

## 追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

### World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG)

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**Subject(s):** Nurse Zheng, Liver Transplant, Lanzhou University Second Hospital

#### Summary

1. Some of the livers have been given out. At our hospital, if we can't find patients who are good match with those livers, in terms of blood types, and so on, we may just give them out, and let other hospitals use them.
2. Using those donors from our own hospital, we have done eight cases here.
3. The current (university) president, Li Yumin, did three cases himself, then Jiao Zuoyi, President Jiao, took over and did five cases afterwards.
4. There was somebody, a potential donor, in our office, so I could not tell you about the price.
5. It is more expensive in Beijing. But the wait time there may be shorter.
6. The cost is 400,000 to 500,000 yuan. This is the lowest price, perhaps including the expenses during hospitalization, such as the liver source and the operation costs.
7. After the operation, you may need to take anti-rejection medication. Doing so would be more expensive in the beginning, a few thousand a month.
8. Those Falun Gong donors cannot be found! Since four or five years ago, since 2015, those have been all banned. Those are illegal now.

#### Translation

Nurse Zheng: Hello, greetings!

Investigator: Greetings. As I just called you, do you have time now?

Nurse Zheng: Yes, I do. Please go ahead.

Investigator: Yes, as you told me, I did an online search about your hospital.

Nurse Zheng: Did you find what you were looking for?

Investigator: Yes, I saw many reports about your hospital.

Nurse Zheng: Totally we've done...I mean our president does them by himself, oh, we've done totally eight cases.

Investigator: This year? You mean this year? Eight cases have been done this year?

Nurse Zheng: In total, eight cases have been done since the organ donation started.

Investigator: When did your hospital start doing it? Eight cases, that is not many.

Nurse Zheng: Ah, not many?

Investigator: Right.

Nurse Zheng: Not many? Because some of the livers have been given out. At our hospital, if we can't find patients who are good match with those livers, in terms of blood types, and so on, we may just give them out, and let other hospitals use them. Then we ourselves, for example, using those donors from our own hospital, have done eight cases here.

Investigator: As for President Li Yumin, I did not find him on the website. Is he no longer with your hospital?

Nurse Zheng: Yes, he is with us. He is now the president of the university. He did liver transplants before, and did three cases. Then our Jiao Zuoyi, President Jiao, took over and did five cases afterwards.

Investigator: Oh.

Nurse Zheng: President Jiao is young, only over 40 years old.

Investigator: Li Yumin no longer does it?

Nurse Zheng: Li Yumin, President Li, he is now taking care of organ donations. He is still with our hospital, but does fewer liver transplants. It is our President Jiao who does them now.

Investigator: Ah, President Jiao does them. So, as you said, he is responsible for contacting and getting donors? Or if your hospital cannot do it or find a match, then you give the liver to another place. Is that so?

Nurse Zheng: No, he does not cover that. He surely does not work on that. Our president, he is responsible for operations.

Investigator: Li Yumin?

Nurse Zheng: He is responsible for operations.

Investigator: President Jiao does operations, and what about Li Yumin?

Nurse Zheng: President Li does that as well, because he, he is our senior leader, an expert in this field.

Investigator: Oh, that's fine.

Nurse Zheng: The fee, as you just mentioned, the fee, let me tell you, it is about...

Investigator: Did you calculate the fee with me? Roughly?

Nurse Zheng: No, I didn't. Because there was somebody in our office, I could not tell you. It was a potential donor. I could not tell.

Investigator: Oh, oh, oh, I understand.

Nurse Zheng: It's like this. The fee is about 400,000 to 500,000 yuan. This is the lowest, perhaps including the expenses during hospitalization, such as the liver source and the operation costs. 400,000 to 500,000 yuan is the lowest. Later on you may need to take anti-rejection medication. Doing so would be more expensive in the beginning, a few thousand per month, which would be no big deal for you. But later as it improves or shows good results, the dosage would gradually come down for sure, and less medication would be taken.

Investigator: Okay, I see. It is truly cheaper than that in Beijing.

Nurse Zheng: The expenses are higher over there. This I have to tell you honestly. If you wait there, your wait time may be shorter.

Investigator: Over there, yes, they do more over there, and faster. But I think, as you just said, if it is acquired *via* a nationwide network, the key is about the tissue typing, if it doesn't work out at another hospital, it could be given to your hospital. As long as the tissue typing works out for us here, it could be fast. It can't be because...

Nurse Zheng: Mainly that depends on your urgency.

Investigator: That's right.

Nurse Zheng: Also in general, in general didn't I tell you that there is a principle of regional proximity? We acquire our organ sources allocated at multiple locality levels. If we cannot get them within the hospital, we'll see if we can find them in the regions covered by the hospital. If still unsuccessful, then we'll further expand our search to the entire province, and finally into the nationwide network system.

Investigator: Oh, is that so?

Nurse Zheng: Yes. So, it is done at such multiple levels, one level at a time.

Investigator: So...

Nurse Zheng: You may think we do just a few. Basically people in Gansu are conservative in the first place, so what we've done are all based on donations, mostly from young people. It is like that. Moreover, for those livers, as I told you, we must be responsible for the recipients, right?

Investigator: Sure.

Nurse Zheng: So for things like marginal livers, we do very strict evaluations.

Investigator: Yes, for those livers, aren't they donated by the patients in the hospital itself? I think the patients get hospitalized, but their livers are capable of discharging poisonous elements.

Nurse Zheng: No, because they're like those who had car accidents, or brain injuries, or things like that.

Investigator: Oh.

