can't be donated even if you have a written consent."
12. "The so-called allocation by the Red Cross Society are...the officials... it is totally just based on a sentence of the officials!"
13. "Wherever you have acquaintances, you can do the transplant there. This is because as family members of a patient, you have no right to know the information of the donor, and no one will tell you this information, either. To put it bluntly, whether (the organ) replacement is from a 50-year-old or a 60-year-old, whether it has stopped or not in the past and how is the quality of the kidney source. All of you won't know. You get the (organ) without knowing anything about it."
14. "For these things, you can just come, I'll tell you when you arrive. I can't explain them clearly on the phone."
15. If you are not picky about the kidney source, whether the kidney comes from a 50 (year-old) or 60 (year-old), you can all accept it. If this is the case, it will be done very quickly.

Translation

Investigator: Hello! Hello! Is this Mr. Li, Mr. Li Guowei?

Li Guowei: Yes!

Investigator: Hi, how are you? I just called the kidney transplant department of the provincial hospital, and a nurse there told me to call you. This is Han Mei. Did she call you?

Li Guowei: Ah, she told me briefly about you.

Investigator: I want to bring my husband here for an organ transplant.

Li Guowei: He is now...what's his blood type?

Investigator: Type B, 45 years old.

Li Guowei: Very young.

Investigator: Right. Could you help refer us to a hospital? Is it Xijing (Hospital) or Tangdu (Hospital) that nurse just mentioned?

Li Guowei: Uh, it can only be done in Xijing. Tangdu is not qualified to perform organ transplants. You can only do it at Xijing Hospital.

Investigator: Oh, at Xijing (Hospital). You can make arrangements for us, right? That is, you can help connect us with a surgeon or the dean over there, right?

Li Guowei: Yes, right.

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Investigator: Then you introduce me to Xijing (Hospital). Should we go to find the director? That is, you mean we should wait for the tissue typing or anything else? How long do we need to wait? For the surgery?

Li Guowei: Since the kidney sources nowadays are not like the previous ones. The previous kidney sources were all prisoners. Now they are all donations after circulatory death (DCD). We all rely on this kind of donations now. To be honest, we don't know when a donation will come! She told you to come to me, to be honest, that's because you want to find him a young (donor), right?

Investigator: Right!

Li Guowei: You have to happen to have a young donor.

Investigator: Let me be honest with you, Mr. Li, since my elder sister's neighbor's father had a surgery in the provincial hospital previously, and (the donor was) someone that practiced Falun Gong, I just called the provincial hospital at that time. Then they said that there were very few now, and there were very few allocated to them by the Red Cross Society. (They told me to) find you and that it would be very fast to arrange (a surgery) at Xijing or Tangdu, and that you could help us arrange it.

Li Guowei: If you are not picky, if you are not picky about the kidney source, whether the kidney comes from a fifty (year-old) or sixty (year-old), you can all accept it. If this is the case, it will be done very quickly.

Investigator: How long?

Li Guowei: This will be very fast as long as the blood types match.

Investigator: One week? Can we go?

Li Guowei: Maybe 3 to 4 months.

Investigator: But it is too long to wait for 3 to 4 months. This is because when I was at Xi'an Jiaotong University, I went to my elder sister to find her connections to inquire

about this. They said that if I wanted to go there, just like what you just said, if we were not picky, it could be done within a week. That is, if you have connections, you could do it in a week. If we come to Xijing, it will take 3 to 4 months, it is just like the normal procedure. So if we wait for a young donor for 3 to 4 months, shouldn't we get one? I mean we will wait for the kind that practices Falun Gong.

Li Guowei: As for young donors, it depends on your luck. You can only try your luck.

Investigator: At Xijing, the one you find for me is the director? Who is the chief surgeon?

Li Guowei: As for the chief surgeon, the chief surgeon, you find a kidney source first, if you do the transplant, it must be Director Qin who performs the surgery.

