

## 追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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**Subject(s):** Nurse, the Transplant Program, Zhongshan City People's Hospital

#### Summary

1. If you are lucky, if a matched kidney happens to be available sometimes, it can be done in just a few days.
2. Our program director is Gong Chaoyang. He has been doing it for many years.
3. We have done a lot of cases here at our hospital every year.
4. (The kidney donor) is just in a deep coma, and seems to be brain-dead, but other parts of his body are not (dead), not completely dead—he is just brain-dead.
5. Investigator: How can we thank the family members of the kidney donor?  
Nurse: That seems to be confidential! It seems that you are not allowed to meet the other party.

#### Translation

Investigator: Hello! Is this the Kidney Transplant Program of Zhongshan City People's Hospital?

Nurse: Yes.

Investigator: Ah, I'd like to ask to consult with you. I'm from Shenyang, and my surname is Zhao. One of my relatives is doing business in Guangzhou, and has been diagnosed with kidney failure. He's now...

Nurse: Ah.

Investigator: He is hospitalized in another hospital now. His doctor has finished all his tests, including his tissue typing. He's been waiting for a kidney source.

Nurse: Need a kidney source, right?

Investigator: Yes, he's been waiting for it. I just want to ask, is your hospital in Panyu now? Your transplant program?

Nurse: We are in Zhongshan.

Investigator: Ah, in Zhongshan, not Panyu? Ah, all right. If we want to get in the queue at your hospital, how long would we need to wait in the fastest case?

Nurse: It's hard to say.

Investigator: Oh, it's hard to say, oh, yes, just...

Nurse: Yes, if you are lucky, if a matched kidney happens to be available sometimes, it can be done in just a few days.

Investigator: Ah, if we are lucky, it can be done in just a few days, ah, okay.

Nurse: Right.

Investigator: Ah, all right, then can you recommend a good doctor? At the director's level.

Nurse: As for the doctors in our program, let me tell you, we have a second-line in Shenzhen, and others below are the first-line. They are all in one team, so there is no need to ask for one particular doctor.

Investigator: Oh, oh, oh, for example, who is the chief physician of your team? For example, if I come, I have to have someone's name.

Nurse: Our program director.

Investigator: Ah, your program director?

Nurse: You can come to Director Gong.

Investigator: Director Gong, which Gong?

Nurse: Yes, it has "long" in the upper part, and "gong" in the lower part.

Investigator: Ah, ah, okay, I see. What's his given name? What's his name?

Nurse: Gong Zhaoyang.

Investigator: Gong Zhaoyang, Zhao is the character meaning morning, right?

Nurse: Exactly.

Investigator: Yang is the character as in sunshine, Zhaoyang, oh.

Nurse: Yes, right.

Investigator: Then he, he has..., how many years has he been doing it? In which year did he start doing it?

Nurse: He has been doing it for many years.

Investigator: Oh, then, how many cases can he do in a year?

Nurse: You don't need to have any doubt about our hospital, as we do a lot of cases here every year.

Investigator: Ah, every year, can you...?

Nurse: We can even do many cases in a month.

Investigator: Can you do 50, or 40 to 50 cases in one month?

Nurse: We can not do so many cases in our hospital in a month! We don't have so many kidney sources—this is an issue with kidney sources!

Investigator: Ah, I see.

Nurse: There must be a kidney source available for the surgery, right? [laughing]

Investigator: That's right. So, I'm wondering if your director can do 200 or 300 cases a year, one hundred, over 100 cases, he should be well experienced, right? Can he do more than 100 cases a year?

Nurse: That's no problem.

Investigator: Ah, ah, no problem with that. Well, as for the kidney sources, I'm wondering...as I asked doctors from several hospitals, I was told that they're not from those executed prisoners, ah, what does that mean...?

Nurse: Right.

Investigator: They are said to come from those who had car accidents or whatever. What's the situation of the kidney sources at your hospital?

Nurse: It is also the same in our hospital, and it is now the same throughout the country,

and the world.

Investigator: Ah, ah, how come that...? I don't understand, but I'm wondering...in order to get a healthy one, let's say, for example, what happened to him in a car accident? That person died immediately. Then can that kidney source still be used?

Nurse: That person didn't actually die, but only became brain-dead.

Investigator: Ah, brain-dead?

Nurse: Do you understand? Anyway, the person was in a deep coma, in a deep coma. It feels like he was brain-dead.

Investigator: Ah, ah.

Nurse: It feels like that other...other parts are not...not completely dead, but the brain part.

Investigator: Ah, it proves that the internal organs are not dead, right?

Nurse: Those have no problems. Those organs have no problems.

Investigator: Okay, okay, for example, as I was told by my classmate, his relative had requested a young and healthy one for the surgery. So, I asked, "Can that be selected?" He then told me that I can discuss with them, and it's okay to spend more money.

