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Summary

- 1. "The civil aviation has developed by now, and (all airports) would have a green channel (for organ transportation)."
- 2. "Those 1,000 cases (of organ donation) cover the period from 2011 to the present, it's a total of 1,000 cases."
- 3. There were more than 300 cases of organ donations in 2017 in Henan.
- 4. The possibility of long-distance transportation (of transplant organs) is very small.
- 5. "If an organ is allocated to another province, it will go through the green channel."
- 6. The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University has one organ transplant center, which is not divided into different divisions.
- 7. "The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University donated more than 100 organs."
- 8. The volume of organ donations in Henan Province ranks sixth in China.
- 9. "All our organs are donated post-death. Not from someone that's still alive; not from someone before he dies."

Phone Investigation Recording

Investigator: Hello! Hello! Is that the Henan Red Cross Society?

Red Cross: Yes, yes, who is that?

Investigator: Here is the situation. I am calling from outside of Henan Province. You are...I want to ask you, I read on a website that the organ donations in your Henan Province exceeded 1,000 cases in 2017, which is still the most in the country, right? Red Cross: Yes, go on.

Investigator: Ah, then I would like to ask you. These over 1,000 organs, were all of them able to be used for organ transplants in hospitals?

Red Cross: Yes. These were all allocated online.

Investigator: No, I mean, because regarding organ donation, the donor may be in a car accident or brain dead; his organs may not be useful for clinical purposes. Therefore, for so many organ donations, in the end, could they all be used in clinical practice?

Red Cross: They were evaluated in advance.

Investigator: You said that this is (the number of) organs that could already be used. This number, right?

Red Cross: Yes, only the ones, only the ones that could be used were donated.

Investigator: Oh, is there an age limit for this?

Red Cross: The organs have all been evaluated first. If one was not functioning well, it would not be accepted. The donation takes place after a liver is tested for its liver functions, and a kidney is (tested for) its kidney functions. This was evaluated. If the functions were not good, then it would not be used.

Investigator: Oh, then those more than 1,000 organs donated last year in your Henan Province, were all of them used in Henan Province? That is, were all of them transplanted by hospitals in Henan Province?

Red Cross: Not necessarily, we, all (organs are) distributed online.

Investigator: Oh, after the donation, then, are they (organs) distributed online nationwide or within Henan?

Red Cross: There is only one allocation network in the country.

Investigator: Oh, one distribution network. Oh, yeah, you, you don't have the authority to allocate organs, right? It is the National Health and Family Planning Commission, right? Red Cross: Yes, yes, they are allocated by the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

Investigator: Oh, so they are allocated in a centralized way. Then, if you are in Henan, the organs are donated in Henan, and if you say that a person is from Jiangxi, then would this organ be delivered to Jiangxi?

Red Cross: That, the organs in Jiangxi... There have been kidneys sent to Jiangxi.

Investigator: Yes, is it because local organs have a "shelf life"?

Red Cross: The civil aviation has developed by now, and (all airports) would have a green channel (for organ transportation).

Investigator: Oh, a green channel? You said civil aviation. Oh, so that's what it is. If the organ was donated in Henan, if there is only a patient in Jiangsu, who matches with the donor, then the organ will probably be shipped to Jiangsu, right?

Red Cross: Yes, it would take the green channel.

Investigator: I figure if it's the green channel, for an example, a liver cannot be used after a few hours. Can this (green channel organ transportation) be on time?

Red Cross: These are technical issues and are not your concern.

Investigator: No, no, because if a patient's family members spend money, they for sure want to know these details, so as to ensure the best results, or if not the best, at least relatively good results, right?

Red Cross: Right, for sure. Otherwise, it would not be transplanted to you. The hospitals are guaranteed (to have organs).

Investigator: It seems that the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University in Henan also ranks near the top in terms of the volume of liver transplants in the country. We have also inquired online, is this correct?

Red Cross: Um, this liver transplant, it (the hospital) does more than 100 cases of liver transplants per year.

Investigator: More than 100 cases a year. Oh, then, in this case, according to the way the country ranks (hospitals), hospitals should have equal opportunities. You say that if there is an organ available online, and that it is donated from Henan, that is, the Red Cross verified the donation. But the patient that matches this organ is in Jiangxi. In that case, there is equal opportunity. It is not only that a patient in Henan can receive this organ, correct?

