



36 – A Doctor at Area A (South Campus), 8th Floor, Liver Transplant Ward, The First People’s Hospital of Kunming

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Summary:

1. We do not only liver transplants here, but all kinds of transplants. We do more than one hundred cases a year.
2. Some patients can get transplants done within one or two weeks. While there are patients who cannot get a suitable organ for several months.
3. Any doctor in the Hepatobiliary Department can perform liver transplants.

Investigation Recording

Investigator: Hello. Is this, (Nurse: Hello) Hello. Is this the Liver Transplant Department of The First People’s Hospital of Kunming? I’m from Zhejiang

Nurse: Um, yes. How can I help you?

Investigator: I’m from Ningbo, Zhejiang. I’ve a family member who needs a liver transplant.

Nurse: Wait a minute. I’ll ask a doctor to answer the phone, okay?

Doctor: Hello (a doctor speaks instead of the nurse)

Investigator: Hey, hello doctor. I am from Ningbo, Zhejiang. I have a family member who needs a liver transplant. Dr. Song of Yinzhou Hospital told me that the wait time in Ningbo is too long. He told me that I can go to Kunming to do it and The First People's Hospital of Kunming does more (transplants). He said I should go there, have a look, ask about the situation, and see if it is faster there. So, I called you. If we go to your hospital to do (liver transplant), will the wait time be slightly shorter?

Doctor: Not necessarily. Anyway, there are various transplant centers across the country, and you also have them in Zhejiang. The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University has also done a lot. Even in the whole country, the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University is also very famous.

Investigator: We.....

Doctor: Ah, wait a minute, wait a minute. Let me answer a phone call.

(The doctor is answering the phone...)

Doctor: Hello?

Investigator: Hey, our hospital in Ningbo can only do forty or so cases a year. So, he said I should go to Kunming because Kunming does a lot.

Doctor: Anyway, here we do dozens of cases a year. It might be the same, anyway.

Investigator: Oh no, have you done many this year? Like this kind of liver transplant, you must have done more than the hospital in Ningbo, right?



Doctor: Dozens of cases. Anyway, let's just say, well, we do dozens of liver transplants (per year). That's about it. Um.

Investigator: Really? You're saying that you haven't done one hundred cases yet by the end of this year? It's almost the end of the year.

Doctor: We do not only liver transplants here, but all kinds of transplants. We do more than one hundred cases a year if we add up various transplants. For liver transplants only, there've been dozens of cases.

Investigator: Oh, oh, like this. Then, if we come here, if fast, how long does it take to get a liver transplant?

Doctor: Ah, that's hard to say. Some people may come and get a transplant within one to two weeks, while some people may come and have to wait several months to get a suitable donor.

Investigator: Our donors are generally fine, right? They're generally healthy, right?

Doctor: All are handled according to the standard.

Investigator: Ouch, this...

Doctor: All are done in accordance with norms and standards.

Investigator: Yeah? Oh, that's like, now there are no more donors like before? I think, since you do a lot of transplants, maybe now there are still donors like those used in the past. So maybe a little faster.

Doctor: What? What did you say?

Investigator: I mean your hospital, what your hospital does ...

Doctor: I can't hear clearly.

Investigator: You can't hear clearly. I mean, since you do a lot of transplants, maybe donors like those used in the past are still being used now at your place. That is to say, can donors like death-row inmates still be used?

Doctor: I cannot quite hear what you are saying. In other words, now everything must be done according to the norm. That is to say, it must be done in accordance with international norms. It is nothing special. That's it.

Investigator: Am I calling the north campus or the south campus? Is this ward the south campus or the north campus, if I come?

Doctor: The north campus.

Investigator: Just now you mentioned dozens of cases. Did the south campus do dozens of cases? Were they different from those done in the north campus, right?

Doctor: They are all one hospital; no distinction is made between north and south campuses. All belong to one hospital. It's all open and transparent now. It is nothing special.

Investigator: All right. Then should I come to you? May I have your surname? Is it ok if I come to you?

Doctor: Oh no. Anyway, we say, any hepatobiliary doctor here knows the situation. That is, any hepatobiliary doctor can (do liver transplants).

Investigator: Okay, thank you.



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Doctor: Okay.

Investigator: Bye.