Investigator: Ah, a director, what's the director's name?

Li Guowei: His last name is Qin, the director's last name is Qin. One director's family name is Qin, and the other one's family name is Yuan. The two directors perform the surgeries. You mainly have to have the thing (organ). Without (the organ)...as for the surgery, the techniques are very mature by now. Even an attending physician can do the operation. But there must be a kidney source. How can you do it without a kidney source?

Investigator: Have they been doing it for many years? You said that the directors' skills are very good, and as long as there is a kidney source, there is no problem with the techniques. What are the post-operative complications?

Li Guowei: There is no problem with the techniques. Post-operative complications mainly depend on the patient himself, because now the immuno-suppressants are very good. The majority of the complications have little to do with rejections; most of them are actually infections. There are many reasons for infections to occur. The later stage recovery mainly depends on the patient himself. It depends on himself and his in-home care. It mainly depends on these.

Investigator: Oh, hey, you said that Xijing (Hospital) had been doing this for many years, and then how many cases can they do in a year?

Li Guowei: More than 300 cases.

Investigator: More than 300 cases a year, what is the last name of the director you mentioned?

Li Guowei: One director's surname is Qin and the other one's surname is Yuan...

Investigator: Let me tell you that I want (a donor) who practices Falun Gong. How long should I have to wait right now?

Li Guowei: Let me tell you that there is no such a thing. There is no such thing as Falun Gong practitioners. You don't know anything about this at all. DCD donations are from

brain-dead patients, who donate this kind of kidneys. This kind of kidneys are what I told you about. Who knows when someone will donate one? The majority of the people are unwilling to donate now, and fewer and fewer people are willing to donate. You have no other way to get kidney sources now. Because it was possible to use executed prisoners' kidneys previously, but now the state does not allow it.

Investigator: (Allowed by) the state previously?

Li Guowei: We are also willing to use them! In the past, the state allowed hospitals to use the kidneys from executed prisoners. Those donors were really good. After we did the surgeries ourselves, we all knew that the effects of this kind of donors were really good. So there was no such thing as Falun Gong practitioners like you said at all. There is no such thing right now. It seems that since 2013 or 2014, this thing has stopped.

Investigator: Oh, then my elder sister's neighbor caught up with the last batch, it was maybe five or six years ago. (His father) did it. Then you can't find (this kind of organs) even if you are pay (a lot of) money now? Mr. Li, could you please help me?

Li Guowei: That kind (of organs) are illegal now, like I said to you, the kind that you mentioned is illegal! No one dares to obtain one for you right now.

Investigator: Mr. Li, are you also a kidney transplant surgeon? Or you are. . .

Li Guowei: Yes!

Investigator: Ah, are you in Xijing (Hospital)?

Li Guowei: I work in the hospital. I know and understand this better. Because they don't do this operation anymore in the provincial hospital. Now only the First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University and Xijing (Hospital) are doing this surgery in the entire Shaanxi Province. The other hospitals have all stopped.

Investigator: Ah, right. When I called her (i.e. the provincial hospital nurse) just now, they said they did very few cases. But the three directors, whose profiles they put on their website, all had a lot of information. It's about kidney transplants.

Li Guowei: Those were what they did before. Their hospital was previously qualified for performing organ transplants. Now they don't do kidney transplant surgeries at all.

Investigator: Ah, you are also in the hospital system, and you know more about this field.

Li Guowei: Right!

Investigator: You may be able to talk to them, right?

Li Guowei: Yes, yes, let me tell you now, if (your husband) is 45 years old, and if your financial situation is not bad, I suggest that you choose or find young kidney sources.

Investigator: Right! Beijing No. 302 Hospital. Previously, my mother-in-law's relatives asked about it, they said that at that time, when they did the tissue typing two years ago, it was over 500,000 yuan, and you were able to obtain (a donor) who practiced Falun Gong. (The doctor) promised us that at the time that it was doable, but it was 500,000 or 600,000 yuan, which was almost the same. Just for one kidney, transplanting one kidney.

