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Summary

- 1, Donor fees, are estimated at about RMB 350,000.
- 2, The cost of the surgery is almost RMB half a million, RMB 550,000, ranging from RMB 500,000 to RMB 550,000.
- 3, Donor fees will be calculated by the Red Cross, and make some compensation to the donor's family, and then we are informed of how much you will be charged.
- 4, Type A (blood donor) is not very easy to get. It is estimated to be two weeks to a month.
- 5, First complete the examination at the hospital, because he said that if it were lucky, (the surgery) might be done in a week.
- 6, National Ranking of Transplant Amount: Xiangya (Hospital) may be below us, because we are the third one, and Xiangya (Hospital) may be the fourth or fifth one.
- 7, The first one is Renji (Hospital), the second one is Zhejiang University, the third one is us, and the fourth one may be Xiangya (Hospital).
- 8, Tianjin First Central Hospital has the largest number of transplants in the country, but it has no data, because they have a data report that is not reported, so there is no way to know how many (cases) it did conduct.
- 9, We will definitely do more than last year. We did about 80 cases in the same period last year, and 110 cases this year.
- 10, Last year we have conducted 230 cases, and this year it is expected to be 260 to 280 cases.
- 11, For many directors in Shanghai, their patients could not get a liver donor, so we also cooperate (with them). They all take the liver... they all take the patient to Shang... to Henan province to do it.

Investigation Phone Recording

Investigator: Hello. Hello doctor.

Doctor: How are you?

Investigator: That is Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University. Is that the Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: I would like to ask you, if patients from other provinces come to do liver transplantation, how much money do they have to prepare?

Doctor: Hmm ~ about RMB half a million.

Investigator: More than half a million. You are? I don't know, because like in Hunan, it includes the fees for liver source and surgery. What is it like on this side?

Doctor: It is the same. Hasn't Hunan already implemented single-disease charges?

Investigator: Anyway, we learned...



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Doctor: His liver source... Qi Haizhi, Director Qi, don't they...? Um, (is the patient from) Hunan?

Investigator: Yes, Qi Haizhi should be in Xiangya Hospital, Xiangya Hospital. We asked the Xiangya Second Hospital. The second hospital has done more cases of liver transplantation. The second hospital said that the surgical fee and the donor fee are separate. The cost of surgery is uncertain, but the donor cost is the same.

Doctor: It is about the same across the country.

Investigator: Oh, it's about the same. How much is your donor fee?

Doctor: Probably, **is calculated at about RMB 350,000.**

Transfer: No, are you saying that the donor cost is RMB 350,000, or it includes the operation cost also?

Doctor: For all **surgery fees together, it is over RMB half a million, RMB 550,000, ranging from RMB 500,000 to RMB 550,000.**

Investigator: Oh, RMB 550,000?

Doctor: Right.

Investigator: Then your donor fee is not clearly stated, isn't it?

Doctor: Because in the end, **it will be calculated by the Red Cross, and make some compensation to the donor's family, and then we are informed of how much you will be charged.**

Investigator: Oh, I see!

Doctor: Right.

Investigator: Could you give me an estimation? You say the total cost is about RMB 550,000, right?

Doctor: Yes, right.

Investigator: I heard that the cost of liver transplantation is much lower in Henan Province than in Shanghai.

That's why I came to inquire about it, then, how can the patient wait if he came?

Doctor: What is his primary disease?

Investigator: Hepatitis B cirrhosis.

Doctor: What is his blood type?

Investigator: Type A.

Doctor: Type A, oh, Type A is relatively... **Type A (blood donor) is not very easy to get. It is estimated to be two weeks to a month.**

Investigator: Oh, wait for two weeks to a month?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: It seems that the easiest to get is Type B (blood donor). I learned it from the director.

Doctor: The easiest to get is Type B (blood donor). Ha ha.



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Investigator: Oh yes. So if we wait, where do we wait for it during these two weeks to a month? Is it in your hospital, their place...

Doctor: Firstly complete the examinations in the hospital, firstly complete the examinations in the hospital, **because he said if it were lucky, it can be conducted within a week.**

Investigator: Oh, if it were lucky, it can be done in a week, right?

Doctor: Yes, right.

Investigator: Then, will it be in the infectious ward of your hospital? I heard that Xiangya (Hospital) is like this, in their infectious disease department or something, right?

Doctor: We are right in our liver transplant department.

Investigator: Oh, you have beds available in your hospital?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Oh, then in your hospital...

Doctor: Our turnover is relatively quick. I don't know how many cases they did in Xiangya (Hospital) last year.

