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Subject(s): Nurse, Kidney Transplant Inpatient Service, the First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine

Summary

1. Doctor Xie Wenqing is in charge of the transplantation area here: Registration, tissue typing, tests, and documentation—all these are under his duties.
2. Several hundred kidney transplants are performed a year. And liver transplants are done as well. For the exact numbers and wait times, you need to ask Doctor Xie!
3. It could be around 500,000 or 600,000 yuan for a liver transplant; 200,000 yuan for a kidney transplant, if it goes well.
4. Zheng Shusen has retired. However, he still cares for my patients here and does operations for them.
5. Investigator: So can you do several hundred cases a year?
Nurse: Yes, we can.

Translation

Nurse: Hey! Hello!

Investigator: Hello! Is this the kidney transplant program of the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University School of Medicine?

Nurse: Oh, yes.

Investigator: It goes like this. I'm calling you from Thailand. I'd like to know if at your hospital, you continue doing kidney transplants. You've been doing that all along?

Nurse: Oh, yes.

Investigator: Here I have a few patients, you see, some of them need kidney transplants, while others need liver transplants. I just want to confirm your usual wait times if any patients in need of kidney transplantation come over.

Nurse: Ah. I'll tell you this: in our hospital there's a dedicated person in charge of this matter: kidney transplants. This is the inpatient service section, where patients are sent over for an operation after the matching. So, for details you have to ask a doctor named Xie Wenqing.

Investigator: Oh, Doctor Xie Wenqing. May I have his phone number, please?

Nurse: The first digits are the same (as ours), the last digits are 8186, I think. Let me check it. 81826186

Investigator: Oh, 6186. Then, Doc, I'd like to know how many transplants you do a year? I mean how about your level of skills?

Nurse: Um...our skills should...you may go to check. For details please ask Doctor Xie. Okay?

Investigator: You mean only Doctor Xie is responsible for that. Correct?

Nurse: Yes, yes! Say, the tissue typing, necessary things, test reports, and whatsoever are all in his charge. Here we're just responsible for those who have got their matched organs and come over for the operations.

Investigator: Oh. Do you do many operations? Are you near capacity?

Nurse: Yeah, in our inpatient service. But kidney transplants are among our priorities.

Investigator: Oh, I see. Just because it's not easy for us to come over from Thailand, I need to know more details. So, may I ask if you do liver transplants at your hospital, please?

Nurse: Yes, we do.

Investigator: Oh. Comparatively speaking, what about the level of your liver transplant skills? Because the liver is quite complex, I'm afraid.

Nurse: Domestically, we are quite good at that, I should say.

Investigator: Oh. How many do you do a year, generally? Any figure for that?

Nurse: You've got me there. For those details, you need to ask Doctor Xie. I really don't know.

Investigator: Doctor Xie is in charge of all that?

Nurse: Uh, yes, yes, yes.

Investigator: Here's my situation. I'm calling from Thailand. I have a relative, who's a doctor in a hospital. We have several patients. Because we cannot find organs here...no organs are available over here in Thailand. All have to go to the mainland...to China for their transplants.

Nurse: For the specifics, ask Doctor Xie. Okay? Because everything is registered with him, for example, if there is any patient who's expecting to have a kidney transplant, all is registered under his care.

Investigator: Oh, I see.

Nurse: For the specific length of the wait time, you also need to ask him.

Investigator: Also need to ask him? (Nurse: yes, yes) , I'd like to ask about the cost of kidney and liver transplants. You know that?

Nurse: For a liver transplant, it could be around 500,000 or 600,000 yuan. For a kidney transplant, it would be comparatively cheap, if it is covered by health insurance, because a significant portion of it is paid by the government. In your case, however, you need to pay all by yourself. Then it may be 200,000, around 200,000 yuan, hopefully.

Investigator: Okay, okay. You mean if the patient recovers after the operation, and that expense is not included, right?

Nurse: Yes, yes. After the operation one week or so is needed before discharge.

Investigator: One week before discharge....so quick?

Nurse: Oh, yes.

Investigator: May I ask: does Doctor Zheng Shusen still do that at your hospital, please?

Nurse: Yes, he does.

Investigator: Comparatively speaking, he does a lot more, right?

Nurse: Right.

Investigator: Oh, they also told me that Doctor Zheng has his own hospital. Correct? Is that so?

Nurse: Oh, yes.

Investigator: At which hospital is the wait time longer, at yours or at his own hospital?

Nurse: Because he has retired; though a retiree, he still takes care of our patients in the inpatient service, or the patients in my area here.

Investigator: ...still takes care of the patients. Doc, may I know your surname? Can I come over to you when we're in your hospital?

Nurse: I'm a nurse, I'm a nurse. A retiree, but rehired now. My contract is almost up. I'm planning to quit.

Investigator: So, you've been there for decades?

Nurse: Yes. I've been working here for thirty or 40 years. More than 30, close to 40 years.

Investigator: Oh, for 40 years. So you've been with that department....you must be highly experienced!

Nurse: We're nurses after all!

Investigator: How many years have there been since your hospital started off kidney transplantation?

Nurse: It should be as long as the length of my service.

Investigator: Wow, it's been more than thirty years! So, can you do several hundred (cases) a year?

Nurse: Yes, we can.

Investigator: Oh, several hundred cases. So, given that several hundred cases are done, you must have quite a big supply of kidneys?

Nurse: Because we have a Red Cross. (We) Have contact persons available. I mean that every hospital has a contact phone number, say, that of a monitoring center. If someone is willing to donate his organs, they'll call the Red Cross. Once it's agreed on, someone from us will go for it.

Investigator: But organs of that kind of patients may not be very good? They're sick or dying. Is that so?

Nurse: Possibly. This...because some...some bacteria, some drug-resistant bacteria do exist. Our transplants have been assessed. When we are about to get that organ excised, before we do that, we'll get it assessed if that kidney is useful. If not, we'll cancel it.

Investigator: The organ, I believe, is very crucial. A dead person's organs are no longer good? And their quality?

Nurse: We'll make the assessments! Our Doctor Xie and his colleagues will evaluate if they're good or not.

Investigator: Oh, so, your Doctor Xie is really somebody, who can assess both livers and kidneys. Really somebody!

Nurse: So it is not that we change a kidney, but that Doctor Xie will go ahead to review them. There're professionals. Like our ICU, which assesses if that person is suitable, or if it's okay or not for a donation? If, say, your organ isn't useful at all, there'll be no such a thing as donating. So, we won't take any useless organs.

Investigator: Oh, that's how it is?

Nurse: Yes, because an assessment has already been done.

Investigator: Well, this process is quite long. When it's done, maybe that person is already dead?

Nurse: So an assessment of that problem is done ahead of time. For example, in the event of a car accident, it's pretty quick. Generally, in that case the organs are useful, aren't they? Then our doctors in the monitoring center will ask the family about their intention. They'll ask them if they agree on the donation. If yes, they'll notify the Red Cross. And we'll send someone over there.

Investigator: Oh, by the time when it gets excised, is that person dead or alive?

Nurse: Usually, the person is brain-dead!

Investigator: Oh...brain-dead. Um, because I'm planning this, as you know, if as a coordinator, I'm just afraid some trouble might occur if the scheduled operation fails. So my questions are specific. Therefore, the organs...their quality assurance is particularly important. Money is no problem.

Nurse: That's why I told you to ask Doctor Xie Wenqing for details. He'll tell you specifically. Because what I know is just a rough idea of it.

Investigator: Okay, okay. It's been great talking to you. Thanks a lot.

Nurse: Uh, you're welcome.

Investigator: Bye now!

Nurse: Bye!