



Investigation Subject: Zhao Yongheng, Vice President of Kunming No.1 People's Hospital, liver transplantation

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Summary:

1. We have been doing liver transplants. Today we perform one liver transplant and two kidney transplants.
2. Including local hospitals, we have conducted price assessments through the Development and Reform Commission. The total charge for liver acquisition and preservation is 120,000 yuan.

Telephone Investigation Content:

Investigator: Hello! Is this Vice President Zhao Yongheng?

Zhao Yongheng: This is he.

Investigator: Oh, my younger sister called you just now. She was introduced from Guiyang. I'm a doctor myself, so she wants me to ask if your hospital is still doing liver transplants now?

Zhao Yongheng: **Yes, we are still doing it. Today we have one liver transplant and two kidney transplants.**

Investigator: Then how long does the patient have to wait after arriving?

Zhao Yongheng: Oh, what's her blood type?

Investigator: Type B.

Zhao Yongheng: Ah, type B. Generally speaking, there are relatively more donors of type B, but it's hard to say. It's really hard to say about the donors. Please ask her to register first. We've done almost twenty liver transplants in the first quarter from New Year's Day till now, including blood types A, O, and B. There were relatively more type B. So, we did more type B (liver transplants), and the wait time was shorter.

Investigator: So, you also did lots of kidney transplants?

Zhao Yongheng: The cost?

Investigator: How much is the cost in general?

Zhao Yongheng: The cost is like this. Now all the organs come from donation. Each time we obtain one liver and two kidneys. **Including local hospitals, we have conducted price assessments through the Development and Reform Commission. The total charge for liver acquisition and preservation is 120,000 yuan.** This is a separate charge which may not be included in the medical insurance. For other charges, if the postoperative recovery is smooth, some may be discharged from hospital after spending 150,000 yuan. Some may need to spend 200,000 yuan. I think if you can prepare 250,000 to 300,000 yuan in total, that would be abundant.



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Investigator: Generally speaking, these donors are healthy, right?

Zhao Yongheng: We must be responsible for this. We first need to confirm the condition of the liver. **Now (donors) are not as young as they used to be.** Whether the size of the liver is suitable or not, whether it can be used or not, we need to do a physical examination and make various evaluations. Why do we do a bit less liver (transplants) than kidneys (transplants)? **Renal ischemia is more tolerated, so more kidneys are used. But a liver would be useless if its quality is a bit poorer.** We must check on this.

Investigator: Since I am a doctor, I have also sent patients to other hospitals. They all said that the donors in the past could be prisoners or practitioners. Can your hospital get such donors now?

Zhao Yongheng: We even didn't have this years ago. What practitioners?

Investigator: I mean prison inmates. Possibly in 2007 or 2008, among the patients I sent to other hospitals, not your hospital...

Zhao Yongheng: (This kind of donor) is long gone. They are long gone. Long gone. Now all donations are from citizens after their death.

Investigator: Oh, that's fine, as long as it's healthy. Well, I'll go back and discuss it with my younger sister. She'll come to queue up as soon as possible upon making the decision. President Zhao, thank you!

Zhao Yongheng: You're welcome.