Nurse: You can select, yes, you can. But the question is, can you wait that long?

Investigator: Ah, so I have to wait longer if I want to select a better one?

Nurse: Actually, let me tell you, let me tell you, it really does not matter at all whether the kidney source is good or not. The most important thing is how well it fits the patient. In other words, whether it will be rejected, things like that, do you understand?

Investigator: Ah, I see.

Nurse: Some of the kidney sources were very good, but still caused a lot of problems after they were put in the patients.

Investigator: Okay, okay.

Nurse: Do you understand?

Investigator: Ah, I see.

Nurse: Ha. [Laughing]

Investigator: Ah, I got it. It depends on whether both the donor and recipient are compatible, right?

Nurse: Right.

Investigator: If you select one, it is not necessarily compatible with the patient.

Nurse: In fact, the doctor will help you to determine whether the kidney is good or not.

Investigator: Ah, ah, I see.

Nurse: It must be a good match in order to be transplanted in your patient. It's impossible to transplant a bad one in the patient. That's impossible.

Investigator: Ah, I see, right. I think, under regular circumstances, it must be healthy, and this is the largest concern. If it's not good, right, and if it fails...

Nurse: Let me tell you, if... Listen, if there are any problems with the kidney source, the doctor will let you know.

Investigator: What?

Nurse: He will tell you. For example, some patients may have hepatitis B, right?

Investigator: Yes.

Nurse: If someone has hepatitis B, if so, the doctor will tell you about the situation.

Investigator: Oh.

Nurse: Then will you accept it?

Investigator: Oh.

Nurse: If you don't accept it, then you definitely will be informed about the entire situation. Do you understand?

Investigator: Ah, ah. If it fails, then the patient will die, and can't have another one. He can't get another chance, right?

Nurse: You mean if the kidney transplant fails, right?

Investigator: Ah, yes. In case of a failure, in such a situation, will the patient die immediately after (the surgery)? Or, he can still...

Nurse: He will not.

Investigator: No? Is there a remedy?

Nurse: No, let me tell you, for example, if the kidney transplant failed, that kidney didn't work after the kidney transplant was completed. The kidney got rejected, for example, because it was not part of the body!

Investigator: Ah.

Nurse: If it got rejected, the kidney would be removed if it truly didn't work.

Investigator: Ah.

Nurse: Listen to me, our current kidney transplantation is to keep the original kidney in place, and put another kidney in a hollow part of the body—this is called heterotopic transplantation, not orthotopic transplantation.

Investigator: Ah, I see.

Nurse: So, let's say, if the kidney has problems after the transplant, it can just be removed, and then the patient can get another one done again next time.

Investigator: Ah, I see.

Nurse: It's not that the patient cannot have another chance. That's impossible. Ha.  
[Laughing]

Investigator: Ah, I see. Ah, that's great. If that's the case, if we wait for another one, just preparing for the worst, we do the best, but consider the worst, right? If it fails, and we have to continue to wait again, then we should have the priority, right? Then, can it be done in two weeks, or one week? Will it be this way?

Nurse: No, let me tell you. There must be a period of the postoperative recovery. After the surgery definitely follows a recovery phase when the patient's medication or blood concentration need to be adjusted. Plus, there could be other issues such as various postoperative complications. Do you understand?

Investigator: Ah, ah, I see.

Nurse: After the kidney transplant surgery, it doesn't mean everything is done. After it is done, because the replacement organ is not part of the patient's body after all, we have to deal with several kinds of issues such as anti-infection, anti-rejection, and bleeding. There will be a period of treatment. After a period of observation, if nothing goes wrong, then the patient can be discharged. After being discharged, he still needs to continue taking the anti-rejection drug for a long time, and take precautionary measures against infections.

Investigator: Ah.

Nurse: Do you understand?

Investigator: Ah, I got it.

Nurse: It won't fail right away after it's done! In some cases, for example, if it is a kind of super strong rejection, then it will not work. So if that happens, we will immediately remove that kidney, but under normal circumstances, that won't happen, because we will have anti-rejection treatment after the surgery.

Investigator: Ah, I see. So, the patient is monitored after the surgery. During the monitoring phase, we will know whether it will fail or not, right?

Nurse: Yes, right. It will take some time. Some patients' postoperative conditions seem very bad initially, but slowly, slowly their immune systems become more tolerant, and they turn out to be fine.

Investigator: Um, I see. Then if, I'm sorry, if he gets a very strong rejection, and needs to replace it again in your hospital, will he be given the priority?

Nurse: It is hard to say, because he needs to wait for another kidney source that's just right for him.

Investigator: Ah, ah.

Nurse: Well, in case he faces a life-threatening situation, he must be given the priority!