Investigator: Xiangya (Hospital) conducted... because we asked another acquaintance to ask for us, and he said more than two hundred cases.

Doctor: **Xiangya (Hospital) may be below us, because we are the third one, and Xiangya (Hospital) may be the fourth or fifth one.**

Investigator: Is that (the rank) in the country?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: How many cases did you make last year? The liver transplantation last year.

Doctor: **We did 231 cases last year.**

Investigator: Oh, Xiangya (Hospital) also did more than two hundred cases, maybe they are about the same with you, right?

Doctor: Ah, statistically, I, **the first is Renji (Hospital), the second is Zhejiang University, the third is us, the fourth may be Xiangya (Hospital).**

Investigator: Oh. Yes? Because we have the liver transplantation..., so we know a little bit. Isn't Tianjin First Central Hospital the largest one?

Doctor: **It is the biggest, but it has no data, because they have a data report that is not reported, so there is no way to know how many (cases) it did conduct.**

Investigator: Oh, don't report it?

Doctor: Yes, right.

Investigator: Then why not report it? Are they afraid of you hospital to compete with them?

Doctor: Ah, no, not like that, because, well, well, organs, in the transplantation industry it has something, something..., anyway, the Ministry of Health does required to report it.



Investigator: Oh, you said they were the hospital with the highest fees, right?

Doctor: Their fees...

Investigator: Their fees are too high! Right.

Doctor: Their fees should be relatively high.

Investigator: Yes, very high. Because it seems they accept many patients from South Korea, there are many overseas patients, from South Korea.

Doctor: Right. Because..., so they..., because the government requires not to be foreign-related, they are foreign-related, so they would not report it.

Investigator: Right!

Doctor: Well, these are issues within our transplantation industry. Right.

Investigator: Then if we, the patient came to your hospital from a remote place, then directly..., that is, basically we can come here just after notifying you, because you said just now, we can stay in the hospital to wait, if it were lucky, one week, if it were slightly unlucky, maybe two weeks, or half a month, then generally it can be sent over.

Doctor: Yes. We have been doing it for more than 20 years. We have done it in the past few years, we have done more every year, and basically ranked the third to the fifth, the third to the fifth in the country.

Investigator: Great, hey, then this year you...

Doctor: **We will definitely do more than last year. We did about 80 cases in the same period last year, and 110 cases this year.**

Investigator: Oh, then there is no problem for you to do two hundred cases this year, I see.

Doctor: Oh, **last year we have conducted 230 cases, and this year it is expected to be 260 to 280 cases.**

Investigator: Good. Hey, so we can get in touch with your hospital by calling this number then? Or what should we do?

Doctor: Just call my mobile phone. Call me, I'll leave you a mobile number, you can call me then.

Investigator: What is your surname?

Doctor: Oh, my surname is Yang.

Investigator: Oh, Dr. Yang, so I just need to find Dr. Yang then, right? Did they know it is you?

Doctor: Just call me directly, because, oh yes, **we have only one doctor with the surname Yang in our department.** You can also send me a text message.

Investigator: Hey, in your hospital, the liver transplant ward is independent, and it's not related to Hepatobiliary Surgery, right? Just do transplantation?

Doctor: Oh, our old hospital area is for transplantation. This new hospital area is for (rehabilitation) after transplantation and General Hepatobiliary Surgery.



Investigator: Oh, it's also together. Because it may not be the case if the transplant is separate...

Doctor: Yes, because some of the pre-operative, pre-operative treatments are in liver transplant ward of (General) Hepatobiliary Surgery in the new hospital area, and then after surgery, you go to the old hospital area for the surgery.

Investigator: Yes, it is reasonable to say that all of them are transplant patients, the management and other aspects should be better, the doctors...

Doctor: Management is all..., the transplant patients are managed centrally.

Investigator: Oh, okay, okay, how many beds are there in the old hospital area?

Doctor: Old hospital area, then we have more than thirty beds.

Investigator: More than thirty beds?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Oh, good, good.

Doctor: So the beds are relatively tight in the old hospital area.

Investigator: Well, I think the condition of your hospital is really better in the central region. And your fees sounds still relatively (lower) than Shanghai.

Doctor: Yes, because there are so many, **many directors in Shanghai, their patients could not get a liver donor, so we also cooperate (with them). They all take the liver... they all take the patient to Shang... to Henan province to do it.**

Investigator: Oh, just to refer them to you, right? OK. Well, that's all I want to ask for now. As for something to supplement, then I want to ask, I will leave you a message or something, OK?

Doctor: Alright, alright. OK. OK.

Investigator: Great. Thank you. Goodbye.