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Summary

1. The principle of national organ allocation stipulates that the organs of children are used for children, and the organs of adults are used for adults.
2. Matching test takes one week for the recipient, and only 48 to 72 hours for the donor.

Translation

Zhu Youhua: Ah? Ah!

Investigator: Hey, you are Professor Zhu Youhua from the Kidney Transplant Department of Shanghai Changzheng Hospital, right? Professor Zhu, right?

Zhu Youhua: Yes! right.

Investigator: Hey, hello! Hello!

Zhu Youhua: Yes.

Investigator: Not long ago, I had a phone call with you, because we ... I asked you for advice about organ transplantation of a relative of mine, but now there is a problem, so we have not....we have not dared to do it.

Zhu Youhua: Yes.

Investigator: It's because of family members' concerns. Now you see that after organ transplantation, you need to take this immunosuppressant for a long time, which will cause the body's immune ability weakened, and the resistance to viruses will be low. Now you see this pandemic is prevalent. In this environment, there are more chances of virus infection. After infection, the chance of poisoning will be high, and the danger is very high, so they worry about this. One will face such danger after organ transplantation, isn't that right?

Zhu Youhua: I... I... Let me tell you, if you are afraid of this and that, then don't do it. Why is that?

Investigator: Huh?

Zhu Youhua: All surgeries have certain complications, that's for sure, so what's there to be afraid of? It won't take your life, unless it's COVID-19, that'll be a different story.

Investigator: I am talking about the COVID-19, these...

Zhu Youhua: The COVID-19 is over, it's over now.

Investigator: Uh, there is another question. That is, the hospital said that it can provide the child's organs?

Zhu Youhua: The state does not allow it. The organs of a child are used for the child, and the organs of the adult are used for the adult. This is the state's regulation.

Investigator: Oh, it's not allowed, right? right.



Zhu Youhua: No, it is not allowed, it's illegal for you to do so.

Investigator: Oh, the main reason for that is the child is not mature enough, so it can't be used, right?

Zhu Youhua: It's not that it can't be used, it can be used, children's (organs) for children. For example, a three years old or 5 years old child...that...then..., it's not that it can't be used, I didn't say that it can't be used. The government have stipulations. The children (patients) don't even have...children's organs used for children...children (patients) don't even have organs for their transplantation, why do you give them to adults?

Investigator: Oh, this is the principle.

Zhu Youhua: The distribution principles are stipulated in this way.

Investigator: Oh. Now the third question. There is another question, that is, I wanted to ask how many days it will take for the whole package of laboratory tests for liver and kidney transplantation and organ matching to have results? How many days can it come out at the earliest? Six days?

Zhu Youhua: Yes.

Investigator: The full package of tests will take 6 days, right?

Zhu Youhua: Matching, I am just talking about matching, it'll be 6000 yuan, but some places do it differently. It takes more than 10,000 yuan to do various tests in addition to matching, but a little more than 6,000 yuan for the general standard tissue matching will basically do.

Investigator: Ah, I meant time.

Zhu Youhua: Time, the matching will be completed within a week.

Investigator: That is, one week, right?

Zhu Youhua: Yes.

Investigator: That is, the results will come out in a week, right?

Zhu Youhua: Yes.

Investigator: Ah, that includes, for instance, blood type, tissue matching, etc.

Zhu Youhua: The blood type is done in the hospital. If it is done today, it will come out tomorrow. The matching and blood type are two different concepts.

Investigator: No, what I meant was, this organ transplant patient, as well as the donor, the person who donates the organ, they both need to be tested for DNA matching, right?

Zhu Youhua: Of course, how can they be matched if you don't test them?

Investigator: It takes a week for that matching test, right?

Zhu Youhua: That's not necessary. It depends on where you are. Because at the place it's just applying for HLA with your donor, but then your recipient needs to check the antibody, so let's say... part of it is the same, and the other part is more... There are more recipients, do you have antibodies? Do you have antibodies against this, rejection; if the site of the donor is the same, then it will be prone to rejection, that will be different, you... that is, the recipient needs to check one more item, and since one more item needs to be tested, it will take a longer time.



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Investigator: Ah, that is, the results for the donor will also take about a week to come out, right? So it also needs...

Zhu Youhua: No need. I told you very clearly that the donor doesn't need that long. For the donor...for the donor, the results will come out within 48 or 72 hours.

Investigator: Ah, that's how it is. Ah, Okay for now.