

追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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Subject(s): Doctor Chen Shiyong, Hepatology Doctors' Office, the Affiliated Hospital, Guizhou Medical University

Summary

1. It is a designated COVID-19 hospital.
2. You have to pay for the screening tests. It's only a few hundred yuan, plus..., totally a 1,000 or 800 yuan.
3. Chen Shiyong is responsible for all the preparations before the liver transplant operations.
4. Liver transplants are done by our director, the chief director. President Zuo Shi does liver transplants as a lead surgeon.
5. We did one yesterday. There may be another one tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.
6. Liver donors are first evaluated by OPO.
7. Usually we only use (the organs from) those who died by accidents, often those who suffered from the external injuries in car accidents, or cerebral hemorrhage.
8. OPO is an organ procurement organization, under the Red Cross Society. This hospital has it too, so do other hospitals or institutions.
9. Please add me on WeChat: 18786026607.
10. The total cost includes three parts. The first part is the material fee, usually at 250,000 or 300,000 yuan. This part cannot be reimbursed, because (the donor's) family members cannot issue a receipt. The hospitalization fee is about 120,000 to 150,000 yuan. The third part is for the postoperative drug expenses for the rest of your life after discharge from hospital. Each month it is roughly in the range of 2,000 to 3,000 yuan, or at least 3,000 yuan in the early stage.

11. Investigator: Can you find a Falun Gong donor if we spend extra money?
Doctor Chen Shiyong: That cannot be done. It cannot be done anymore. It is already banned now, those livers from the legal system are banned. That is against the ethics.
12. Investigator: Those organs could be used in the past. Why can't they be used now? So the ethics didn't even matter in the past, but have just started being recognized recently? They've always been there!
Doctor Chen Shiyong: Now those cannot be used anymore, according to the state regulations. Now those livers from the legal system, they've been banned. It seems that they've been banned since 2015.

Translation

Doctor Jiang: Hello, how are you?

Investigator: Hello. Is this...(Doctor Jiang: Hi!) Hello. Is this the Liver Transplant Office of the Affiliated Hospital of Guizhou Medical University? Are you Doctor Chen?

Doctor Jiang: Doctor Chen? He is not here now.

Investigator: Oh, when will he be back?

Doctor Jiang: I am not sure. What can I do for you?

Investigator: Ah, because I made a phone call in the afternoon, the doctor told me to call again in the evening. I want to bring my husband to your hospital for a liver transplant, so I thought... (Doctor Jiang: Okay.) Yes, I was told to consult Doctor Chen. What is your last name, Doctor?

Doctor Jiang: Yeah, my last name is Jiang. (Talking to a colleague), uh, Lao Sun, please take this call. She wants to speak to Doctor Chen, Chen Shiyong. She is looking for Chen Shiyong.

Doctor Sun: Hello, hello?

Investigator: Ah, Doctor, greetings. As I called in earlier this afternoon, I was told to call back in the evening, and that Doctor Chen is responsible for liver transplantation here and I should consult with him. What is your last name, Doctor?

Doctor Sun: What, what would you like to consult about?

Investigator: Yes, because I want to bring my husband to your hospital for a liver transplant.

Doctor Sun: To have a liver transplant, right?

Investigator: Exactly! Should we directly come to your clinic, and make an appointment with your director? Or should we bring his test reports for you to take a look, and then get registered on the waiting list first?

Doctor Sun: When would you like to come?

Investigator: Of course, the sooner the better!

Doctor Sun: The sooner the better?

Investigator: Ah.

Doctor Sun: Well, in the worst case, you can come to the inpatient service directly and look for Doctor Chen!

Investigator: Go to the inpatient service? Is Doctor Chen there every day?

Doctor Sun: He is here every day, yes.

Investigator: He is there every day.

Doctor Sun: If you come in the morning, you will find him for sure. If he does not have an operation to attend in the morning, you can definitely find him in the morning.

Investigator: Is Doctor Chen a chief physician? Is he a lead surgeon for liver transplants?

Doctor Sun: He is responsible for all the preparations before the liver transplant operations. He does not do the operations, which are done by our Director, the chief director.

Investigator: What is the name of your chief director?

Doctor Sun: President Zuo Shi.

Investigator: Ah, it is Zuo Shi. Ah, it's President Zuo Shi.

Doctor Sun: Yeah, President Zuo Shi. Yeah, right.

