

追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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Investigation subject: Dr. Chen Chiyi, the Liver Transplant Doctors' Office, Tianjin First Central Hospital

Summary

1. The designated hospital for COVID-19 in Tianjin is Tianjin Haihe Hospital. Our hospital is not [a designated one].
2. We have been receiving patients normally.
3. Recently, for [someone from] low-risk areas, a nucleic acid test can be done in our hospital. If the results exclude the risk of COVID-19 then the patient can be admitted to hospital.
4. In terms of [COVID-19] cases, Heilongjiang has more cases than Tianjin.
5. Relatively speaking, it is less than before. Like last year, we performed more than 700 liver transplants, more than 790 liver transplants. But this year there have been very few cases. Relatively speaking, there were only a few dozen cases in the first three months.
6. Note down my hospital number: 132 1216 2978.
7. My name is Chen and my full name is Chen Chiyi, and I am in the inpatient service of the program. The director of our program is Director Jiang.
8. For the preoperative evaluation, you have to bring about 20,000 to 30,000 yuan. For the entire operation, from the preoperative evaluation to discharge after the operation, it is 600,000 to 700,000 yuan.
9. Question: In the past, Director Jiang helped him find a liver donor from a Falun Gong [practitioner]. Can we still find that?
10. Answer: No, there is no such thing at all! Impossible, impossible, impossible! China has used such organs from death row prisoners before. Well..., however there is absolutely nothing like what you have mentioned.

Translation

Doctor: Hello?

Investigator: Ah, hello! Excuse me, this is the liver transplant program of Tianjin First Central Hospital, right?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Ah, hello! It's like this, I want to get my husband to your hospital for liver replacement. I don't know, during the pandemic, if you receive patients normally?

Doctor: Where are you now?

Investigator: I am in Heilongjiang now.

Doctor: Heilongjiang.

Investigator: Yes!

Doctor: Well, do you have any cases of that kind (where you are)?

Investigator: Ah, you mean if there is this [COVID-19] around me?

Doctor: COVID-19 cases?

Investigator: Pneumonia (*this is how they call COVID-19 in China*)? I do not have [it].

Doctor: Right.

Investigator: Nothing around us. I just wanted to ask whether there is any at your hospital, if you can receive patients normally if I come to you? Are there no such novel coronavirus patients? [At] Your hospital.

Doctor: All local COVID-19 patients go to designated hospitals. The designated hospital in Tianjin is Tianjin Haihe Hospital. Our hospital isn't one.

Investigator: Well, then you are, uh...that means you (the hospital) have been operating normally. That is, you can continue to receive patients normally, right?

Doctor: Yes, yes, yes.

Investigator: Wow! I was still thinking about waiting for the lockdown to be lifted, so I haven't called in all this time. Then I'd like to ask, if we come, could we just get a bed at the hospital directly? Or should I come over and show you our case first, or something

else?

Doctor: Oh, it's like this... Well, a new policy has just been introduced in Tianjin. Previously for patients from out of town, out-of-towner, non-Tianjin patients had to be quarantined for 14 days before they could be checked in. Well, recently for [patients from] low-risk areas, well, there is an alternative. Take a nucleic acid test in our hospital, and then have a chest CT. If it is confirmed negative, you can be admitted to the hospital.

Investigator: Well, can't we just get tested locally and then come with our green certification? Can we just bring the test report from our area and go directly to the hospital?

Doctor: Well, would you like to do a nucleic acid testing in your local area instead?

Investigator: Yes.

Doctor: Oh, I think it would be more convenient for you to come here for the nucleic acid testing. In terms of number of cases, there are more in Heilongjiang and fewer in Tianjin.

Investigator: Yes, it is very serious here in Harbin, which is an outbreak hotspot.

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Yes, so I was thinking that when I inquired about Beijing at the time, they also required a quarantine. They required a seven-day quarantine, instead of 14 days—they required seven days' quarantine for a serious case. (Doctor: Hmm) If it is normal, it will be 14 days, ah, so I want to ask you, because I know you do a lot of organ transplants and you guys are pretty fast, just that....

Doctor: Do they not do surgeries in Beijing? Do they?

Investigator: They do that in Beijing. I called yesterday and asked. They do it in Beijing, but they require 14 days of quarantine, and severe cases need to be quarantined for seven days, right at their hospital, I asked them about it. That is, we should come to your hospital for a nucleic acid test, and then get admitted to the hospital. Now in the normal situation, do you do operations now? Liver transplants have always been done, right?

Doctor: Well, relatively speaking, it is less than before. Like last year, we did more than 700 liver transplants, more than 790 liver transplants. Well, but this year there have been very few cases. Relatively speaking, there were only a few dozen cases in the first three months.

Investigator: Oh, if we'd come now would you have no livers? It is because there is no....

