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Subject(s): Doctor Zhao Xin, Liver Transplant, the Third Hospital, Hebei Medical University

Summary

1. It's a designated COVID-19 hospital.
2. We still continue to do it (organ transplant, even during the pandemic).
3. We are the only hospital in Hebei province performing liver transplants.
4. The fees start at about 600,000 yuan.
5. We have a dedicated Organ Procurement Office (OPO), with people specializing in this matter.
6. In a week's time at our hospital, we basically do it every day. Every week we perform one.

Translation

Dr. Zhao Xin: How are you? Hello!

Investigator: Hey, how are you? How are you? Well, uh... I called in the morning. This is the one in Hebei, the liver transplant inpatient service at the Third Hospital of Hebei Medical University, right?

Dr. Zhao Xin: Ah, ah, right. Go ahead and tell me, tell me. Time is of the essence. Tell me now.

Investigator: Okay, the thing is this, that I wanted to ask about the situation at the hospital, and then choose a hospital for my husband's liver transplant surgery. So then I'd like to know how much it would cost.

Dr. Zhao Xin: Ah, so you listen up, listen to me. Ah, listen to me.

Dr. Zhao Xin: For you, first of all, you have to bring... if the patient could come, it'd be the best for the patient to come himself. If the patient could not come, then you'd need to bring the patient's ID, along with all examination records, and bring them here to us. We have to make an assessment to determine if there's an indication for the surgery and then further determine if there are any contraindications. Only after the assessment would we be able to decide on the next step, and you need to get in line and wait first.

Investigator: Ah, so you'd look at the records first and make an assessment. If it could be done, could you tell me, that, to do the surgery at this hospital, how much would the whole procedure cost?

Dr. Zhao Xin: Ah, presently, **the fees start at about 600,000 yuan.**

Investigator: Then at this hospital, typically how long is the wait before it could be done?

Dr. Zhao Xin: You got to wait in line first. We would make an assessment based on the patient's condition.

Dr. Zhao Xin: If there's something suitable, then we would inform you.

Investigator: Ah, you're saying waiting in line. So like, if I would get registered at your hospital, then it covers the whole area like Hebei, Tianjin, Beijing, so that I would be on their waiting lists also? Or would I need to get on the waiting list at every individual hospital?

Dr. Zhao Xin: Well, this thing, in this area anyway... We are the only hospital in Hebei province (performing liver transplants).

Dr. Zhao Xin: You could get on the waiting list at other places also. However, based on what I know, you probably couldn't do that right now in Tianjin or Beijing. (Investigator: oh I wanted to call those places.) It's because of the pandemic.

Investigator: So you're saying that over there in Beijing, they don't take these cases any more, but here at this hospital, you're not stopping even in the pandemic, right? You are still continuing to perform surgeries, still doing them?

Dr. Zhao Xin: Correct. We, for now we still continue doing it.

Investigator: Ah, ah, that'll work, and then 600,000 yuan. It's just that the time frame isn't certain, right? Then in a relatively quick case, typically how long would the wait be? I'm just wondering...

Dr. Zhao Xin: On that I really can't tell you for sure. There are too many uncertain

factors.

Investigator: Right... Could this hospital directly obtain, that, directly... Say if there were an organ donation then this hospital could obtain it immediately? If that'd be the case?

Dr. Zhao Xin: Who told you that?

Investigator: I saw something on the Internet that you got those organs....

Dr. Zhao Xin: No. I meant to say that, yes, we got the organs, we got the organization handling organ donations. We have the Organ Procurement Office (OPO) specializing in this.

Investigator: Hmm...

Dr. Zhao Xin: We have people dedicated to handling this matter.

Investigator: Ah.

Dr. Zhao Xin: But even in this situation...

Investigator: Would it be pretty quick?

Dr. Zhao Xin: That requires waiting, you need to wait in line.

Investigator: I meant wouldn't this be rather quick?

Dr. Zhao Xin: This... it is not a factory production. Who would donate the organ, and the blood type, none of us knows...

Investigator: You might not have a match...

Dr. Zhao Xin: Not only would you not know, even I...

Investigator: Right. I was just thinking, that...

Dr. Zhao Xin: You understand what I'm saying?

Investigator: Oh, yeah, I understand. And, Doctor, would you tell me your last name? It's just that, if I would come over, then I'd ask for you, right?

Dr. Zhao Xin: That's fine. Anyone at the outpatient clinic would do. But you got to make sure to bring all of the patient's records.

Dr. Zhao Xin: All of them, including his X ray film, lab test results, also his ID. All of

those are necessary because he needs to wait in line.

Dr. Zhao Xin: It's because he needs to get registered in the national system.

Dr. Zhao Xin: Without getting into the system, he can't get it (the surgery) done.

Dr. Zhao Xin: That is the regulation.

Investigator: Well, is this hospital designated for pneumonia (Covid-19)? If so, then even if we would come...

Dr. Zhao Xin: We here, we also have fever case outpatient clinic. But, we, that should be the case, yes. At the provincial level hospital they got it also, basically all the same. We also have fever case outpatient clinic. However, we just have never got a positive (Covid-19) case.

Investigator: So, may I have your last name, Doctor? How would I address you?

Dr. Zhao Xin: My last name is Zhao.

Investigator: Ah, then I should come look for you, right? At the outpatient clinic?

Dr. Zhao Xin: That's fine. Anyone is fine. You don't have to look for me. It's not certain that I'd be here every Thursday. When I have a surgical procedure, then I wouldn't be here.

Investigator: And then Dr. Zhao, if I may ask, when was the latest surgery that you performed? How long did he have to wait?

Dr. Zhao Xin: When was the surgery? **We here, in this week, basically we do it every day. Every week we would do one.**

Dr. Zhao Xin: But that patient wasn't mine so I had no idea how long he had waited. He was registered in the system.

Investigator: Ah, so you didn't know how long the wait time was...

Dr. Zhao Xin: When the time came, they would inform him...

Dr. Zhao Xin: Right. But specifically how long he waited I have no idea.

Investigator: Good. Then I will discuss with my family, think about the cost, and then consider Beijing and Tianjin as well and then choose one. So it's all good. Sorry for bothering you, Dr. Zhao...

Dr. Zhao: So you think it over.

Investigator: I'll think it over and then...

Dr. Zhao Xin: No big deal, no big deal. You're welcome.

Investigator: Thank you!

Dr. Zhao Xin: Yes, good, good.

Investigator: Thank you! Good bye!

Dr. Zhao Xin: No big deal. Not at all. Good bye.