Investigator: Ah, I see, that's very good. Then I'd like to know how much a kidney costs, roughly, ah?

Nurse: I'm not sure about that, because that's... that's beyond what we know over here. We at the inpatient service unit only know an approximate cost, or the cost of hospitalization. It depends on the case. If things go well, it's over 100,000 yuan.

Investigator: Ah? Over 100,000 yuan, you see...

Nurse: In a more favorable case, I mean it goes relatively smoothly.

Investigator: Okay, okay.

Nurse: About 100,000 yuan .

Investigator: Okay, about 100,000 yuan, all right.

Nurse: But I don't know about other costs.

Investigator: Okay, okay. All right, thank you! Then there is another thing, that is, regarding the one that donates for us, or that donor or the kidney source, we have to thank his/her family members, so how should we handle that?

Nurse: Well, well, that seems to be confidential.

Investigator: Ah, that must be kept confidential.

Nurse: It seems that you won't be allowed to meet the other party.

Investigator: Ah, really? If we'd like to thank them, how can we do that? For such a big thing.

Nurse: [Laughing] You can talk with the doctor about that then, okay?

Investigator: Ah, I see.

Nurse: That's something beyond our duties, as we only work here at the inpatient service unit. In other words, we deal with your preoperative tests, and your postoperative treatment and monitoring care—these are within our responsibilities, but we really don't know much about the other aspects of the entire process.

Investigator: Ah, all right, thank you. Here I have another question. About Doctor Gong Zhaoyang, he is the director, but can he do it every day?

Nurse: Yes.

Investigator: Ah, he can?

Nurse: Yes, no problem. He does it as long as there is a kidney source available.

Investigator: Ah, if we come look for him, we can do that on any weekday, Monday through Friday, right? Can we come to make an appointment with him at the clinic?

Nurse: You can come during normal business hours.

Investigator: Ah, normal business hours, when does your hospital open daily? What time do you open?

Nurse: What time? We are open 24 hours a day.

Investigator: For example, what about the clinic registration? Let's say, if I come at 3 or 4 am in the morning, then that wouldn't work, I think.

Nurse: As for the registration, it depends on if there is a doctor available at the clinic. We

have an online system for appointments at our Zhongshan City People's Hospital, please go check it out and see if you can register for an appointment there?

Investigator: What is your hospital name? How can I search your hospital?

Nurse: You use the keywords “the appointment number of Zhongshan City People's Hospital” to search for it, and it will show up.

Investigator: Ah, I can use your hospital’s online system to make an appointment, right?

Nurse: Yes, right.

Investigator: Okay, all right, for example...

Nurse: Or you can search “Zhongshan City People's Hospital” directly, that works too. As long as you get on the website, you will find the online system there.

Investigator: Ah, the appointment system.

Nurse: You click on the organ transplant inpatient service section.

Investigator: Ah.

Nurse: From there, you’ll see the doctors from our organ transplant program.

Investigator: Ah, I see, all right, that’s where an appointment can be made online. I have another question, I'm sorry for asking a lot of details, as I’m from far away, it is not easy to make a phone call. Thank you for your patience in answering my questions. Then for another matter, for example, if he has decided to come for admission into your hospital, and there should be no problem with the hospital beds, right?

Nurse: If he comes to us for a kidney transplant, he will be given the priority, because we are in the old transplant inpatient service section.

Investigator: Ah, you’re at the old transplant inpatient service section. That’s how you are called?

Nurse: Yes, right, as long as there is a kidney source available, there is no problem with beds here in this inpatient service section.

Investigator: Oh, there is no problem with the bed, all right. In other words, as long as he obtains a matched kidney, he’ll be all set for the surgery at your place, right?

Nurse: Right.

Investigator: No need to add an extra bed, or anything like that?

Nurse: No, no extra beds, our beds are all in single rooms.

Investigator: Ah, all in single rooms. What's the scale of your hospital? How many beds are there? Is your hospital very large in scale?

Nurse: We have 2,000, over 2,000 employees, and we are a Tertiary Level-A hospital.

Investigator: Ah, Tertiary Level-A hospital, I don't understand the concept of Tertiary Level-A hospital. I am a layman. A Tertiary Level-A hospital is a first-class hospital, right?

Nurse: Yes, right.

Investigator: Ah, okay.

Nurse: We are the best hospital in Zhongshan City.

Investigator: Ah, you are the best hospital in Zhongshan, right?

Nurse: Right.

Investigator: Very well. Thank you for your patience. Are you a doctor or a nurse?

Nurse: I'm a nurse.

Investigator: I really appreciate your patience. Thanks a lot, bye!

Nurse: Okay, no problem, bye!

Investigator: Thank you for your patience, thanks again, bye!