



Investigation Recording 2023-017

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Summary

1. (Transplant) wait times vary, ranging from 1 to 2 days to 1 to 2 months, and in most cases 2-3 weeks.
2. Donors' age ranges from teens to fifties.
3. Organs are harvested and then transplanted right way in my hospital.
4. (Synchronized procedures of organ harvesting and subsequent transplantations at the same hospital) ensures optimal organ ischemia times; in addition, harvested organs are visually examined before they are being transplanted, achieving higher transplant safety (for the recipients).
5. We also have Professor Weilong ZOU, an expert from Beijing, doing liver transplantation here. He used to work at Beijing Armed Police General Hospital.
6. The cost of transplant, without reimbursement, is about 400,000 yuan, including organ (selections), and hospitalization from admission to discharge.
7. Patients can select organs-so tell him to come down here and meet with us.

Translation

Doctor: Hello? Hello?

Investigator: Hello, are you Dr. Chen from Guiyang... from the Liver Transplantation Office of the Affiliated Hospital of Guiyang Medical College?

Doctor: Ah, I am... My surname is Fu. Hello!

Investigator: Ah, your name is... ah, you are Dr. Fu. Well, I was hoping to speak with Dr. Chen, but am glad to speak with you. I just want to ask you (something). I have a relative, a relative from Guiyang.

Doctor: Uh huh.

Investigator: And he needs a liver transplant.

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: I just want to ask you if surgery can be arranged in your hospital, and if you can set it up please...

Doctor: Oh hi!

Investigator: How long will it take to arrange for the surgery? To have liver transplant, if all exams acceptable, how long is the wait time? Generally speaking?

Doctor: Generally, if donors become available quickly, the wait time can be 1 to 2 days, it might also be 1 to 2 months since donor supplies are relatively few at the present time.

Investigator: Ah, that is to say... (the surgery) can be done in 1 to 2 days, and some in 1 to 2 months, is that right? Is that what you mean?



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Doctor: Yes, yes, it depends on the availability of the donors.

Investigator: Ah, so, in most cases, it may take 2 to 3 weeks, right?

Doctor: Yes, yes.

Investigator: Ah, 1 to 2 weeks, 2 to 3 weeks, 1 to 2 weeks, not bad, ha?

Doctor: Hey, how about this? Could you ask your relative to call me? We happen to have an expert from Beijing, performing liver transplants-Professor Weilong ZOU, who used to work at Beijing Armed Police General Hospital. He (your relative) can come down here to meet me first, I will then ask Professor Weilong ZOU to see him.

Investigator: He is from the Beijing Armed Police General Hospital, is that right?

Doctor: Yes, yes, he is an expert in liver transplantation.

Investigator: Oh, I... so, I...I've heard of (him, the professor). So, about your wait time of 1 to 2 weeks, how about the age requirements for the donors? Generally speaking...

Doctor: It varies, from more than ten to over fifty years old. Of course, we need to assess (their health conditions) for those who are older and see whether our transplant recipients are willing to accept them. We will let them know of the donor's (health) condition and age.

Investigator: More than ten to forty and fifty years old, is that right?

Doctor: Yes, yes, yes.

Investigator: Well, your donors, are their organs harvested at your hospital, and then immediately transplanted onsite? Or, they are procured from another place, then brought back to your hospital for transplant?

Doctor: They are harvested in my hospital, in all cases. Synchronized procedures of organ harvesting and subsequent transplantations at the same hospital ensures optimal organ ischemia times; in addition, harvested organs are visually examined before they are being transplanted, achieving higher transplant safety (for the recipients).

Investigator: And overall, the harvested organs are health, are they not?

Doctor: Yes. Overall, they need to meet the standards; only then, we will accept them.

Investigator: It is very important that you verify the qualities of the organs-being young and healthy

Doctor: Yes, that's right, yes, indeed.

Investigator: Then what's the total cost including organs? How much is it?

Doctor: Our fees are relatively low- about 400,000 yuan, including organ (selections), and hospitalization from admission to discharge.

Investigator: Oh, that sounds good.

Doctor: Without reimbursement, it is about 400,000 yuan.

Investigator: Well, my relative's family owns a company, so they are quite well-off.

Doctor: Hey, that's even better. Just tell him to come here.

Investigator: (What we need is) to check out the donors, that is, we want organs of better qualities.



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Doctor: He can pick and choose for himself, so tell him to come and meet with us.

Investigator: Ah, so, (patients) can pick and choose organs for themselves. How about I talk to my relative and ask him to come see you, he...

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: I just want to tell you some basic information about the patient-type B blood, 45 years old, not very old.

Doctor: ok.

Investigator: Second thing is that his family is well-to-do, so, cost is not a concern for them. They just want to have a healthy donor.

Doctor: Alright, you...you have him come here to meet with us.

Investigator: Ok, then.

Doctor: Ok, alright, ok.

Investigator: Just hope to have it sooner, sooner...how soon can it be, from your experience?

Doctor: The shortest time, if you're lucky, can be one week; or 1 to 2 months the longest.

Investigator: Ah, great. Only a week?

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Ok, sounds good.

Doctor: Ok.

Investigator: OK, great, thank you!

Doctor: Alright.

Investigator: Thank you.

Doctor: Not a problem, okay, goodbye!

Investigator: Goodbye!