

## 追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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**Subject(s):** Doctor Wu Defang, Kidney Transplant Program, Qinghai University Affiliated Hospital

#### Summary

1. In the entire province of Qinghai, there isn't any that's particularly good (at organ transplant).
2. At our place here for the moment, temporarily we only do (organ) donations. We only do donations, no transplants.
3. The director of the program, Dr. Fan Haining, performs surgeries. However, it's a different type of surgeries.
4. As for organ donation resulting from an accident, that is to say, if an accident occurred to this person, then we would do it for him, with his family's consent, to perform an organ donation.
5. Who we would give the donated organ to, it's hard for anybody to say. Nobody can say, because this is for the whole country. It's allocated in this national computer system. Who the organ would be given to, we have no idea.
6. West China Hospital of Sichuan University is quite reputable. I didn't say anything about the costs there, but mainly they have done more surgeries.
7. The one with the qualifications for liver transplant is Qinghai Provincial People's Hospital. But at this hospital, to my knowledge they hire experts from out of the province, and then, they look for liver sources from out of the province. Then they perform the transplants here at the province.
8. I've never specifically done such an operation myself. Over here we've never done liver transplants.
9. I've heard them saying that a liver source alone would be hundreds of thousands, like 300,000 to 400,000 yuan. I estimate the whole procedure to be 700,000 to 800,000

yuan.

10. Those with the qualifications, such as those hospitals that rank at the forefront in liver and gall bladder (transplant), they typically do more (transplants) every year.
11. Dr. Lu Qian from Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital and Dr. Wang Wentao from West China Hospital, they both have had contact with us.

## **Translation**

Investigator: Hello, how are you? Is this, uh, Dr. Wu DeFang?

Dr. Wu Defang: Yes, correct.

Investigator: How are you? The thing is this...I just called your hospital and the doctor I spoke to gave me your phone number. I just wanted to ask on behalf of my husband, concerning a liver transplant at your hospital. What kind of procedure is there?

Dr. Wu Defang: Oh, at our hospital we don't do liver transplants.

Investigator: Really? Didn't you always do it before, that (transplant)? When did you stop doing it?

Dr. Wu Defang: We can't do liver transplants here. So you have a patient?

Investigator: Yes, my husband would like to have a liver transplant. Before the Chinese New Year he was diagnosed with advanced liver cirrhosis, because....

Dr. Wu Defang: Uh, it's like this. Over here for the moment we can't do it as we don't yet have the qualifications. We only do (organ) donations and no transplants. I'm sorry that I have to tell you this.

Investigator: Oh, then....

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, if you need it done, in the entire province of Qinghai, there isn't any that's particularly good (at organ transplant).

Investigator: Oh, I was looking at the staff intro on your website, isn't there a director, Director Jing (Jing Hongen), right? Didn't I see that he was always here? I saw that in the intro. Also, there was one called....

Dr. Wu Defang: He is probably, probably, well, Director Jing has already retired. That's how it is. So over here now, for the moment, basically we don't do any liver transplants and we only do organ donations. Well, in the entire province of Qinghai no hospital is particularly good at this. You may request a hospital transfer certificate and have it done

elsewhere.

Investigator: Oh. Well, that Dr. Fan Haining, isn't he the director of the program?

Dr. Wu Defang: Oh, yes, that's right.

Investigator: So how about now regarding him?

Dr. Wu Defang: Uh, I know, I know.

Investigator: Does he not perform surgeries anymore?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, he still performs surgeries, but of different types. As for transplant surgeries like yours, he, uh, we can't do those here for the moment.

Investigator: Didn't you just say that you don't have the qualifications? Or is it because you don't have any liver sources?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, both. The lack of the qualifications is one factor. The qualifications are based on certain diagnostic programs which we don't yet have.

Investigator: Oh, what donations are you talking about? Like between family members, could you do those? But not from external sources, right? (Dr. Wu Defang: Uh) Or something else?

Dr. Wu Defang: Also that... well, regarding donations at our hospital...like in your case, like your (husband's) medical condition, we can't use it. The reason is we only accept organ donations from unexpected situations, (Investigator: oh) like those from sudden, sudden accidents. Like when something unexpected happened to this person, an accident occurred, then we would, if his family would grant consent, then we'd take the organ donation. However, regarding transplantation, for the moment we don't do it. We have not started in that area.

Investigator: Then those donated organs acquired at your place wouldn't be available to us? Those organs, would all be given to others? You can't do it, right? They would all be given to other provinces and other hospitals, right?

Dr. Wu Defang: Whom this organ donation would be given to, nobody can say, nobody can say for sure. That's because this is national, in the computer system allocation for the nation. (Investigator: oh...) Whom it'd be given to, we have no idea. Yeah, that's how it is.

