

Annex 73-1. The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou Medical University _ Liver Transplant Division _ Dr. Yang Han

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Executive summary

- 1 Most of livers now are from deaths caused by either cerebrovascular accidents or car accidents
- 2 It takes more than a month to do a liver transplant.
- 3 This is the new district. The old district is full and has no bed available
- 4 The transplant fee is more than 500,000.
- 5 Hospitalized in the new district first, wait one month (for donor) and then have surgery at the old district.
- 6 Liver donors, previously were condemned prisoners, I know.
- 7 Previously death row prisoners (donated livers) were cardiac death. Now are brain death, that is, his heart keeps beating, his organs are always in a state of perfusion.
- 8 Clinically, a total of three persons are responsible for assessing liver quality: Zhang Jiakai, me and another doctor with PhD.

Phone Call content

Doctor: Hello, hello!

Investigator: Hello, may I speak with Dr. Yuan?

Doctor: Hey? Can you say that again!

Investigator: I said are you Dr. Yuan Lei?

Doctor: No, who are you looking for? You made a mistake.

Investigator: Are you the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou Medical University? Is this the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou Medical University?

Doctor: Yes, this is the Division of Hepatobiliary Transplantation, Transplant Division. Are you looking for the old district or the new district? That is the key.

Investigator: New district, the new district. Your new district.

(Switch to Dr. Yang Han to answer the phone)

Dr. Yang: Hello

Investigator: Hello

Dr. Yang: Hello!

Investigator: Hello doctor. Excuse me, is Zhang Jiakai in your old district?

Dr. Yang: What is the name?

Investigator: Zhang Jiakai.

Dr. Yang: I know, what is your name? What is the patient's name?

Investigator: he hasn't arrived at your hospital yet.

Dr. Yang: what do you want from him (Zhang)?

Investigator: This is the case, because it is your original hospital's liver...

Dr. Yang: go on

Investigator: Liver Friendship Association, they recommend us to talk with Dr. Zhang (to get liver), can you hear me?

Dr. Yang: I can hear you, speak.

Investigator: said looking for Zhang Jiakai, can go to your hospital for liver transplant.

Dr. Yang: My alumnus, senior than me, continue, what is the situation?

Investigator: The patient is from another province, Jiangxi. I want to ask, now in your hospital for liver transplant. His blood type is A. How long does it take to wait for (the liver)? How do we wait?

Dr. Yang: For more than a month. Jiangxi, who introduced?

Investigator: Liver Friendship Association

Dr. Yang: Wu Zhongyu?

Investigator: Liver Friendship Association! Liver Friendship Association, someone did liver transplant in your hospital.

Dr. Yang: What is the name? What is the name of that patient?

Investigator: Liver Friendship Association, our relatives helped us to ask them, they said asking for Zhang Jiakai, right.

Dr. Yang: Oh, OK, I get it.

Investigator: Are you ah? you are.....

Dr. Yang: When is it convenient for you to come over, or what's your plan?

Investigator: I just want to get some information, because of the cost of this surgery, how much do you charge, tens of thousands dollars?

Dr. Yang: OK, ask your questions.

Investigator: Doctor, I want to ask you, you just told me that he can get the liver in one month, stays in your hospital while waiting for it, is that right? Does he stay in your old district or in the new district?

Dr. Yang: New District, the old district is full and no empty bed.

Investigator: Oh. Wait until surgery.

Dr. Yang: So this phone you call is in the Eastern District.

Investigator: I know, I know. It's what Liver Friendship Association told me, he is hospitalized in your district, after one month, goes to the old district to do surgery, right?

Dr. Yang: Right.

Investigator: Oops, I have another question. Now, your fees, are they similar to 3 years ago? Because that patient did it (liver transplant) in your hospital three years ago, it has been two or three years.

Dr. Yang: How much?

Investigator: He spent around 600,000.

Dr. Yang: It is about 500,000, more than 500,000.

Investigator: More than 500,000? Oh oh oh.

Dr. Yang: Right.

Investigator: I would like to ask you, Liver Friendship Association told me this question should be asked, it is the liver source. You said that your liver source may not be as good quality as previous years, is that liver quality not guaranteed?

Dr. Yang: used to be from death row prisoners, I know, um.

Investigator: Yes, your liver source is not like previous one...

Dr. Yang: I can only say trying our best, now most of them are from the deaths caused by either cerebrovascular accidents or car accidents.

Investigator: Then this age, what about those concerns, are livers from car accident victims still usable?

Dr. Yang: Hey, all these people, his liver function is normal.

Investigator: Oh. Is the success rate of your surgery now lower than before?

Dr. Yang: Why is that?

Investigator: Because the quality of that liver is now not as good! It's not the kind of you mentioned, condemned prisoners, many of them are young.

Dr. Yang: Well, previously those condemned prisoners, were cardiac deaths.

Investigator: oh.

Dr. Yang: He, his heart stopped for a while after the execution of the death penalty.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Yang: Then there is damage to the liver during this period of time.

Investigator: Oh

Dr. Yang: It is brain death now, that is to say, his heart keeps beating, his organs are always in a state of perfusion.

Investigator: Oh, what do you mean by saying this?

Dr. Yang: Yes, not like what you imagined, not like what you think. Because condemned prisoners, some are also old.

Investigator: But most of them are not very old. I don't know, because Liver Friendship Association told me to ask doctors, will the patient get a better quality liver if he pays more fees?

Dr. Yang: This, is up to organ distribution. I can only tell you that I will find you a good one, because he has a benign disease.

Investigator: Hey, I understand what you mean, doctor, I understand. But for our family, after all, it is hundreds of thousands of dollars! Now it is April, this year by now, what is the survival rate for liver transplant patients? You know, surgery done this year, what is the percentage of patients who are still alive?

Dr. Yang: This year?

Investigator: Ah, yes, this year.

Dr. Yang: We have done more than 90 cases this year.

Investigator: more than 90 cases up to date? Um, but how can I contact you? If we decide to choose your hospital.

Dr. Yang: You write down my number, you write down my number.

Investigator: Oh, ok.

Dr. Yang: Because you are from Jiangxi, that patient may also get his transplant through me, Wu Zhongyu, I know that he is young.

Dr. Yang: You write down my phone number 150 0399 9608

Investigator: Hey, doctor, could you please tell me your last name?

Dr. Yang: My last name is Yang.

Investigator: oh, oh, Dr. Yang, you and Zhang Jiakai are in one group, right?

Dr. Yang: You can also use this number to add me on WeChat.

Investigator: Add you on my WeChat, ok, ok. Then why did the Liver Friendship Club tell me that Zhang Jiakai is the one who specializes in looking for the liver source? Liver quality, have to ask Zhang...

Dr. Yang: We, a total of three of us, are responsible for assessing the quality of livers. Zhang Jiakai, me, and another doctor with PhD, three of us.

Investigator: Oh, in this case, ok, ok, let me see. You just said one month, (the patient) will be hospitalized at your hospital for a month, receives conservative treatment while waiting for this operation, it should say that this (waiting) time is basically foreseeable for you, right? One month?

Dr. Yang: Right.

Investigator: Oh. Ok, ok. I will talk with the family, talked to the family, and then get back to you.

Dr. Yang: If you have any other questions, through WeChat, contact me.

Investigator: Okey, through WeChat. OK, OK.