

Clinic and Research Center of the PLA No. 302 Hospital

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Doctor on duty Liu Hongling: We still do it now, we do a lot. We have a dedicated military ward that can do it, and medical treatment is free...

Highlights:

1. Q: Does the PLA No. 302 Hospital still do liver transplants? A: Yes, we do, we do a lot.

2. We did nearly 60 cases last year.

3. We did it this year too, there should be about 20 cases. It was a lot too.

Excerpts of telephone recording:

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Investigator: ... Are you Dr. Liu Hongling from the PLA No. 302 Hospital?

Liu Hongling: Who is it?

Investigator: We are in the same profession. I am from the PLA No. 316 hospital. We just graduated from the PLA No. 302 Hospital. Back when I had just graduated, I was a trainee at the PLA No. 302 Hospital. We used to turn some of our patients to the PLA No. 301 Hospital. Recently the PLA No. 301 Hospital has stopped doing surgeries such as liver transplants. Recently, I have an officer patient who wants to do liver transplant. He has advanced cirrhosis of the liver, and I wonder if the PLA No. 302 Hospital still does it now?

Liu Hongling: We do, we do a lot.

Investigator: You do a lot, oh that's great. Because when I called the PLA No. 301 Hospital, they said they virtually stopped doing it.

Liu Hongling: Right, I know the PLA No. 302 Hospital (slip of the tongue is corrected), the PLA No. 301 Hospital doesn't do it, yes...

Investigator: Yes, um, because our direct...the medical relationship is the PLA No. 301 Hospital. Of course, we also send patients with infectious diseases to your hospital. Now that your hospital is doing so many living transplants this year, is the wait line moving fast?

Liu Hongling: Well, it depends on the blood type, but there will be no chance if you don't get in line. You'll have a chance only when you get in line.



Investigator: There's still a chance, right?

Liu Hongling: Yes.

Investigator: How many have you done so far this year?

Liu Hongling: Let me ask you, this year you... we have done a lot. We did nearly 60 cases last year.

Investigator: Oh.

Liu Hongling: We have done a lot this year, too.

Investigator: This year, have you done dozens of cases this year?

Liu Hongling: We have done it this year too. There may be...there should be about 20 cases. It's quite a lot, right.

Investigator: You said, a dozen cases?

Liu Hongling: About 20 cases.

... (the two are talking at the same time, so they can't be heard clearly.)

Investigator: ... If you do it here, I will take him there.

Liu Hongling: Is the patient a serviceman or a retired cadre?

Investigator: Yes, I am with the PLA No. 316 Hospital of the General Staff Department.

Liu Hongling: Oh, General Staff Department, then we have a special ward section for your serviceman patient. We can do it for him, we can treat him, we can, we can, there's no problem we can, um.

Investigator: ... how much is the price?

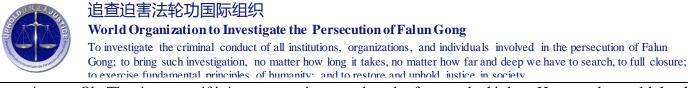
Liu Hongling: Isn't it free for servicemen? For servicemen it's free, right?

Investigator: Oh, it's free for servicemen, so servicemen don't need to pay. That's great. They used to charge a portion, they used to, so now they don't charge any, do they?

Liu Hongling: The servicemen need to pay? I am not sure about that, because we charge a fee, and the ward for servicemen takes care of it...

Investigator: Oh, what about civilian patients? ...

Liu Hongling: Right, it is mainly... right, the fees for this operation are not much. But if it's a serviceman, he'll need to be transferred. There might be this issue, okay?



Investigator: Oh. That is to say, if it is not a serviceman, then the fee may be higher. How much would that be?

Liu Hongling: It would be affordable...last year it was...it was okay. If your patient is a serviceman, you can go to our hospital outpatient clinic first, and you can register for the outpatient clinic of the servicemen section. It's not called "Servicemen Area" here...your patient may be admitted and wait in line for a liver source. That's the procedure here, okay.

Investigator: ...about the donated liver, we don't know the specific case...sometimes they are all senior in age or sick, and they are all this type. Suppose...can we still use the ones used before, the type from prison. Can those still be used?

Liu Hongling: Now it's all DVD? It should be...all DVD, they are donated, all this type, they are all donated, they are all this type.

Investigator: They are all DVD now?

Liu Hongling: Basically they are all this type, right.