Investigator: Oh, yeah, that's just like if I would get registered at your hospital, and then an organ donation resulting from an accident occurred as you explained, wouldn't you be able to do the organ transplant surgery for us? Wouldn't you be able to just give it to us?

Dr. Wu Defang: At the moment we don't do that. Not for the liver, not the liver at the moment. Kidneys, yes (Investigator: oh!). Livers, no.

Investigator: Oh boy! I'm so confused, as to why....

Dr. Wu Defang: I meant to say, first of all, the current situation of the Province of Qinghai. Let me tell you about the situation in the overall Province of Qinghai. (Investigator: Okay.) He's from within the province but can't get in. That is, well, the one with the qualifications for liver transplant is Qinghai Provincial People's Hospital. But at that hospital, well, to my knowledge they hire experts from out of the province, and then, they look for liver sources from out of the province. Then they perform the transplants here at the province.

Investigator: Well, I also just made a call to....

Dr. Wu Defang: The second one, yeah....

Investigator: I just called him, and he said they're making some adjustments and that the work of the OPO (organ procurement office) specialists has been put on moratorium. I was thinking that since both your and his hospitals are quite big, and I looked at your website and thought that you could....

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, yes, yes. It's like what he said. If they aren't able to do it then we can't do it, either. Our hospital is qualified to do kidney transplants, we could do kidneys. However, for livers at the moment we can't do it.

Investigator: Oh, so if you, well, if say you got a liver donation then it'd be given to some other hospital. And then if we, or if they could, then we could get it done there. They could do it, but just that they work on livers and you work on kidneys. Is that so?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, yes, yes.

Investigator: Ah, you said that they hire specialists from outside? This situation....

Dr. Wu Defang: However, for the safety of the patient (Investigator: Yeah...) let me tell you that for the safety of the patient, I suggest that you go to other places to find a hospital that's a little better. (Investigator: Yeah...) The reason is that, even, even though at first we did...well try to get started with it, they did get started but the results weren't quite there yet.

Investigator: Okay, so it's because you haven't done that many so you're afraid the results wouldn't be good enough?

Dr. Wu Defang: Yes, exactly!

Investigator: Oh, about the price, (Dr. Wu Defang: Yeah?) Doc, so if you would refer a

hospital to us, would there be a discount? At your hospital how much would a liver transplant cost?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, it's just that, in our own mind we'd probably think that this particular hospital does it better so we'd recommend that you go there. Regarding the price it's all according to the government. If you would go to that hospital they'd charge you based on what they do. We would have no say in there. It's just that we, amongst our circle, we might know which hospital is more skillful at doing which particular kind of transplant. Then we would refer patients there. Regarding this you should ask around a little more. Look for hospitals in other areas and consult with them.

Investigator: Okay, but at your hospital typically for a transplant surgery, how much would the whole procedure cost? A few hundred thousand? It's that we don't have medical insurance any more.

Dr. Wu Defang: Oh, wow, no medical insurance?!

Investigator: Yes, that's correct. We don't have any medical insurance and would need to pay for all out of pocket.

Dr. Wu Defang: Oh, wow, then in that case, for you, you'd need at least... Just a liver source would be a few hundred thousand yuan.

Investigator: Just a liver source. Then adding hospitalization, how much would the whole procedure cost?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, that probably would be 700,000 to 800,000 yuan.

Investigator: Wow, 700, 000 to 800,000 yuan!

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, over here where we are, I'm just estimating in my mind that it'd be in that range. It's because I've never specifically done such an operation myself and have never seen it. We've also never developed the skills in that area over here. It's just that I've heard them saying that a liver source would be hundreds of thousand, like 300,000 to 400,000 yuan. Some places charge less, some places do it for less.

Investigator: Cheaper? Why cheaper?

Dr. Wu Defang: If you want, you could look around over there at West China Hospital of Sichuan University, check it out....

Investigator: Ah, over in Sichuan Province, that hospital, I've heard about it.

Dr. Wu Defang: Yeah, that's right.

Investigator: You're talking about West China Hospital of Sichuan University, is it

because it's cheaper there? Or is it because they've done a lot of cases?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, probably like, well, that it's better there all around. (Investigator: Okay) About the cost I didn't say anything. However, the main thing is (Investigator: the quantity, the quantity of surgeries they've done is higher) about a liver transplant, mainly for the safety of the patient, you should go to a larger hospital. Well, as they have done more cases, they'd have more experience after all.

Investigator: Okay. Thank you very much for sharing so much with me.

those hospitals that have the liver and gall bladder (transplant) qualifications, or rank at the forefront in liver and gall bladder (transplant), they typically do more (cases) every year. Where we are, some of the hospitals we often deal with are in Beijing, Beijing and Sichuan.