Investigator: So are you saying that Doctor Chen is responsible for those preoperative things?

Doctor Sun: He is in charge of contacting liver transplant patients, preparing them for their operations, and notifying them to come for the liver transplants when the time comes. That's his job.

Investigator: Do you have Doctor Chen's phone number? Could you tell me his number?

Doctor Sun: You, please wait a moment. Doctor Chen seems to be still at work. He is still in the inpatient service section. Let me go get him to talk to you!

Investigator: Yes, please, that is good.

Doctor Sun: Yeah, it seems that he is still around. Just one moment.

Investigator: Good.

(Waiting)

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Hello, how are you?

Investigator: Hi, are you Doctor Chen?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Hi, how are you?

Investigator: Hello, is this Doctor Chen?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Yes, how may I help you?

Investigator: Well, I'd like to consult with you here. I made a few phone calls, as I want to bring my husband to your hospital for a liver transplant. I'd like to confirm with you first. Is your hospital a designated one for COVID-19? Do you still have that kind of patients, do we need to go through the test (for the virus) if we come?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Uh, does he have any fever?

Investigator: No. He does not have it for sure here. But do you have such patients at your hospital? Aren't you a designated COVID-19 hospital?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Our hospital does not have any patients who tested positive with COVID-19 right now.

Investigator: Your hospital is a designated one for COVID-19, but you don't have such patients, right?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: We're a designated COVID-19 hospital. But right now those confirmed cases have basically all been sent to Jiangjunshan Hospital.

Investigator: Oh, so the confirmed ones have all been sent there. You don't do any screening test (as required for patients)? So if we come, we don't need to go through any test?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Unless you have a fever, unless you have a fever, in that case you need to go through a screening test at the fever clinic.

Investigator: Oh, do we have to pay for the test?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: You definitely have to pay for the screening test.

Investigator: How much would that be roughly?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: That's only a few hundred yuan!

Investigator: Oh, only a few hundred yuan.

Doctor Chen Shiyong: You also need a CT scan of the chest. That is also a few hundred yuan, at most about 1,000 yuan.

Investigator: About 1,000 yuan. Okay, so let me ask you, Doctor Chen. If we come, shall we bring my husband and get hospitalized directly?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: No. How is your husband's condition now? I must first determine which program he needs to go to?

Investigator: He was diagnosed with advanced cirrhosis in our place at the end of last year.

Doctor Chen Shiyong: It would be better if you choose a date. Pick a recent date and come to our hospital to make an appointment for the infectious disease program. Ah.

Investigator: Oh?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Because cirrhosis is kind of chronic, it cannot be treated all by the infectious diseases program. When we have a liver source available, we will directly transfer your (husband) over, to our program. When his condition is stable, after the tests, he can be discharged to rest at home, waiting for our phone call to come back for the liver transplant.

Investigator: Usually at your hospital, how long would we have to wait for the whole operation?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: For the preoperative tests, it would take four to five days at most!

Investigator: Ah, do you mean the so-called tissue typing before the operation?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: That and various assessments.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Yeah.

Investigator: Then we'll just wait for the operation. How long do we usually have to wait for it? How long is the wait time, usually?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: About that I am not sure. Nobody could predict that. Mostly, nobody can predict when the liver donor would come up, or whether it would match with you. No way!

Investigator: So recently, have you been doing them? Have you been doing the liver transplants?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: We just did one yesterday.

Investigator: You did one yesterday.

Doctor Chen Shiyong: There may be another one tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.

Investigator: There may be another one tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. Oh, that is quite fast. The wait time is quite short. Did they come right after the Chinese New Year?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Yes.

Investigator: Oh, that is pretty fast. Let me ask, what kind of liver donors are those?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Usually they are...first they must be evaluated by the OPO. We're only responsible for the transplants. There are also those, as we often come across, who suffered from car accident injuries, or cerebral hemorrhage, to become brain-dead patients as a result.

Investigator: Oh, so does it mean that, for example, they didn't suffer or die from any illness with their liver, gallbladder, spleen, stomach, kidney, or other internal organs, but usually from external injuries? So when they die, their livers can be used?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Yes, yes, yes, usually they die by accidents.

Investigator: What does OPO do?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: OPO is an organ procurement organization, under the Red Cross Society.

