

Appendix 17

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Summary:

1. The kidney sources are the organs from Falun Gong practitioners. Investigator: They are still the normal kidney sources from Falun Gong (practitioners), right?

Dr. Li: Right, right, right.

2. The time needed to excise the organs

Investigator: Generally speaking, if you take a donor, you definitely would not only take a kidney, but also the heart, liver and kidney. How long does it take for this process?

Dr. Li: The bigger the organ(s), the longer it takes.

Investigator: How long does it take to excise organs in general?

Dr. Li: About three or four hours.

Investigator: It takes three or four hours to get this organ from disinfection, draping to completion, right?

Dr. Li: Right, right, right.

3. The kidneys are obtained from the source.

Investigator: Also, the question I'm asking is, are you directly looking for this kidney source? Or will you go to the source to get it, or is there an intermediary to transfer it to you?

Dr. Li: (We) go directly to get it.

4. Donor kidneys are excised in the hospital.

Investigator: Is the kidney taken directly from the hospital, with a simultaneous organ transplant, or is it taken from outside the hospital for transplantation?

Dr. Li: They are all taken at the hospital.

5. The organs taken by the intermediaries are also the normal organs from Falun Gong practitioners. The source of the organs is the same.

Investigator: Sometimes you go directly to the source of kidneys to get the organs. Sometimes (the organs) are transferred through an intermediary, from outside of the hospital. Now there is no more intermediary, right?

Dr. Li: There may still be intermediaries, but normally this is the case.



Investigator: The organs taken by the intermediaries are also the normal organs from Falun Gong (practitioners), and the organ sources are the same, right?

Dr. Li: Yes.

Investigator: My question is, what the intermediary takes and what you take are the same thing, right?

Dr. Li: Right, right, right.

Investigation recording:

Nurse: Hello.

Investigator: Hello. That is the ward of the urology surgery department at Beijing Chaoyang Hospital, right?

Nurse: (inaudible)

Investigator: This is the case. Can you find the doctor-on-duty to answer my phone? I am calling from the Sichuan Provincial Political and Legal Affairs Commission.

Nurse: Do you have an emergency? It is so late now.

Investigator: I'm calling about a patient. I originally contacted Director Zhang. He said that he would be coming over this evening. Can you find a doctor-on-duty to answer my phone?

Nurse: Please wait for a little while.

Investigator: Which doctor is on duty today?

Nurse: Is it about a case of hospitalization?

Investigator: Yes, right, right. Please find a doctor, or you can tell the director or ask him. Both are okay.

Nurse: Please wait for a little while. I will find a doctor for you, please wait a minute.

Investigator: Which doctor is it? Surname?

Nurse: Surnamed Li. Today we only have doctors-on-duty.

Investigator: Okay, one doctor-on-duty will do.

Nurse: Please wait for a while.

Investigator: Okay, thank you.

(A doctor-on-duty came to answer the call.)

Dr. Li: Hello, hello.



Investigator: Hello, is that Dr. Li?

Dr. Li: You are. . .?

Investigator: This is the case. I'm calling from Chengdu, Sichuan. I am the deputy director of the Office for Maintaining Stability at the Sichuan Provincial Political and Legal Affairs Commission. Last week, I contacted Director Zhang Xiaodong. I have a relative, who needs a kidney transplant surgery. The person is in Fengtai. The director told me to bring the patient over this week, but something happened and this was delayed, without him being able to come over yet. So, I just want to confirm some things again. I didn't find the director today. I will ask you. This is the case.

Dr. Li: Your voice is a bit unclear. Please talk slowly.

Investigator: Okay, I'll talk slowly. I want to confirm now, after we arrive, how long will we wait to do the surgery?

Dr. Li: When did you make the appointment?

Investigator: More than a week ago. He said that after coming over, he could have the surgery within one or two weeks.

Dr. Li: How to say, right now? The kidney sources are coming one by one. Let's contact one director at that time.

Investigator: Hey, the kidney sources at your hospital, still come from Falun Gong (practitioners), that is, that type of kidney sources, right?

Dr. Li: Right.

Investigator: They are still the normal kidney sources from Falun Gong (practitioners), right?

Dr. Li: Right, right, right.

Investigator: Also, the question I'm asking is, are you directly looking for this kidney source? Or will you go to the source to get it, or is there an intermediary to transfer it to you?

Dr. Li: (We) go directly to get it.

Investigator: However, this is certain. Now the kidney source is the key. The quality of the kidney source is very good, right?

Dr. Li: Yes, yes, yes.

Investigator: There is another question I want to ask. Is the kidney taken directly from the hospital, with a simultaneous organ transplant, or is it taken from outside the hospital for transplantation?

Dr. Li: They are all taken at the hospital.



Investigator: Generally speaking, if you take a donor, you definitely would not only take a kidney, but also the heart, liver and kidney. How long does it take for this process?

Dr. Li: It depends on the size of the organ(s). The bigger the organ(s), the longer it takes.

Investigator: How long does it take to excise organs in general?

Dr. Li: About three or four hours.

Investigator: It takes three or four hours to get this organ from disinfection, draping to completion, right?

Dr. Li: Right, right, right.

Investigator: I am clear about it, thank you very much for giving me this information. I heard from my friends that sometimes you go directly to the source of kidneys to get the organs. Sometimes (the organs) are transferred through an intermediary, from outside of the hospital. Now there is no more intermediary, right?

Dr. Li: There may still be intermediaries, but normally this is the case.

Investigator: The organs taken by the intermediaries are also the normal organs from Falun Gong (practitioners), and the organ sources are the same, right?

Dr. Li: Yes, all taken by them.

Investigator: My question is, what the intermediary takes and what you take are the same thing, right?

Dr. Li: Right, right, right.

Investigator: Well, that's great, when is the director in the ward usually?

Dr. Li: The director is on a business trip right now, and he can't be reached by phone. He may come back on Thursday.

Investigator: Okay, then I will call again on Thursday.

Dr. Li: Okay.

Investigator: What time on Thursday? What time is appropriate to call him in general?

Dr. Li: After nine o'clock in the morning,

Investigator: That's great. Dr. Li, thank you.

Investigator: Let me ask another question. How much does it cost roughly to do one kidney transplant, the entire hospitalization fee, surgery fee and everything else?

Dr. Li: Generally, it is about 100,000 yuan.



Investigator: What is the total price?

Dr. Li: It mainly depends on the recovery of the patient. If there is infection or other special circumstances, it is necessary to continue the treatment. At that time, the fees may be higher.

Investigator: So probably 400,000 or 500,000 (yuan) would be enough.

Dr. Li: Should be enough.

Investigator: How long can the hospitalization last, including everything?

Dr. Li: I can't exclude the other situations (the patient) might encounter during the operation. If he recovers well, the shortest time can be two to three weeks.

Investigator: Two or three weeks would be enough?

Dr. Li: If there's an infection during the process or other special circumstances, some people have stayed for more than a month, or even two months.

Investigator: Let me ask another question. After an organ is taken, it is usually washed, infused and then placed in the cold preservation solution, right?

Dr. Li: Yes, this is done in strict accordance with the procedures. If not, this kidney would not be used.

Investigator: I mean, the procedures should be like this?

Dr. Li: If we can't take (the organ), then we will definitely not call you. Please rest assured.

Investigator: Then, thank you. Goodbye.