

## **9. Beijing Red Cross Society, Peking Union Medical College Hospital Body Donation Station** Date: August 30, 2018

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## Summary

1. Beijing does not accept body donations or organ donations from other provinces or cities. "It's limited to one's own locality."

- 2. Investigator: Really? For each hospital, doesn't each hospital have their own (donated bodies and organs) that they would use? Do they still donate to your organization?
- Red Cross Officer: Oh, is it possible that the hospitals are not...like the Red Cross? Ah, it seems that their scientific research is not as accurate or reliable (as the one we do)?
- 3. How many bodies can be donated in one year? "It's hard to tell."

## **Phone Investigation**

Red Cross Officer: Hello!

Investigator: Hello! Is that Peking Union Medical College organ donation site, the work station?

Red Cross Officer: Organ donation?

Investigator: Yes.

Red Cross Officer: For organ donation, I can only provide you with a phone number.

Investigator: Oh, please tell me. Isn't this the place?

Red Cross Officer: No.

Investigator: Oh, not here?

Red Cross Officer: Here is for body, body donation.

Investigator: Oh, body donation. Here is for body donation. Then let me talk about the body donation. So, is it for the whole-body donation, right?



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Red Cross Officer: Yes, correct.

- Investigator: What's your process? I have a friend from Tangshan. One of his family members has a serious illness. He may be in the late stage of his illness. He wants to donate his dead body to Beijing, but not locally. He wants to inquire about this situation.
- Red Cross Officer: We do not accept donations from other provinces or cities. It has to be from Beijing. (They) have to pass away in Beijing.

Investigator: Oh, oh. So, this is the case?

Red Cross Officer: It cannot be people, who passed away outside of Beijing.

Investigator: Oh, he's not qualified. So, it has to be someone from Beijing?

Red Cross Officer: Yes. There are (body donation sites) in other provinces and cities. You can tell him to apply locally.

Investigator: Oh, can he transfer (his application to Beijing) after applying?

Red Cross Officer: Yes. Let him apply locally.

Investigator: Will organ donation be accepted from other provinces?

Red Cross Officer: None of them will be accepted. It's limited to one's own locality.

Investigator: Oh, I got it. Then why does the Union Medical College Hospital have this kind of (accepted body) and organ donations?

Red Cross Officer: Then you call the Red Cross! Call the Red Cross Society.

Investigator: Isn't your place the Red Cross Society?



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Red Cross Officer: Write down...I will give you the number for Red Cross Society's organ donation (department). 6559... (6559 6017). There is also a cellphone number: 1591... (1591 0674 905). You call this phone number for organ transplant.

Investigator: Is the organ transplantation also at Union Medical College Hospital?

Red Cross Officer: It (belongs to) the Red Cross, all (belong to) the Red Cross.

Investigator: It belongs to Beijing Red Cross?

Red Cross Officer: Yes, correct.

Investigator: Oh, for the cellphone number (you gave to me), to whom will I talk? What's his last name?

Red Cross Officer: You just need to talk to someone responsible for organ transplantation. You can ask, "Is that the organ transplantation (department)? I am from..., I have this application and idea." You ask and consult him, okay?

Investigator: Ah~ Are there a lot of organ donations? This (organ) transplantation or (organ) transplantation from the deceased? Are people relatively open-minded now to be all willing to donate (their organs)?

Red Cross Officer: I am not sure about the organ donation, because there're certain requirements. You need to ask them. I gave you this number, and you can call it.

Investigator: Oh, what I mean is the body donation. For example, this friend of mine wants to donate his body. Red Cross Officer: The body has to be in Beijing. Only the ones, who passed away in Beijing, are accepted!

Investigator: Are there a lot of body donations in Beijing? Like this kind?

Red Cross Officer: Yes, there are a lot.

Investigator: Really? For each hospital, doesn't each hospital have their own (donated bodies and organs) that they would use? Do they still donate to your organization?



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Red Cross Officer: Oh, is it possible that the hospitals are not...like the Red Cross? Ah, it seems that their scientific research is not as accurate or reliable (as the one we do)?

Investigator: For example, there are so many hospitals in Beijing, such as the Armed Police Hospital and Chao-Yang Hospital. They all do a lot (of organ transplants). Don't they have any cooperation with your Red Cross Society regarding body donation?

Red Cross Officer: We don't know about it. We really don't know! We are authorized by the Red Cross Society.

Investigator: Generally speaking, where would the bodies go after being donated to you?

Red Cross Officer: After they're donated, (the bodies) would stay here for research. After the research, they would be sent to Changqing Yuan, Changqing Yuan.

Investigator: So, you do research. Yours is a research department, right?

Red Cross Officer: Yes.

Investigator: Oh, so they would not be sent to universities or colleges, right?

Red Cross Officer: I am not sure about it. I don't know about other places. We are authorized by the Red Cross.

Investigator: Oh~ How many donations would your organization receive in one year?

Red Cross Officer: What do you mean? How many donations of what?

Investigator: The bodies, how many (donated bodies) would you receive in a year? You said you could receive a lot. I say could it be several hundred?

Red Cross Officer: There is no standard for it, no standard. (The number) in this year is different from last year, and (the figure) last year was different from the year before last year. It's hard to tell. I am only responsible for registration. I'm not the person receiving (the bodies). I'm not clear about this. Ok, that will be it, alright?



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Investigator: Ok, thank you!

Red Cross Officer: Ok, good bye, bye.