Doctor: Well, yes, because of liver sources. All over the country it's all like that.

Investigator: Oh, then if we'd come now could we just get on the waiting list? Or wait after having been hospitalized? Or should we, for example like you've said to do the nucleic acid testing and wait there? Then we'd come after you've located a source?

Doctor: You'd come after there's a source? You have to first... (Investigator: That'd be too late?) Right. First get on the waiting list, then do preoperative evaluation, then wait in line. Finalize the surgical plan and then wait in line. Then you'd do the operation when it's your time.

Investigator: So we would just come directly. Anyway, the pandemic situation here is quite scary. We can come directly, and then you said that [we take] the nucleic acid test, and then I'd go to the hospital to wait. Anyway, he would also have to be treated—the hospitalization fee incurred at the inpatient service doesn't matter.

Doctor: OK, let's do this. Jot down a phone number of mine.

Investigator: Go ahead and tell me.

Doctor: It is 132.

Investigator: 132.

Doctor: 1216.

Investigator: 1216.

Doctor: 2978.

Investigator: 2978. What's your last name?

Doctor: My last name is Chen.

Investigator: Ah, your last name is Chen, are you a lead surgeon?

Doctor: I am currently in the inpatient service of the program.

Investigator: Ah, are you the head of the program?

Doctor: No, not the program head. The director of our program is Director Jiang.

Investigator: Oh, Director Jiang, and what is your name?

Doctor: My last name is Chen.

Investigator: What is your full name?

Doctor: Chen Chiyi.

Investigator: Chen Chiyi.

Doctor: Chi as in “pool of water.”

Investigator: Chi, then?

Doctor: Yes, one cross and one dot for Yi.

Investigator: Ah, Chen Chiyi, hello! Doctor Chen, did you say that Director Jiang does operations himself?

Doctor: Yes, yes, yes.

Investigator: If I wanted to do it, usually how much money should I bring? For the whole procedure.

Doctor: For the preoperative evaluation, the preoperative evaluation, you have to bring about 20,000 to 30,000 yuan, and then for the entire operation, from the initial evaluation of your hospitalization to the discharge after the operation, it is 600,000 to 700,000 yuan.

Investigator: 600,000 to 700,000 yuan. Concerning the issue of the liver, then I don't need to pay extra for it. It's all included in 600,000 to 700,000 yuan, right? For the liver source.

Doctor: Yes, yes, yes.

Investigator: There is no additional cost, I don't have to pay for anything else?

Doctor: Right, right.

Investigator: That's all the money it will cost.

Doctor: Yes, yes, yes.

Investigator: Do I have to pay for the nucleic acid test fee? Is it also my own expense?

Doctor: The nucleic acid test is 180 yuan. (Chuckle)

Investigator: Ah, it's only 180 yuan (Doctor: Yes, yes, yes), quarantine fees are not required if hospitalized, all included, (Doctor: Yes, yes, yes). There's a cost for quarantine, same as hospitalization... (Doctor: Yes, yes, yes), I see.

Doctor: You come to the clinic on the same day for the nucleic acid test, and then you have to stay at the hotel for one night, and then check in for hospitalization the next day

(Investigator: Okay), and do the hospitalization paperwork the next day.

Investigator: Oh, I understand, an all-inclusive procedure, good, (Doctor: Okay), now I see. I have a question...I had a neighbor whose father (doctor: uh-huh), had a liver transplant in Tianjin. Anyway, it was a long time ago! (Doctor: Oh) At that time (Doctor: Uh-huh) he came to Director Jiang to do it, through a connection he found at the time, as his father was in the provincial government (Doctor: Uh). When his father had it [liver transplant], Director Jiang helped him find one from a Falun Gong practitioner. Can we still find something like that now?

Doctor: No, there is no such thing at all!

Investigator: Right, not like that! Let me tell you, Dr. Chen, because his father was in the provincial government. That is to say, they certainly wouldn't tell the public at the time.

Doctor: Impossible, impossible, impossible! China used such organs from death row prisoners before, oh..., but there is absolutely no way to have the situation you said.

Investigator: Well, because he is—his father and I are colleagues. He certainly would not lie to me.

Doctor: Then, then, forget it! This situation is impossible. Don't bother looking for it yourself, it's impossible to be like that!

Investigator: Dr. Chen, if we are willing to spend a little more money, could you help us?

Doctor: Impossible, impossible, impossible! Things that are illegal are absolutely impossible!

Investigator: It was done before, but now it is impossible. Even if we'd pay more money, is it still impossible?

Doctor: It had never been done before; never before!

Investigator: Ah! This thing, I think, Dr. Chen, it is unnecessary (to deny it)—the fact is right there.

Doctor: Impossible! (Hung up the phone)