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Summary

1. We do kidney transplants, but we must have the kidney sources available. They are allocated through the national network!
2. But there is nothing available here. There has been nothing available nowadays!
3. In Qinghai Province, there has been only one single case of voluntary donation, only one such a live donation, for so many years now.
4. A kidney source involves whether the patient would agree to donate, among other things. Nobody is willing to donate this stuff?
5. For one thing, the population is small in Qinghai. For another, we still lack a well-established mechanism here in our minority ethnic region!
6. Investigator: So you say people here are rather conservative? Nobody is willing to donate?
Doctor: That is for sure the case. The kidney sources are definitely very few.
7. Recently, we happened to have a donor in our area. That was the first patient that I just mentioned. With the two kidneys acquired, one was given to someone from Guangdong, who came over and had it done here; the other was given to a local patient in Qinghai.
8. Sometimes an organ has to be brought to Guangzhou. So, it all depends on things, such as timing or who is suitable...It depends on the specific situations!
9. In the past, most kidneys were taken from prisoners.
10. The person specifically responsible for organ transplants is Li Ning.
11. You can make an appointment with Director Chen Guojun on another day, and ask

him about it.

Translation

Doctor: Hello!

Investigator: Hello. Is this Kidney Transplant of Qinghai University Affiliated Hospital?

Doctor: Ah, how can I help you?

Investigator: If I were to bring my husband to your hospital for a kidney transplant, could we come and get hospitalized right away, and wait in line for it? How would it work?

Doctor: No, no, it wouldn't work like that! I am not...I am not too familiar with that, either. It seems quite complicated. We must first make sure whether there is a kidney source available, ah, okay?

Investigator: Oh. Isn't your hospital...isn't your hospital the only one that does kidney transplants in Qinghai?

Doctor: Yes, we do kidney transplants. But we must have kidney sources, understand? And the kidney sources are allocated through the national network.

Investigator: Allocated through the national network?

Doctor: Yes, that's right. But there is nothing available here. There has been nothing available nowadays!

Investigator: So are you saying that there are no kidney sources available in Qinghai? Why? None in such a big province?

Doctor: This province has only five million people, so can you call it big?

Investigator: Qinghai has five million people, then....

Doctor: Let me tell you. Let me first tell you. This matter I am not too familiar with usually, because first, I am not a technical person, and this seems to be a rather complicated matter. We have dedicated personnel responsible for this area. In order to get a kidney transplant done, first of all, there must be a suitable kidney source available. Secondly, there must be a comprehensive, comprehensive...as it seems to be...a dedicated information registration network, where you must first submit your related information. Then you must wait in line until a kidney becomes available for you. Even if a kidney source is available, if you don't get registered, you will never get it. Do you understand? Because many patients have been waiting in front of you, right?

Investigator: Oh, so you say here....

Doctor: It's not like that you could simply get hospitalized and have the kidney replaced as soon as you wish. It is rather complicated!

Investigator: Well, I felt that you're the only hospital that has the qualifications in Qinghai. So I felt you should have quite a lot of patients such as those who had car accidents or became brain-dead, and they should be quite abundant and readily available to you, right?

Doctor: How can there be so many? Let me tell you, in Qinghai Province, there has been only one single case of voluntary donation for so many years now. There has been only one case of such a live donor, who became brain-dead. Understand?

Investigator: There has been only one single donor?

Doctor: Ah, yes, yes, yes. There has been only one case of donation, the live donation, over so many years.

Investigator: Oh....

Doctor: Ah, that was very few, very hard. So organ, organ transplants, organ transplants are actually quite difficult, quite difficult as a matter of fact. Ah, you have to wait....

Investigator: So....

Doctor: You have to wait for a surplus organ....

Investigator: So can't those organs from traffic accidents be used?

Doctor: Let me tell you, this stuff involves many things. For one thing, would the patient agree to donate, right? Nobody would be willing to donate this stuff? You see what I mean?

Investigator: Yeah, I see. So....

Doctor: Any ways, let me tell you, one thing is that the population is small. Another thing is, we still lack a well-established mechanism, here in our minority ethnic region!

Investigator: Oh, so you say people here are relatively conservative? Nobody is willing to donate? Or something else?

Doctor: That's surely the case. So let me tell you, one thing is that the kidney sources are few, ah....

Investigator: Ah.

Doctor: For sure very few!

Investigator: Oh?

Doctor: Ah, when there is a kidney source that becomes available, we can call and ask you to come over as soon as possible. It's like that.

Investigator: Ah, well, as you said, (Doctor: yes, that's how it works.) if it is allocated *via* the national network, then as long as we get registered in the system, it does not matter where we get the transplant done, right?

Doctor: Ah, regarding this area, as I already told you, I don't quite understand it, either.

Investigator: So...so, at your place....

Doctor: In this area....

Investigator: Who is responsible?

Doctor: The person responsible happens to be not in here, as he's gone to the countryside, now is in Yushu. He is the person specifically responsible for this matter.

Investigator: Oh, is that your program director?