Investigator: Which hospital in Beijing? Which one would you recommend there?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, in Beijing the one we deal with is Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital. In Sichuan Province, then it'd probably be West China Hospital of Sichuan University. You should know about the latter without me telling you, as it's quite reputable all over the country.

Investigator: Right, I know about West China Hospital. But whom should I ask for? And at Changgung Hospital whom should I ask for? Which director should I try to make an appointment with?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, for an organ transplant at West China Hospital, the one that I'm familiar with, the one whom we've dealt with is Dr. Wang Wentao.

Investigator: Dr. Wang Wentao?

Dr. Wu Defang: Yes.

Investigator: Oh, and you were talking about Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital, right? I'm not familiar with that one. Whom should I ask for?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, over at that hospital you ask for Dr. Lu Qian. She's a female doctor and also quite capable.

Investigator: Dr. Lu Qian, you mean Lu?

Dr. Wu Defang: Dr. Lu Qian.

Investigator: You were talking about West China Hospital. Over there, how many (transplants) do they do in a year? And that director you mentioned, that Director Wang that you recommended...He's a director, right? A pretty reputable person....

Dr. Wu Defang: Oh, yes, right. He's done, done quite many probably. In this one year, I suppose they have done many. Well, I don't know the specific number but I feel that, based on what he told us in the seminars he held for us here, he must have done a significant number.

Investigator: How many could there have been?

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, I can't really tell you that. You could ask that specific question. You could call them about their medical operation....

Investigator: So in the past you invited Director Wang to come to your hospital for organ transplants, right? Would you also ask him to come to help?

Dr. Wu Defang: Oh, well, we, uh, well, us inviting him...No, we didn't. However, he's been here before but we didn't invite him for doing (organ transplants). Well, the provincial hospital has invited him for it.

Investigator: Oh, in that case I could also call the provincial hospital and I could just go there. If possible, I could ask them to invite the doctor to come and then we wouldn't have to go that far (Dr. Wu Defang: yeah), if that would work.

Dr. Wu Defang: I, uh, I'm not saying that, since I'm also with this hospital. I, uh, I'm not saying that, well, like I'm stopping you from coming here. It's that I feel that for a medical treatment (Investigator: the entire treatment) it doesn't just take (the doctor's) skills, but also the aftercare, in all different aspects. I'm not saying that you must go to a specific hospital. It's just that over here in Qinghai, regarding organ transplant surgery, our skills really are not quite there yet.

Investigator: Oh, that's fine. I'll just ask for Director Wang. I'll look him up. I'm guessing that, like what you have said, that if he could come to your hospital to hold seminars, I guess he could be performing a few hundred surgeries in a year. I'm guessing, based on the reputation of that hospital, that could be the case, right?

Dr. Wu Defang: Yes, yes, hospitals such as Renji Hospital, and Peking Union Medical College Hospital....

Investigator: Oh yeah, Renji.

Dr. Wu Defang: However, at this type of hospitals, big as they are they are also quite eminent. They have no shortage of patients, so if you need to be hospitalized, you could need to wait for quite a while. Now under the pandemic, if the patient is already in dire condition, under the current situation going to Beijing may not be suitable. It's because you'd need to be in quarantine for a long time.

Investigator: Well, yes.

Dr. Wu Defang: Well, so, if you want to get to it right away, you should go to other places. Avoid Beijing and try other places. Thus you could get it done as soon as you get there. If you could make an appointment, and could get hospitalized, you could then get it done as soon as possible.

Investigator: Yes, yes, we do want to get it done as soon as possible. That is our wish. About Beijing, even though they say there're no pandemic cases, there they've never lifted the restrictions. The other day I've asked about it, about Beijing. Even though you just recommended it to me, I was thinking that'd be my last resort. Going to Beijing you'd need to be quarantined for 14 days and the costs are all on you, just like coming back from overseas. It costs quite a few thousand yuan. Just quarantine would take 14 days and then you'd check into the hospital and you'd need to wait in line. It is very inconvenient and the costs are exorbitant (Dr. Wu Defang: Yes, yes!) Yes, right. Then thank you, Doctor Wu. I understand now and I'll discuss it with my family.

Dr. Wu Defang: Yes, yes, that's how it is.

Investigator: Okay, that's all fine. Money is no issue for us but time is of the essence. Then certainly we want good quality. That's all. Okay, it's all good. Thank you, Dr. Wu. Sorry for bothering you. Okay, good bye.

Dr. Wu Defang: Good. Okay, okay.

Investigator: Good bye.

Dr. Wu Defang: Yeah, good bye!