



Investigation Recording 2020-034

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Summary

1 Question: How long does it take for your hospital to have the results of the physical examination before transplantation?

Answer: Two weeks.

Question: The donor patient also needs this long to have the results, right?

Answer: Right.

Question: That means they both need about two weeks before starting tissue matching, right?

Answer: Well, yes.

2. Question: Some hospitals say that they can provide child organs, which can be used for adult transplantation?

Answer: Right! It can be done.

Question: Have you ever done something like this here?

Answer: Yes, of course.

Q: How old were the children that you have used?

A: All ages, ranging from a few months old to a few years old.

3 Question: Your hospital has done a lot and for a long time. In China, you should do the most, right?

Answer: Right, right.

4 Question: A patient after transplant surgery will have to take anti-rejection drugs for a long time, so it must have an impact on the patient's resistance?

Answer: Right.

Question: Now the pandemic is prevalent, and virus infection is relatively dangerous for transplant patients. Is there any way to avoid it?

Answer: There is no way. His resistance is low, and he has a high incidence of various infections. There is no way to avoid that.

Question: Oh, so once infected, it' ll be hard to deal with it?

Answer: When infected, treat it then, treat the kind of virus that causes the infection.

Question: But the question is, there is no specific medicine for the virus now, is there?

Answer: You were right.

Question: Do you have a lot of patients with such issues?

A: Infection is very common. Infection is a very common post-surgery problem. Infection is very common.

Translation

Feng Gang: Hello?

Investigator: Hey, hello! You are Dr. Feng Gang from the organ transplant center of Tianjin First Central Hospital, right?

Feng Gang: It's me.



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Investigator: Ah, yes, this is what I want to find out: I have a patient who needs a kidney transplant.

Feng Gang: Ah, ah.

Investigator: I just want to ask your transplant center, can you arrange the kidney transplant surgery now? This patient is type B...

Feng Gang: He has to register here and wait in line.

Investigator: A physical exam is needed before organ transplant, but how many days does it take for your hospital to have the results?

Feng Gang: Two weeks.

Investigator: Two weeks?

Feng Gang: Hmm...

Investigator: So the patient can complete all the examinations in two weeks, right?

Feng Gang: Yes.

Investigator: I've learned you charge about 7,000 yuan as check-up fee, right?

Feng Gang: About that amount.

Investigator: Ah, it takes two weeks, okay. That means the donor patient also needs this long to have the results, right?

Feng Gang: Right.

Investigator: Ah, that means they both need about two weeks before starting tissue matching, right?

Feng Gang: Well, yes

Investigator: Okay, your hospital has done a lot and for a long time. In China, you should have done the most... the most, right? You are the biggest hospital, right?

Feng Gang: Right, right.

Investigator: Some hospitals say, ah, kidneys from children can be used too, ah, these organs can also be used for adult transplantation, right?

Feng Gang: Yes.

Investigator: So have you done anything like this here?

Feng Gang: Yes, of course.

Investigator: Ah, so children's (organs) can be used on adults?

Feng Gang: Yes.

Investigator: But aren't these children still underdeveloped? Will this work too?

Feng Gang: It depends on how old the child is!

Investigator: So how old were the children that you used?

Feng Gang: All ages, ranging from a few months to... to a few years old.



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Investigator: Ah, all of them can be used, right?

Feng Gang: Yes.

Investigator: Then about the kidney source, how much does the kidney source cost? Kidney source...

Feng Gang: Ah, around 200,000 yuan.

Investigator: Around 200,000 yuan, ah.

Feng Gang: Yes.

Investigator: How much does the whole surgery package cost?

Feng Gang: About 320,000 to 330,000 yuan.

Investigator: 320,000 to 330,000 yuan, ah, does it include kidney source or not?

Feng Gang: Yes, it does.

Investigator: Ah, then why don't you... your price is relatively low, isn't it?

Feng Gang: Ah yes.

Investigator: OK, and another thing is, the patient has to take this anti-rejection drug for a long time after the surgery.

Feng Gang: Right.

Investigator: It must have an impact on the patient's resistance.

Feng Gang: Right.

Investigator: So now you see this virus, this pandemic, and the infection by COVID-19, it is more dangerous to these patients, right? Is there any way to avoid it?

Feng Gang: There is no way. His resistance is low, so he has a high incidence of various virus infections. This is... There is nothing that can be done.

Investigator: Oh, then once infected, it'll be hard to deal with it, right?

Feng Gang: When infected, treat it then, treat the kind of virus that causes the infection.

Investigator: But now the question is, there is no specific medicine for the virus, isn't that so.

Feng Gang: You were right.

Investigator: Do you have a lot of patients with such issues? Are there many patients with such problems?

Feng Gang: Infection is very common. Infection is a very common post-surgery problem. Infection is very common.

Investigator: Okay, that'll be it, I'll stop here first, okay, thank you.

Feng Gang: Okay, you're welcome.

Investigator: Um, okay.