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Subject(s): Nurse, the Hemodialysis Unit, the First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine

Summary

1. Basically, we have been doing heart transplants, liver transplants and kidney transplants, all the time.
2. We have done many kidney transplants, quite a lot.
3. We do a lot of (liver) surgeries in the province (in comparison with the other hospitals).
4. Zheng Shuseng spearheaded liver transplants here—he established the team and built it up—he is our former president.
5. Our hospital's (communist party committee) Secretary Liang Tingbo leads the team and does many surgeries right now.
6. We (i.e. the hemodialysis room and the kidney transplant team) are in the same large department! Our hemodialysis room is just a small team. Doctor Xie is also in our department, and he oversees (kidney transplants).
7. Doctor Xie would know. He has a pretty good idea about that (i.e. kidney wait time). All (kidney transplant) patients get registered through him, and they are then placed on the waiting list for kidney sources.
8. The investigator asked the nurse whether she could access the organ deployment coordination website.
Nurse: We cannot search up this information, either. This is only for the organ procurement coordinator of each hospital—only the authorized person or the special department—or several organ procurement coordinators in our hospital can get on the network. There is no way for us to search on the network.

9. Many uremia patients want to have kidney transplants in China, too. Since liver and kidney transplants both have medical insurance coverage now, many patients with hemodialysis, as long as they are not too old, would want kidney transplants, too.

Translation

Nurse: Hello! The Hemodialysis Unit.

Investigator: Hi, hello! Is this Kidney Transplant of the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University?

Nurse: No, this is the Hemodialysis Unit.

Investigator: Oh, the Hemodialysis Unit. Whoops, wrong number. Could you please give me the phone number of Kidney Transplant?

Nurse: Uh, I don't have the number. You can search for it online. The Kidney Transplant is on the seventh floor of Building 6.

Investigator: The seventh floor, the Kidney Transplant is on the seventh floor, but I don't have their phone number. Could you please give me the number?

Nurse: I'm checking right now.

Investigator: Thanks!

Nurse: Do you need help from Kidney Transplant? There may not be any doctor there at this moment.

Investigator: Isn't there a doctor-on-duty?

Nurse: The person-on-duty may not be a doctor from Kidney Transplant.

Investigator: Oh, I see. Then the kidney...

Nurse: Ah, may I help you?

Investigator: Yes! I'm calling from Thailand, and it isn't very convenient to make this call.

Nurse: Ah, I'll do my best to help answer your questions if I can.

Investigator: Oh, good. Thank you! Well, one of my relatives is a doctor at a hospital here—several of his patients want to have organ transplants. But you know that it's

impossible to find organs in Thailand. I was told that the Zhejiang University School of Medicine has been doing well in this field, so I want to know...

Nurse: Ah, ah, you're asking for organ transplant information, right?

Investigator: Yes, yes, several of his patients want to have organ transplants, so I want to consult you. Because we are too far to...

Nurse: Ah, what you can do is to call our building's fifth floor during working hours from Monday to Friday.

Investigator: Fifth floor, could you please give me their number?

Nurse: Wait a minute, I'll tell you.

Investigator: Sure.

Nurse: Uh, it's 87236870.

Investigator: 8723...

Nurse: ...6870.

Investigator: ...6870. This number is for...

Nurse: This is a phone number for our fifth-floor reception. Then, there's a doctor, whose office is right next to the phone, overseeing the kidney transplant department, so you can call this number to ask him to find Doctor Xie for you.

Investigator: So his last name is Xie (Nurse: Xie as in "xiexie" [i.e. thank you], Doctor Xie). Can you tell me how many Doctors Xie do you have there? Just one?

Nurse: Just him! Tell them that you are looking for Doctor Xie, who is in charge of the Kidney Transplants.

Investigator: Ah, he is in charge of the Kidney Transplants.

Nurse: Ah, he oversees Kidney Transplants—he is responsible for all kidney transplants in our hospital.

