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Summary

1. There are about more than 100 organ donations that are certified by the Red Cross Society of China, Tianjin Branch, in a year.
2. “We do not count those transplant organs that are not certified by us, as voluntary donated organs.”
3. Brain death identification relies on the doctors from the organ transplant hospitals.
4. “We basically cannot control them. Their personnel do not report to you, and their salaries do not come from you, they have nothing to do with you, how can you completely restrict them?”

Phone Investigation Recording

Investigator: Is Mr. Wu Jun there?

Gui Zhichao: Hey, who is this?

Investigator: I am from the Hebei Red Cross Society, that...

Gui Zhichao: Ah, what's your name?

Investigator: Ah, my last name is Liu. Are you Mr. Wu Jun?

Gui Zhichao: Oh, I am not him. I am, I am..., who are you?

Investigator: As for me, it's like this. Because in terms of organ donations in Hebei (Gui

Zhichao: Oh) we are not doing well. The other day I called Wang Zhaohui in Beijing.

Wang Zhaohui said they ...

Gui Zhichao: Oh ... (laughed)

Investigator: In Beijing, their organ transplantation, no, no, organ donation hasn't even been launched. Later on, he said that you do well in Tianjin. He said in the Northern China, Tianjin does very well, while in the Southern China... many provinces and cities do well. He said, “You can ask Tianjin and learn their experiences. Here in Beijing, it has never (started), although the office has been established for 6 years.

Gui Zhichao: We are honored by this. Actually, each city has its own merits. Each city has something that's done well, hehe.

Investigator: Is that because your propaganda work does well, or what else?

Gui Zhichao: Are you Director Guo Jun of organ transplantation? Or ...

Investigator: I am not. I am a former staff. Our director is Niu Zhiqiang. He said that we didn't do well. (He said,) "You can ask the neighboring Shanxi Province, Beijing, Tianjin and Shandong, and learn from them. Or learn from Henan." Later I called Wang Zhaohui of Beijing. He said, "We have not launched it yet. It's been six years since our office was established. Now our work..."

Gui Zhichao: Guangdong does quite well.

Investigator: My impression is, in the South, it is relatively more open.

Gui Zhichao: Ah, that's right.

Investigator: As for the propaganda work in your Tianjin branch, how do you do it? Such as going down to all levels of hospitals, or going to communities?

Gui Zhichao: Ah, madam, I, we did like this. It is done like this. Each year we rely on a few special dates, such as the Propaganda Day, the Red Cross Day, and so on, like these, so called Festivals. We use these opportunities to promote. Mainly like this, yeah.

Investigator: Oh, Wang Zhaohui said you started promoting (organ donations) early. You started the project early. Let's say in Tianjin, you know we had only 17 (donations) last year. How many donations do you have each year at your place?

Gui Zhichao: Oh, we have... over 100.

Investigator: You must have done a lot. That is not bad.

Gui Zhichao: Right, right, right.

Investigator: So regarding the cooperation with hospitals, how do you do that? For example, certify it? Such as donated bodies, are they usually allocated to hospitals? How are they allocated? Since you received more than 100 donations, how are they allocated? Allocated to each hospital, which hospital, required by which hospital?

Gui Zhichao: Oh, this part, of course the cooperation with hospitals is also very important.

Investigator: Like those donations you received, regardless of bodies or organs, they must be certified by the Red Cross Society, before they go through hospitals?

Gui Zhichao: That's right, right. We have to go there for each case, we must go there! The cases we reported to our superiors are all certified by us.

Investigator: You certify...

Gui Zhichao: After certifying, we have to issue a Certificate of Donation.

Investigator: Right, right.

Gui Zhichao: We can only report to higher levels after the completion of certification.

Investigator: Right, right, this is for sure. So if the hospitals do it by themselves, and do not go through you, then do they have to let you....

Gui Zhichao: That, that doesn't count! Right.

Investigator: Oh, that doesn't count?

Gui Zhichao: We do not count that! Right.

Investigator: That is, you, through you, donations get to them. You have this relationship (with hospitals). If they get it themselves, then there is no way, we have no way to get to know it further, right? If they don't tell us, then we don't know.

Gui Zhichao: That's right, right. In this aspect, although our Red Cross Society is authorized to regulate (organ and body donations), in reality, some areas could not be reached. The last time when we had a meeting in Beijing, didn't President Wang talk about it, too? Some people say that we have supervising obligations, but in terms of the strength of our regulation and the degree of our control...First, we don't have administrative powers, not even as effective as the National Health and Family Planning Commission, right?