Li Guowei: So the 500,000 or 600,000 yuan they told you was for the entire surgery or just one kidney alone?

Investigator: Everything, all included.

Li Guowei: All included, right?

Investigator: Yes, they said that if the recovery was good.

Li Guowei: It's around that amount. He (i.e. Han Mei's husband) must still be here. If he is sure (to do the transplant), whether he wants to consider doing the transplant at Xijing or at Jiaotong University, he has to come in person. This physical examination is very quick!

Investigator: Mr. Li, you speak a little bit too fast. I haven't heard some of the things you said clearly. You said...

Li Guowei: I say that you can make a special trip here. Even if the patient doesn't come in person, you can make a special trip, go to the First Affiliated Hospital of Jiaotong University, and let your sister take you to see that doctor and ask him.

Investigator: I think that Xijing, the Xijing Hospital you just mentioned...since it is a military hospital, I think that as a military hospital, they should be relatively strict in all aspects of their management. You suggested just now that I should first bring my husband here to you, and then go to Xijing Hospital to do the tissue typing, to do the tissue typing again, and then if it's good and fast, maybe if we are lucky, we can find (a donor), so we can have it done in one day or two, or on the very day. So there's this possibility, right?

Li Guowei: No, not very likely. Those from car accidents are the best, because they have no primary illnesses. But for this kind, although there are car accidents on the road every day, the problem is that not every day you have donations. Not every injured person in a car accident would donate his/her organs.

Investigator: Yes, for that kind of car accidents, we will go to the scene of the accident and ask him/her (i.e. the victim)? Wouldn't he/she already have a written consent?

Li Guowei: You have to ask him/her? The thing is that it is useless to sign the organ donation consent in advance. It is useless for the donor to sign it himself. When the time comes, the donor's family members must agree. If they don't, the organs can't be donated even if you have a written consent.

Investigator: Oh! It can't be used like that, right?

Li Guowei: Right, it can't be used, either; the consent of the family members must be obtained!

Investigator: Are you arranging for these things or are the organs allocated by the Red Cross Society? It is not for sure that they will be allocated to our hospital, right?

Li Guowei: The so-called allocation by the Red Cross Society are...the officials... it is totally just based on a sentence of the officials!

Investigator: Yes, the key is that there are many people in the queue at Xi'an Jiaotong University. I don't know about Xijing. If they always do it this way, they must have strong connections in the middle segments. So will they give (an organ) to us? Will there be our turn?

Li Guowei: To be frank, specifically, I'll tell you when you come! I'll tell you when you come here.

Investigator: Sure.

Li Guowei: Anyway, what specifically you want to know, I'll tell you when we meet face-to-face.

Investigator: Yes, do you have anything else to instruct me?

Li Guowei: It is best that your husband can come. If he comes, we can do the blood test and tissue typing together.

Investigator: Right, I'm just going to talk to my parents-in-law right now, whether we are going to do it in Beijing or in Xi'an.

Li Guowei: If you do a transplant in Beijing, 600,000 yuan should not be enough right now. Because one kidney source in Tianjin costs 350,000 yuan now, it will only be more than that in Beijing, not less.

Investigator: Now it takes 350,000 yuan to just get a kidney source! Then that's not enough. If you are hospitalized for one month, 600,000 yuan wouldn't be enough.

Li Guowei: The hospitalization costs about 200,000 yuan, it's about 200,000 yuan.

Investigator: Yes, then basically ~

Li Guowei: Let me tell you, since now there are a lot of people in need of kidneys, the kidney resources in Shaanxi are the cheapest, because one costs 100,000 yuan, which is the cheapest. These are very expensive in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. I know that it costs 350,000 yuan in Tianjin. It will only be higher in Beijing than that in Tianjin, or at least the same as in Tianjin. The organ transplant center in Tianjin is actually quite

good. The childhood friend of one of our classmates had an organ transplant in our hospital this year. I asked him at the time: “Why don’t you do the transplant in Tianjin?” Because he’s from Tianjin. He said that because the kidney sources in Tianjin were too expensive. He had already asked the organ transplant center in Tianjin, and the kidney source alone would cost 350,000 yuan in cash. So he did the transplant here.