Nurse Zheng: If possible, you can come and get on our waiting list first. That actually won't matter. After you queue up in our hospital, you may shortly go to Xi'an Jiaotong University, the First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University, and get on their waiting list as well. Yes.

Investigator: I did inquire about the one at Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Nurse Zheng: Maybe you will go to Wuhan. Oh, yes, so you can come and queue up in our place, after that, if you cannot afford to wait any longer here, you can also go to somewhere else in Beijing, right? These are no problem.

Investigator: Well, I'd like to ask you about something else.

Nurse Zheng: Okay, go ahead.

Investigator: I sent an inquiry to a chat group, a chat group of wives. I learned that a friend's father—it was about four or five years ago—her father had a liver transplant. As she told me, because it was through connections, she found a Falun Gong donor. Can that be found now?

Nurse Zheng: Impossible.

Investigator: There is none like that?

Nurse Zheng: Those cannot be found. Since four or five years ago, since 2015, since 2015, those have been all forbidden. Those are illegal!

Investigator: Oh, those have not been allowed since 2015.

Nurse Zheng: Correct.

Investigator: Oh?

Nurse Zheng: That's been the case since 2015. We have a transplant patient who has survived for more than ten years. Truly amazing!

Investigator: Sure. I want something like that as well. Now I cannot get that even by spending more money?

Nurse Zheng: Ah, that, that, first of all, depends on the patient's health condition. Secondly, it depends on the postoperative recovery. That patient has been riding a bicycle and telling everyone he's had a successful transplant, for over ten years now, with wonderful results.

Investigator: Yes, that's great.

Nurse Zheng: He rode a bicycle from Lanzhou to Beijing, just like that.

Investigator: Oh, how old is he?

Nurse Zheng: He is over 40.

Investigator: Oh, over 40.

Nurse Zheng: He is over 40. Guess how old he was when he had the operation?

Investigator: Over 30, oh.

Nurse Zheng: Yeah, correct.

Investigator: So within Gansu, yours, Lanzhou University Second Hospital, is considered as?

Nurse Zheng: In Gansu, our hospital does the most. We do them by ourselves, and we are the only one, who does the operations by ourselves.

Investigator: Understood. So if your hospital, as you said, acquires its donations within itself, chances are small for us to get a match. We still need others...

Nurse Zheng: Let me tell you myself. You can see many patients waiting in our system. But for some, when they actually get their chances for the liver sources, they may have to consider other real issues. So, they may say, "my health condition is not too bad, even though I'm in the front of the queue, I don't plan to get it done yet." Why is that? That's because they don't have enough money. They need to come up with 400,000 to 500,000 yuan all at once, so they may not have enough money. Furthermore, things such as the postoperative medication also need to be considered. So they may choose to wait a bit longer for their next chances.

Investigator: Oh.

Nurse Zheng: So you can first come to wait in the queue, get registered, and let our doctor do an assessment to see if you need to have a liver transplant. If you do, you can bring the test results to our office and get on our waiting list. While you are waiting in the queue, we can discuss other things, such as whether you need to go to another place in Beijing, or continue to wait here, okay?

Investigator: Shall I look for you? Shall I go to see you at your office? Or shall I look for Director Jiao at the clinic?

Nurse Zheng: No, what I meant is, you make an appointment to have an assessment done first, and see if a liver transplant is needed, based on the patient's condition?

Investigator: Get an assessment done?

Nurse Zheng: Yes, so as to see if a liver transplant is needed?

Investigator: Listen to me, well, if there is no matching organ available at your hospital, as you said, the patient would need to wait for one to be allocated *via* the system. So, it could be allocated from, for example, neighboring counties, or in Shaanxi, Henan, or other neighboring provinces around Gansu, as you just mentioned. When it is our turn, it can also be done for us. But for that kind of organ source, can you guarantee its quality?

Nurse Zheng: These from the prospective of the hospitals, these are all done by public hospitals.

Investigator: Do you fetch it from there by yourselves? Does someone at your hospital go there to bring it in?

Nurse Zheng: There is a video about the hospital on our official website. You'll find it, right after the main page, called "Acquiring a Gift to Life". It talks about fetching an organ from Zhengzhou. Just like that.

Investigator: So for the organ, for example, while you bring it over here from Zhengzhou, you can still make sure it stays alive, right?

Nurse Zheng: We can control the ischemia time of the organ, so timing is definitely essential here. Yes. But if we bring it in, as I told you before about the first principle, it is allocated through multi levels.

Investigator: I don't understand what you said about the allocation by the principle of regional proximity. How is it allocated? How does it get allocated to your hospital? By the hospitals' levels, or what?

Nurse Zheng: Sure. According to the current procedure, for example, those produced in Zhengzhou, are first allocated among the few local districts in Zhengzhou, then allocated to the entire Henan Province, and finally to the whole country, just level by level like that.

Investigator: Yes, they do not have any match for those organs in the region, so they give them to others, right? Oh, now I got it.

Nurse Zheng: In principle, in theory, it is like that. When you look at these things, they are not absolute. You must know these things. Okay?

Investigator: What is your name? Very good, you have great attitude. Thank you!

Nurse Zheng: No problem. My last name is Zheng.

Investigator: Thank you, Miss Zheng. We will get back to you later then.

Nurse Zheng: No problem, no problem. Okay, every Wednesday, that's their clinic time for you to come see them, okay?

Investigator: Okay, I will go online and do some more research.

Nurse Zheng: Yes, you can do that online, including watching the videos or reading the promotion materials there, then you make a decision. There is no rush. Okay?

Investigator: Okay, thank you Miss Zheng.

Nurse Zheng: Okay, okay.

Investigator: Okay, good bye!

Nurse Zheng: Okay, bye!