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Highlights:

- 1. The Organ Transplant Center (including both liver and kidney transplants), opened in 2007. Last year, more than 100 liver and kidney transplants were performed, including 40 to 50 liver transplants. Kidney transplants, 80 to 90 cases, were twice as many as liver transplants.
- 2. This year, more than 10 liver transplants and 20 to 30 kidney transplants have been performed. They used to take the prisoners from the prison to the hospital, cut out their organs when they were still alive, and donors would die after the operation and were sent to the morgue.
- 3. Director Yang Hongji

Segments of telephone recording:

Investigator: Do you still do liver transplants here?

Dr. Zhou: Yes, we do, and what's up?

Investigator: I have a nephew...

Dr. Zhou: We have been doing it all along.

Investigator: Oh, you've been doing it all the time. Do you do a lot? If you do, I will go to line up, and the

waiting time is short?

Dr. Zhou: We do a lot. I don't understand what you said.

Investigator: Since I don't live in your city, I'll ask first if you've done a lot this year?

Dr. Zhou: We are doing okay every year, because there are only two of us in our department, and two doctors

are doing it.

Investigator: Can you do hundreds of cases a year?

Dr. Zhou: Yes.

Investigator: This year, 2016, as of now, have you done dozens of cases?

Dr. Zhou: We have done relatively few in recent period, because liver donors are hard to find.

Investigator: So you haven't done 20 or 30 cases this year, have you?

Dr. Zhou: We've done quite a few, but I don't have specific numbers. Probably a dozen cases at least.

Investigator: So like last year, you did more than 100 cases?

Dr. Zhou: Regarding kidney transplants last year, it was about that number.



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Investigator: Oh, you do both kidney and liver transplants, right?

Dr. Zhou: That's right, we do both kidney transplants and liver transplants.

Investigator: There are not as many liver transplants, right?

Dr. Zhou: Maybe 40 to 50 liver transplants.

Investigator: Were they done this year, 2016?

Dr. Zhou: One year, one year.

Investigator: There are more kidney transplants

Dr. Zhou: Two times as many.

Investigator: Then you also carried out kidney transplants this year?

Dr. Zhou: It is carried out every year. We have been doing it from 2007 to now.

Investigator: If you performed more than a dozen cases of liver transplants this year, you should have done 20

or 30 cases of kidney transplants, right?

Dr. Zhou: Yes.

Investigator: I am a doctor myself, I have a nephew... I wanted some information so that I will have patients

sent to you in future.

Dr. Zhou: Hmm...

Investigator: You were saying that, this year, more than a dozen cases of liver transplants and 20 to 30 cases of

kidney transplants have been done?

Dr. Zhou: Roughly, yes.

Investigator: ...Can you tell me about the price?

Dr. Zhou: Price? Here in our place, we are cheaper than Beijing, probably about 400,000 yuan.

Investigator: That is to say, you are doing okay here?

Dr. Zhou: How should we put it? Anyway...

Investigator: I asked around today, and some only did a dozen cases. That's too little.

Dr. Zhou: That's about like it. Anyway, we do have the skill here. Our director came from Canada.

Investigator: You have only done a dozen cases until May. You can't possibly do 40 or 50 cases by the end of

the year?

Dr. Zhou: Ah, believe it or not, it's up to you! Anyway, we did an average of at least...

Investigator: Oh, more than 80 kidney transplants?

Dr. Zhou: Also, you know so much about this thing now, but there's no need. There are very few liver donors

now, very few.



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Investigator: Because a friend of mine did it in your place seven or eight years ago...it was very fast at that time, he had it done in a few days, and he could ask the doctor to use that kind of prisoner, the practitioner kind. Dr. Zhou: No, not now. Donations, or brain dead. Family members can.

Investigator: But there is no legislation on brain death.

Dr. Zhou: There is no legislation, so the process is quite strict now.

Investigator: No one can use prisoners and practitioners like it was done in the past?

Dr. Zhou: Absolutely not.

Investigator: So they can't be used at all? Theirs are of course good.

Dr. Zhou: Approximately...prisoners could be used before, but from 2007 afterwards they can't be used, and

there aren't any.

Investigator: ...starting in which year were they banned for use?

Dr. Zhou: I am not sure about this, because I only came here in 2012.

Investigator: Could they still be used at that time?

Dr. Zhou: At that time, yes. Hey, I never did it back then! Because I started in 2012. At that time, all the liver harvests were done in the hospital, and they didn't go to the execution ground...

Investigator: So you didn't go to the prison to get it? Then you have to bring the person to the hospital to get it? Dr. Zhou: Right.

Investigator: So you brought them here for organ harvesting and sent them back when done?

Dr. Zhou: After it was done, they would be sent to where they belonged, like the mortuary and later cremated.

Investigator: Oh, that means, when you brought him here, he was not dead yet?

Dr. Zhou: He was usually on the verge of death, and his family members were usually unstable, and their blood pressures were unstable.

Investigator: That meant, there were not completely dead yet, and there were life signs, such as heartbeat and

breathing?

Dr. Zhou: Right.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Zhou: Yes, yes, yes, yes

Investigator: After the organ was taken, they'd be taken away, and you didn't care about it anymore?

Dr. Zhou: We didn't care about what would happen next.

Investigator: The good thing about doing it this way is, the transplant be performed immediately, the patient can have the transplant immediately, and the warm ischemia time...the transplant can be performed immediately, so that patients don't wait for such a long time until it's too late?

Dr. Zhou: Yes. Also, there are too many patients waiting now.



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Investigator: There are many patients waiting, but few donors?

Dr. Zhou: Right.

Investigator: Some people say that it is strange why so many people in China do transplants.

Dr. Zhou: Some people believe it, most people believe it

Investigator: (hearing him answering the phone) Then go on doing whatever you are busy with.

Doctor Zhou: I am on duty

Investigator: Go on doing whatever you are busy with, and thank you. What is your last name?

Doctor Zhou: Oh, my name is Zhou.

Investigator: Doctor Zhou, if I go, I will contact you. Dr. Zhou: Don't contact me, I'm a junior doctor.

Investigator: Then I'll contact your director? Dr. Zhou: Ah, yes, contact the director.

Investigator: Director? What's the director's last name?

Dr. Zhou: The director's last name is Yang, Yang Ji, search for him on the Internet.

Investigator: Thank you, goodbye.