



Liver Transplant doctor, Jiangsu Provincial People's Hospital

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Summary

- 1, To register you have to pay 180,000 Yuan first.
2. On average, there are three or four operations in two weeks. Compared with the Gulou (hospital), it is certainly more.
- 3, In general, wait in line takes about a month.
4. It takes as fast as two weeks, and as slow as two months.

Phone Investigation Recording

Doctor: Hello!

Investigator: Hello! How are you? Are you the hepatobiliary surgery department of the Jiangsu Provincial People's Hospital, huh?

Doctor: Yes, that's right.

Investigator: Hey, Doctor. Here's the thing, I'm calling from out of town. Your hospital does liver transplant. How to register patients transferred from other hospitals?

Doctor: Ah! You have to...you have to be over here, anyway...you have to come here with the patient together.

Investigator: Oh!

Doctor: What is the situation? Do you need a liver transplantation?

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: Once you're confirmed, then go ahead and register...just leave your contact information. You'll be called if there is a suitable liver source.

Investigator: Oh. That is the process of registration?

Doctor: That's right.

Investigator: Hey, do I need to pay a fee to register? The fee is called a deposit or something like that.

Doctor: Yes. Registration requires that, first you have to pay some amount like, like a? Let me think, first you may have to pay a hundred and eighty thousand Yuan, something like that. It sounds right. Yes, 180,000 Yuan.

Investigator: You take registration this year, so you're still doing that, right?

Doctor: What did you say?

Investigator: I mean you have done liver transplant this year, haven't you?

Doctor: Of course! Haven't we been doing it all the time?

Investigator: Oh, compared to Gulou Hospital, did you do more? Or they did more?

Doctor: Well ~, I would say we do more, I don't know if you believe it?

Investigator: Hm! It's like the same as what I heard from the Liver Patient Association.

Doctor: It's...



Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: Huh?

Investigator: I said that the Liver Patient Association, is not the internet...

Doctor: That is to say, we...

Investigator: Uh-huh, go ahead, go ahead.

Doctor: Well, I am a master's degree student over here, and then I ... because my supervisor, including other directors I know, what they have done, roughly, hey, for example, in two weeks, just in two...in two weeks, in average all the departments, just all the directors of the liver department, they do about three or four cases. Can you calculate the total amount for me?

Investigator: Oh, three or four cases in two weeks huh? Oh.

Doctor: Because liver source is a part, technology is also a part, people who can afford to do the surgery, is also a part. So it's not going to be particularly, it's not going to be particularly in a large number, like those minor surgery. Hmm.

Investigator: I understand. I understand. This one, maybe this kind major surgery, that's not...

Doctor: However, it would definitely be more if you compare it to the Gulou (hospital).

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: It would definitely be more than what they do.

Investigator: Hey, what about waiting time, to wait in line, how long do you have to wait for that? Wait for the hospital to get a liver.

Doctor: You mean, how long do you have to wait after you have paid money, right?

Investigator: Hmm, that's right, that's right.

Doctor: Ah, it's like this, based on the blood type that is different for each patient. Because it's not like kidney transplant, further testing needs to be done.

Investigator: Hmm.

Doctor: This thing, as long as the blood type matches, it will work.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: But, it depends on what blood type you have? Hey your patient, I mean what blood type the patient has?

Investigator: Type O.

Doctor: Ah, blood type O.

Investigator: Uh.

Doctor: Well, anyway, you just... If you really want to do it, you come over and visit the clinic first ~

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: The waiting time is not...it's not certain, um.



Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: Generally speaking, the waiting time is a month, more or less a month.

Investigator: Oh, more or less in a month?

Doctor: As fast as two weeks, because I saw (someone did in) two weeks, hmm.

Investigator: Oh, you here, this liver transplantation surgery, the fast one could be in two weeks. And then what about the slow ones?

Doctor: The slow ones, the slow ones? Because I don't stay over here particularly much, so the one I saw over here was in two months.

Investigator: Oh, two, two months, wait for two months huh? Oh.

Doctor: Well, by the time you get here, by the time you get here, things might be different.

Investigator: Oh, right, right. Um, right. Yeah, so that, the cost of the surgery on your hospital now, how many thousands, roughly? It seems like they're saying 500,000 to 600,000. It should say...

Doctor: The cost of the surgery, huh?

Investigator: Mm-hmm.

Doctor: If a patient's situation is relatively simple. Or if it's just a liver replacement or if there are no subsequent complications.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: It's just right after a liver transplant, and then everything goes well, and it's only about half a million if you're discharged.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: More than 400,000, less than 500,000.

Investigator: Oh. Yeah...

Doctor: It's more than a million over there in Shanghai.

Investigator: Yes, yes, right. I...I heard about that. Uh, so that's transplantation on your hospital, yeah, hepatobiliary surgery and transplantation on your hospital are separate, transplantation patient is in a separate ward, right?