Doctor: No, no, he's not the director. You can make an appointment with the director for another day, and come to consult him.

Investigator: What is the name of the director then?

Doctor: He's Chen, surnamed Chen, Director Chen Guojun. You can ask for him.

Investigator: Ah, Chen Guojun. Is he your...is he the lead surgeon when it comes to an operation?

Doctor: That, that depends.

Investigator: Ah, so if he doesn't do it, who else...who else does it?

Doctor: Let's not talk about the operation thing now. First you have to see if you can find a suitable match. Let me tell you, we just did it a while back...we did it, yeah.

Investigator: Really?

Doctor: We just did it not long ago.

Investigator: You just did one.

Doctor: It was an expert, an expert from Xi'an, who did it.

Investigator: Where was he from? From Xi'an?

Doctor: Yes, yes.

Doctor: Ah, about that I am not sure.

Investigator: Oh, you don't know how long the wait time was.

Doctor: Ah.

Investigator: Oh....

Doctor: Right, right.

Investigator: You invited an expert from Xi'an.

Doctor: The tissue typing happened to have worked well. Then...well, I wouldn't say it was through an invitation, rather, he was dispatched urgently by the government to perform the job. We happened to have a donor in our area. That was the first case, the first patient that I just mentioned. With the two kidneys acquired, one was given to a patient from Guangdong, who came and had it done here; the other was given to a local patient in Qinghai. And the tissue typing turned out successfully, yeah.

Investigator: Oh...oh....

Doctor: It is complicated. It's not as simple or as quick as you wish it to be. It is quite complicated.

Investigator: So, as you said, that live (donor)....

Doctor: Well, come here and check with our director.

Investigator: That's fine. Doctor, could you tell me how such live transplantation or live donation works? I mean like those that we could encounter?

Doctor: In the past, in the past, the kidneys were mostly harvested from prisoners, understood?

Investigator: Yeah.

Doctor: They were harvested from death row inmates.

Investigator: Okay....

Doctor: Now that, that channel is blocked now. That channel is dead now. It's gone! Now we can only acquire them through the donation. Ah, but as for the donations here, it's been taking such a long, long time to just acquire one single case.

Investigator: Oh, as for such a living donor, living donor transplant, he is not like that death row inmate who is already dead. How does he make such a donation while still alive? So can he register and apply for it?

Doctor: That is, that person....

Investigator: So, could you explain what you mean exactly...by live donation?

Doctor: Ah. I mean those organ donations now usually are done voluntarily for you. So, for example, when someone who became brain-dead, or had a car accident, it so happens that the family members agree to donate the organs. Ah, so then there are such things that become available. In the past, they were taken from death row inmates. Now the government does not allow...no longer allows that practice!

Investigator: Okay, since when were those death row inmates not allowed to be used?

Doctor: Ah, well, that I don't know.

Investigator: Oh....

Doctor: If you want...Ah....

Investigator: Ah, well...yes, the key is whether we could be that lucky, that is, whether we could get one like that by any chance. So, as you said, I should talk to the director, the one named Chen Guojun, right?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: Yes, yes. You can ask him.

Investigator: Ah, so I....

Doctor: The important thing for now is that you get registered into that database. It should be a national dedicated Chinese medical database or something of that sort for organ donations. You can submit all your stuff such as your blood type right there, and wait for any news. If they have a suitable organ, an organ, that becomes available, no matter where it is, you may have to go there immediately. It works like that.

Investigator: Ah, it works like that. It's not like that while we wait here, they will bring the organ to us. Like, for example, in the case you just mentioned, well, you got a donor, a kidney source available here; In Guangzhou there was that patient whose tissue typing worked well, so he had to come over from Guangzhou, instead of the organ being brought to Guangzhou.

Doctor: Yes, that's right.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: That depends. Sometimes an organ has to be brought to Guangzhou. So, it all depends on things, such as timing or who is suitable. It depends on the specific situation.

Investigator: Ah, I see.

Doctor: Okay, that's it for now. I can't talk any more. I am quite busy when on duty. Okay.

Investigator: Oh, so other than your director, you said there is a person specifically responsible for organ transplants. Could you tell me his name? I'll call and ask him another day. He should be familiar with the situation.

Doctor: He is not in. He is not in. Ah, he's gone to the countryside....

Investigator: He's gone to the countryside. What's his name?

Doctor: His name is...is Li Ning.

Investigator: Oh, that's good. Then I will call him. How much money shall we prepare for an operation at your place? Well, as you mentioned last time, how much money do we need to prepare for the whole procedure?

Doctor: Ah, about that I am not sure. Sorry.

Doctor: It's not that I've never heard about it. The cost, the cost is not a problem. The operation itself is not too expensive here. But the postoperative immunity drugs, the postoperative care, may cost a lot. Ah.

Investigator: We don't need to prepare the cash?

Doctor: Please ask our director then. Okay!

Investigator: Ask the director? Fine, so let me call him. Good, thank you. Okay. Good bye.

Doctor: No problem. No problem.