Investigator: Ah, he is responsible for all Kidney Transplants. So Miss, can you tell me if you still perform kidney transplant surgeries?

Nurse: Yes, we do. Basically, we have been doing heart transplants, liver transplants and kidney transplants, all the time.

Investigator: Oh, you can do them all. Do you do many kidney transplants?

Nurse: We have done many kidney transplants, quite a lot.

Investigator: Quite a lot! Well, some patients here need kidney transplants, and some need liver transplants—these are the two major needs. As you may know, there is no way to obtain organs in our country, so I want to confirm that liver transplants can also be done here, right?

Nurse: Our hospital does liver transplants, as well.

Investigator: Oh, how is the volume of your liver transplants? How many can you do approximately each year? We want to have an idea about your skills and techniques.

Nurse: We are ought to be good at doing liver transplants!

Investigator: You're supposed to be good, right?

Nurse: Our volume should be relatively large, yes, that's right. We do a lot of surgeries in the province (in comparison with the other hospitals).

Investigator: Does your hospital have the largest volume (of liver transplant surgeries) in Zhejiang Province?

Nurse: Yes. It's possible that we started doing (liver) surgeries the earliest.

Investigator: Ah, I've heard that there is a surgeon surnamed Zheng, Zheng something Shu?

Nurse: You mean Zheng Shuseng?

Investigator: Ah, yes. Zheng Shuseng, does he work at your hospital?

Nurse: Yes. He spearheaded Liver Transplants here—he established the team and built it up—he is our former president. As he is elderly now, he has retired. He is possibly retired right now, so he seldom comes.

Investigator: Oh, so he does not do surgeries anymore at your hospital, right?

Nurse: Oh, it might be like that. I don't know exactly whether he does them or not right now. He might occasionally come to do surgeries. I don't know the details, because he retired two years ago. I don't know if he still comes often for surgeries, but he did come for surgeries two years ago.

Investigator: Oh, are there any other well-known surgeons for liver transplants at your hospital? Because some of our patients here are very rich, and they want their surgeries

performed by a well-known surgeon. That's what they want. So besides this President Zheng, are there any other famous surgeons?

Nurse: There is also our hospital's (communist party committee) secretary—Liang Tingbo.

Investigator: Oh, Liang Tingbo—Liang as in “Liang Shanbo”, right? Does he operate surgeries, too?

Nurse: Yes! That's right. He leads the team and does many surgeries right now.

Investigator: Oh, can a hospital like yours do 100 or 200 cases each year, right? I mean liver transplants.

Nurse: I don't know the exact number of cases for liver transplants. Regarding kidney transplants, since there are many patients on our waiting list, it may take a bit longer to wait for a surgery.

Investigator: Oh, many patients are on your waiting list. If many patients wait in line, then (the cost) to us would be large, because we really need a financial budget! (Nurse: Right.) Approximately how long does the patient need to wait for a (matching) kidney?

Nurse: Yes, so my suggestion is that you can contact Doctor Xie directly, as he is responsible for the division—he has the waiting list. Regarding the exact number of patients on the waiting list, I don't know, as he is in charge of the division. But I understand that there might be a lot of patients.

Investigator: Quite a lot of patients. Since you do hemodialysis, you have information about the kidney division, right?

Nurse: Yes, yes, since we're in the same large department! The hemodialysis unit is just a small team. Doctor Xie is also in our division, and he oversees (kidney transplants).

Investigator: Do you have a rough number? Because when I talk to the patients, I need to tell them how long they need to wait in this hospital. We need to give some information to the patients. Otherwise, we would say, “Oh, I don't even know how long it may take for a surgery.” We cannot tell people that...

Nurse: Yes, that's why I told you to ask Doctor Xie directly. He would know. He has a pretty good idea about that.

Investigator: Oh, he knows.

Nurse: Well, yes, he has the exact number—because all patients must register and all (kidney transplant) patients get registered through him, and they're then placed on the waiting list for kidney sources.