Investigator: Yes, I saw this. According to their introduction (on their website), their volume is particularly (large).

Li Guowei: I can only tell you to search for it as much as possible. Wherever you have acquaintances, you can do the transplant there. This is because as family members of a patient, you have no right to know the information of the donor, and no one will tell you this information, either. To put it bluntly, whether (the organ) replacement is from a 50-year-old or a 60-year-old, whether it has stopped or not in the past and how is the quality of the kidney source. All of you won’t know. You get the (organ) without knowing anything about it. This is the case.

Investigator: Right.

Li Guowei: If you go to your acquaintances, you can select (an organ). It’s as simple as that.

Investigator: Yes, it is like this. So my elder sister’s neighbor told me this at the time, like the indicators you just mentioned, whether the donor was on any medication or if his/her heart had suddenly stopped... Because he and I had the same idea at that time, we both wanted (a donor) who practiced Falun Gong, because we knew that Falun Gong (practitioners) had definitely not used any medicine, and their health was excellent, so they were special. At that time, we came for this. So I just want to ask which hospital (is using such donors)...

Li Guowei: Now no more. This kind doesn’t exist nowadays. Who has a way (to obtain such organs)? Unless you have strong connections, very strong connections. Richer people all want to use this kind (of donors).

Investigator: Oh, that’s right. Sometimes it’s hard to tell these things.

Li Guowei: If you caught up with the batch before 2013, and the effects of these transplants were very good. Some time ago, the brother of a friend of ours did a transplant more than a dozen years ago, and he is still living very well now. This is because the donor was very good at the time. There’s nothing you can do.

Investigator: How and when can I find you? Are you in the provincial hospital or which hospital?

Li Guowei: When you arrive, you just come to Xijing (Hospital). There’s no need to go to the provincial hospital.

Investigator: Ah, right at Xijing.

Li Guowei: It's useless for you to do the tissue typing in the provincial hospital. You just come to Xijing to do it here. If you plan to come, the blood tests are done on Tuesdays and Thursdays, that is, you must arrive in Xi'an on a Monday or a Wednesday.

Investigator: Do I need to make an appointment?

Li Guowei: No appointment is needed. Tissue typing does not need an appointment. When the time comes, you come here directly, and just bring the patient's ID card.

Investigator: I should go straight to your hospital, on a Tuesday or Thursday, right? As you mentioned.

Li Guowei: Right. Blood tests and tissue typing are done on every Tuesday and Thursday. But you should come first.

Investigator: Ah. Can you tell me the name of Director Yuan, and what's the name of the other director? What's Director Yuan's (first) name? His name is...?

Li Guowei: You go directly to the (website of the) urology department of Xijing Hospital. It says (the names) there. One is Qin Weijun, the other one is Yuan Jianlin.

Investigator: Well, sure.

Li Guowei: For these things, you can just come, I'll tell you when you arrive. I can't explain them clearly on the phone.

Investigator: Well, you'd better talk to me over the phone, and then I'll talk with my mother-in-law and the others to determine the specific situation. Otherwise, if we go...

Li Guowei: I can't tell you some things here (i.e. over the phone). Your husband doesn't need to come at first. You can come first.

Investigator: Okay, okay.

Li Guowei: This will do.

Investigator: Then are there any other expenses? Or anything else to prepare?

Li Guowei: There should be no other expenses for now.

Investigator: None for now.

Li Guowei: Should be none for now.

Investigator: Okay, then I have no more (questions). Sorry for bothering you, Mr. Li.

Li Guowei: No problem.

Investigator: Okay, bye, thank you.