Doctor: No.

Investigator: Oh, it's still with...it's with the regular patients, right?

Doctor: Uh, so. Because we, after you do, uh no, after the patient does a liver transplant, there's a, there's a monitoring room in our ward. If the patient is more serious.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: That means that the postoperative period is not in a good condition.

Investigator: Oh.



Doctor: He has that transitional, transitional, hey...

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: transitional specialized monitory and care unit.

Investigator: Oh, I know. That is to, certainly you are such a large hospital, the management is supposed to say that there is no problem oh, I trust oh. Well, I probably just ask about the cost, the waiting time. Anyway I just want to check if...

Doctor: What is your patient's disease?

Investigator: He has hepatitis B cirrhosis.

Doctor: Ah.

Investigator: Hmm. Oh, so you, now you all, any of the directors can take appointment, right? And whoever gets the appointment will be in charge, right?

Doctor: That's right.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: Anyway, Director Sun, Director Li, Director Zhang are all available.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: You should, you call first to ask ~

Investigator: Right. I probably know those directors, I probably know. Well, um, well, then we'll see when we get there. Oh, one more thing, that your hospital, if we come by then, for blood type match or something like that, do we need to be hospitalized?

Doctor: No.

Investigator: No need, ha, it can be done by visiting outpatient clinic.

Doctor: You don't need to be hospitalized to get a match.

Investigator: Oh, that's fine, that's fine. Because of this...

Doctor: Leave a blood type.

Investigator: Oh, just leave a blood type. Because it is simpler than a kidney transplant, huh?

Doctor: Mm-hmm.

Investigator: Oh, okay, okay, okay.

Doctor: Right.

Investigator: How many surgeries did you do last year, on this liver transplant, I mean one year, last year?

Doctor: Last year, you mean to ask our hospital, how many transplants do we do in a year?

Investigator: Yes.

Doctor: This number I really don't know!



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Investigator: Have you performed dozens of transplants so far this year?

Doctor: Dozens, that's for sure.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: Dozens of surgeries, I'm sure.

Investigator: Oh, there should be. Oh, what you just said: about two weeks with three or four surgeries.

Doctor: You just say, just say my, uh in my mentor's situation, this year, because his highest record, is two surgeries in three days.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: Hmm. And then generally, if it's, if there's more liver sources, he'll do one in a week. One a week, like that.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: If there's less, if there's less, or if there's no demand, there's no one to do the transplant. Then ~

Investigator: Oh, yeah. Well, then your mentor, is Director Li, or Director Zhang?

Doctor: My mentor is Sun Beicheng, Director Sun.

Investigator: Oh, Sun Beicheng, oh, Director Sun. Oh, I know. I've seen all of these directors on the internet.

Um, okay, okay. You said...

Doctor: Hmm.

Investigator: Your mentor alone, like Director Sun has done, how many surgeries this year?

Doctor: I don't know exactly how many units he did. But if I know, at least 20.

Investigator: Oh, by the way I saw on the Internet, how come your director Sun, was injured this year, wasn't he?

Doctor: That's right. He was injured this year. Also...

Investigator: So...still doing it after the injury?

Doctor: Why would you ask this?

Investigator: What I mean is, just wonder if your hospital still doing it. I was searching for your directors on the internet and read this news. It probably happened due to the conflict between doctors-patients! So, I was thinking that director maybe just retired or took a backseat. Ah, so you mean he's still doing surgery, huh?

Doctor: Hmm. Thanks for your concern on him. He recovered quickly, huh.

Investigator: Oh, that's so. Oh, so...he's still doing it now, right?

Doctor: That's right.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: He's been doing it since February.

Investigator: Since February, he stopped doing it?



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Doctor: Since the end of February, started to work since the end of February.

Investigator: Oh, just started to work...

Doctor: Started, just started doing the surgery.

Investigator: Oh, started doing it at the end of February. Oh, that's...that means he recovered at the end of February. Then just started doing the surgery as usual, right?

Doctor: Right. The hospital was...

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor: The hospital was trying to give him more time off, and he was...he was going to...he insisted on doing the clinical work.

Investigator: Oh, oh, I see. Oh, okay, okay, I got a general idea. Then, anyway, in Jiangsu Province, only yours and Gulou Hospital (doing this). Basically, because we pretty much look for (hospitals in) Jiangsu, which is not far from us, only you two are doing it.

Doctor: Hey, where are you from?

Investigator: Anhui.

Investigator: Okay. Good. Good. Okay. Okay. Then I will make an appointment ha, okay.

Doctor: Hmm.

Investigator: Okay. Okay. That's good, thank you, thank you.

Doctor: Bye-bye.

Investigator: Um, okay, bye, um.