Investigator: Yes, yes.

Gui Zhichao: That's right. What executive power we have, what we do, is constant, and of course positive. It is an expectation. The wish is good, but in the actual execution process, we may encounter a lot of problems, and things are not that in place.

Investigator: Hey, in addition, I want to ask you, for such a large amount of transplantation in Tianjin, do you supply the donors to them as well?

Gui Zhichao: Oh, these are all, yes, potential donors, are all through our cooperation. They also provide us with information, and then we go to do the coordination (to procure organs).

Investigator: You give them information, as well, such as the hospitals?

Gui Zhichao: Right, main information sources still come from the hospitals.

Investigator: Oh, in that case, do you provide donors to them, Tianjin First Central Hospital, do you also give donors to them?

Gui Zhichao: Yes, we do!

Investigator: You give to them, as well?

Gui Zhichao: Right. Through us, for those who voluntarily registered through us, we go on site to work on the donation issue. Hey, when they are dying, we go there at the earliest time, to make sure we communicate with them in advance.

Investigator: That is, besides what you give to them, you have no way to control (the organs they obtained through other channels). They do not necessarily cooperate with you.

Gui Zhichao: Alas, we keep our principles. If they do not go through us, anyway, without our certifying, they are not counted as donation cases through the Red Cross. Secondly, we do not provide them with related training, or relevant procedure. The procedure includes certificate of organ donation, then we will not issue it to them! Regarding this matter, surely we have a kind of, our management, surely has certain responsibilities in regulation. Yes, the administration from the National Center tells us to manage those hospitals' (organ) coordinators. You see, how difficult would that be?

Investigator: Sure. How could they listen to you?

Gui Zhichao: There is no way to manage! (laughed) At that time in Beijing, many provinces and cities have discussed about the further development. Some hospitals, not to say absolutely, but we basically cannot control them. They don't, their personnel do not report to you, and their salaries do not come from you, they have nothing to do with you, how can you completely restrict them?

Investigator: If they ignore you, you have no way at all.

Gui Zhichao: Right.

Investigator: This is indeed not easy to coordinate.

Gui Zhichao: There is no administrative relationship either.

Investigator: Such as the brain-death cases in hospitals. For the brain-dead cases, they usually notify you, and you go there to certify. If they do not notify you, you will not go there?

Gui Zhichao: In such a situation, it mainly relies on the hospitals, the so-called experts in the hospitals. The experts do the identification. Let's say coordinators, how capable are they for identification? They are not experts, right?

Investigator: No identification. Just in the end, as you said, you issue a donation certificate or something like that. If they do not call you, then the brain death would not be identified, or have any certification?

Gui Zhichao: We have to see it, that doctor finished the examination, and drew the conclusion of brain death. Without this conclusion, no one dares to execute such a thing.

Investigator: Right, right. The hospital provides brain death identification. As large as the Tianjin Hospital, surely every day they have brain death cases. When a person cannot survive, they don't necessarily call you over to certify, and give them a certificate at the same time, the so-called certifying?

Gui Zhichao: No, if they don't notify us, they do not go through the Red Cross certification, then we do not count, we do not count it as donation, a voluntary and free organ donation.

Investigator: Oh, oh, is that so.

Gui Zhichao: We have six required standards, one of them requires donation certification. If you do not satisfy this one, then we do not count, do not count as donation through our Red Cross Society.

Investigator: Then I, I understand, I understand. But I saw on the website of Renji Hospital, in one year, they did 800 liver transplants. They disclosed this information on their website. It's not possible for them to have so many donations, right? I think that this may be a matter of not working with you. Maybe, as you said, it cannot be coordinated, truly not possible.

Gui Zhichao: This, we are all exploring our ways. As you see, each time at the meeting, everybody says different things. It's just like that. Then each province or city expressed different views. The situation in each province or city is different. (laughed)

Investigator: Thank you. Are you Mr. Wu Jun?

Gui Zhichao: No, I am not. I am not. I am the director of the donation services department. Basically, in charge of this area, this working area. The director, Director Wu Jun is the director of our two centers.

Investigator: Oh, oh, then...

Gui Zhichao: He is the director of the stem cell (donation) center and organ (donation) center.

Investigator: What is your last name? Because...

Gui Zhichao: My last name is Gui, last name Gui.

Investigator: Ok, Ok.

Gui Zhichao: Let's learn from each other!

Investigator: Ok, Ok, Goodbye.

Gui Zhichao: Ok, you are welcome. Goodbye.