Investigator: Is it from your own hospital or what...?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Our own hospital has it too, so do other hospitals or institutions. When generated from other institutions, those organs are shared on the national platform, the system that allocates organs!

Investigator: Ah, so you say those liver can be used anywhere across the country. So those produced from your place can be used by others?

Doctor Sun: Yes, but the priority is only given to those within the province.

Investigator: Ah, so if I come to make an appointment, whom should I look for? Should I look for you? Or should I make an appointment with one of the chief physicians at the clinic?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: When you come, please make an appointment with a doctor in the infectious disease program. Before you come, please let me know, so I can notify the doctors in the infectious disease program, and let them do the preoperative preparations. Eventually they're the ones to decide how to treat the illness.

Investigator: So Doctor Chen, are you a lead surgeon?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: No, I'm not, but I will be there for the operation.

Investigator: Oh, you will participate. How do I find you then?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: I can give you a phone number—you can add me on WeChat then—187-8602-6607.

Investigator: Is that your personal number? What's your full name, your name?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Well, no, that's my work cell phone.

Investigator: So, how should I address you, by your full name?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Just add that number on WeChat.

Investigator: Just add that on WeChat. Then I have another question, Doctor Chen, roughly how much money do I need to prepare?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Regarding that matter, it mainly includes three parts. The first part is the materials fee, related to the liver source. That is usually at 250,000 or 300,000 yuan.

Investigator: Is that liver donor fee, at 250,000 to 300,000 yuan?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Yes, that includes the amount paid to the liver donor's family members. Additionally, if the donor wants to donate, after he becomes brain-dead, he must be sent to ICU for maintenance, or his liver cannot be used. Then while he is in ICU,

all the expenses there have to be included in that. Besides, when we fetch a liver, the surgical removal expense also needs to be included in that. Plus after the liver is extracted, its preservation, processing, and transportation—all these expenses must be included in that as well.

Investigator: Oh, there is another part, this is one part. What other parts? The hospitalization charge?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: First of all, what I told you is just the cost to cover the material part, which cannot be reimbursed, because (the donor's) family members cannot issue a receipt, you know? So you cannot reimburse that.

Investigator: Oh, as you said, that's 250,000 to 300,000 yuan?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Or 300,000 yuan, yes. Then....

Investigator: How much is the hospitalization fee?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: As for the hospitalization fee, if things go smoothly, I'd say if it goes smoothly, according to our past experience, the total fee is roughly between 120,000 and 150,000 yuan. For that part you can get reimbursed partially from whatever medical insurance you have. That's handled according to your local medical insurance and policy.

Investigator: Then there is another part. What is the third part?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: The third part is your drug expenses after discharge from the hospital for the rest of your life. It's roughly in the range of over 2,000 to over 3,000 yuan a month. In the early stage it may be 3,000, over 3,000 yuan a month. That's the part you have to pay out of your pocket. Because after the operation is done, you can apply for the medical insurance for serious illness, the special clinic, and so on. The portion of its reimbursement is already quite high.

Investigator: Oh, I got it. Well, Doctor Chen, I'd like to ask you another question, there was a doctor named Zhu Haitao in your hospital (Chen Shiyong: Still here.) Is he there? Is he still in your program?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Still here!

Investigator: He is still there, as my friend's father went through the operation by Director Zhu Haitao, who helped get one from a Falun Gong donor, after a lot of money was spent. Can you still help us get one like that?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: That cannot be done. It cannot be done any more. It is already banned. The livers from the legal system are already banned.

Investigator: As for those livers from the legal system, since when have they got banned? He had it done just three or four years ago. Those kinds of livers were still available and could be used back then!

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Which year?

Investigator: About three or four years ago, or back in 2015, around 2015.

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Yeah, it seems that those livers from the legal system have been banned since 2015.

Investigator: Oh, so now it cannot be done even with extra money? Could you find some connections for us?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: No, no way! That is against the ethics. That cannot be done absolutely.

Investigator: Those organs could be used in the past. Why can't they be used now? So the ethics didn't even matter in the past, but have just started being recognized recently? They've always been there!

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Now those cannot be used, according to the state regulations.

Investigator: Oh, how many patients are waiting for the liver sources at your hospital in a year?

Doctor Chen Shiyong: Waiting for the liver sources? Please call back in two minutes. I need to take care of something.

Investigator: Oh, good. I'll let you go back to work. Thank you!