Investigator: Uh, I know about this. The number of patients (on the waiting list) is not absolutely important; the key is the liver sources—whether you have plenty of kidney sources or not—this is the critical part, right? Well, if there were not even one kidney source, it would be impossible for you to do (a surgery for) even one patient! It mainly depends on whether you have so many kidneys for transplant patients, right?

Nurse: Speaking of kidney sources, well, there is a unified network, which is nationwide or provincial, managing the (kidney) donations. Then, all you need to do is to wait, yes.

Investigator: Oh, donations, donations. There are very few people donating their organs in our country (Thailand) anyway! Are there many people donating over there?

Nurse: Nowadays, maybe there's a bit more?

Investigator: Ah, waiting for donors? This is....

Nurse: You may ask Doctor Xie directly.

Investigator: Doctor Xie? Alright. I have another question about the network that supplies the organs. Only the hospital people are able to search for organs on it, and the public don't know about it, right? Such as where and which hospital has organs?

Nurse: We cannot search up this information, either. This is only for the organ procurement coordinator of each hospital—only the authorized person or the special department—or several organ procurement coordinators in our hospital can get on the network. There is no way for us to search on the network.

Investigator: Oh, you cannot search, either! It would be great if you could.

Nurse: Oh, only those authorized personnel can search on the network, so only they know about it. So I cannot tell you anything when you ask me. We can only say that we heard from them the approximate number and that there are many patients waiting, but I don't know the exact number.

Investigator: Oh.

Nurse: The organs may be donated from across the entire country, from our own province or from several nearby provinces, then they would coordinate the organ allocation via the network.

Investigator: Oh, I see. Are the beds in short supply in your hospital, the beds for the organ transplant department? Can the patient be admitted into the hospital right after registration? Do you have any beds available?

Nurse: If the patient is here for the surgery, and a matching organ is also available, he should be able to be admitted quickly, then he should be able to get the surgery done very soon.

Investigator: Oh, how much does this cost? Do you know the price approximately for a kidney and a liver transplant surgery?

Nurse: Because everyone here has medical insurance, it's about 200,000 to 300,000 yuan with medical insurance, I mean for a kidney transplant surgery, I think...

Investigator: We don't have any kind of medical insurance here, we must...

Nurse: Right. So I don't know how much it will be if you pay it all by yourself.

Investigator: Oh, this isn't clear. Are there any other medical care plans?

Nurse: You mean medical insurance?

Investigator: There are many patients in your hemodialysis unit, right?

Nurse: Yes, we do.

Investigator: I don't understand what's happening, and we have many patients here, too.

Nurse: Yes. Many uremia patients want to have kidney transplants in China, too. Since liver and kidney transplants both have medical insurance coverage now, many patients with hemodialysis, as long as they are not too old, would want kidney transplants, too.

Investigator: Oh, I see. Are the kidneys—those donated—are they excised after death or after severe car accidents in your country?

Nurse: Yes. They are brain-dead patients. If the kidney is good after an assessment, then a coordinator, who also is in charge of (searching for organs on) the network, will negotiate with the (organ donors') family members. That is how this works.

Investigator: If the person is nearly dead, and you then negotiate (with, then the organ is no longer useful, because it takes so long, then you excise it, then...

Nurse: Generally, the organs are usually in a good state, from brain-dead patients.

Investigator: Oh, I think there are very few of these patients. I have never seen such brain-dead patients around me. They are really, truly very few.

Nurse: Hmm, well, this depends...

Investigator: I'm being frank, (laughs) since I have never seen a brain-dead patient. If brain-dead patients are the only source for organs, wow, this type of organs... you may not even get one or two each year...Oh, my, how long do my patients need to wait for?

Nurse: There are some for sure—there are many patients (dead) from accidents.

Investigator: Many patients from accidents? All right, thank you, thanks.

Nurse: You are welcome.

Investigator: Thank you very much!