Red Cross: The principle is to allocate organs to the nearest location. Online allocation is also used to verify the functions of this organ, so it tries to keep the transport at a short distance. If you say at which hospital, at which hospital the donation occurred, for example, you mentioned the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University, if an organ is donated at the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University, basically it is allocated within the hospital's current waiting list. If there is no suitable recipient on its list, it is then distributed in Henan Province. If there is no suitable recipient in Henan, and then it will be distributed to other parts of the country. Usually it is allocated to the nearest (suitable recipient). That's why I said that you were worrying, you said long-distance transportation, but that possibility is very small. If, if it is allocated to another province, it will go through the green channel. This is how it is.

Investigator: I see. In this case, if the patient chooses to go to Henan, would it possible for him to get a liver? Because more organs are donated there. Am I right to understand it this way?

Red Cross: Uh, the number of donations in Henan isn't the largest.

Investigator: Oh, it's not? Last year, I read online that Henan Province had the most organ donations? No?

Red Cross: Those 1,000 cases cover the period from 2011 to the present, it's a total of 1,000 cases.

Investigator: Oh, is it from 2011 to 2017?

Red Cross: Right. Now the No. 1 province in the country is Guangdong, and Henan ranks only sixth in the country.

Investigator: Oh, the sixth. Oh, because we aren't professionals like you. We don't know much. But because my relatives and friends are asking questions, and then we heard that the liver patient association recommends us to go to Henan for a liver transplant and that the cost is not too high, and the wait time is also short. So we do not know whether it is true? Just want to get some information from you.

Red Cross: Henan's donation volume is the sixth in the country.

Investigator: How many donations were made in 2017, last year?

Red Cross: More than 300 cases.

Investigator: Oh, more than 300 cases, you (the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University) have done more than 100 cases, so they were all probably used within your province, right?

Red Cross: Right, the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University donated more than 100 organs. Henan Province does not only have one hospital, right? The total is more than 300 cases.

Investigator: Oh, more than 300 organs were donated?

Red Cross: Right, the donations were not from one hospital.

Investigator: Teacher, can you give me the contact number of the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University organ transplant (division)?

Red Cross: I don't have their number. You can call them. They have a liver transplant, an organ transplant center. It'd be alright if you call their organ transplant center.

Investigator: Oh.

Red Cross: You can do a search. Search on Baidu for the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University, and for its transplant center, the organ transplant center. Their liver and kidney transplants are together.

Investigator: Oh, together.

Red Cross: There are others. They are one, one transplant center. They are not divided into different divisions.

Investigator: Oh, yes, ok, let me search first. Then what about your? You know, if we come to Henan, except for the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University, are there any other hospitals?

Red Cross: Nowadays they do the most.

Investigator: Oh, they do the most (cases). Ok, ok. Like you just said, you donated more than 300 livers last year, but it certainly does not mean that these more than 300 livers, could all be used, right? Maybe the liver donors...

Red Cross: Right. There were also abandoned cases.

Investigator: Yes, yes. Because it is possible that you have more than 300 donation cases, of which there are only 100 livers, which could be used, or some kidneys could be used, correct?

Red Cross: That's impossible! The abandoned cases are still relatively few.

Investigator: Oh, the abandoned cases are still relatively few?

Red Cross: Because the organs had been evaluated before. It is impossible to remove them without having evaluated them first.

Investigator: Oh, you mean when a person is still alive, like a braindead patient, when he is still breathing, his organ has already been...

Red Cross: No, all organs are donated after the death of the citizens. All our organs are donated post-death. Not from someone that's still alive; not from someone before he dies. Investigator: Didn't you say brain deaths?

Red Cross: Brain deaths are brain deaths, but most of the donations are from cardiac deaths.

Investigator: Most of them are cardiac deaths? Oh, oh.

Red Cross: Right. After the brain dies, the person would stop breathing, and we would connect him to a ventilator. The ventilator is testing his heartbeats, which would continue.

Investigator: Ph, its that time period, oh.

Red Cross: Yes. His heart is still beating, and his family gives up treatment. The ventilator is then removed, and the heart stops beating.

Investigator: Oh, it's during that time that his organs are removed for transplants, right? Red Cross: Um, at this time, it's not that when he still has heartbeats. You can search on Zhengzhou University's official website (Investigator: Okay). On its official website, there is an introduction to their hepatobiliary, pancreas and liver transplant division. Investigator: Ok, ok.

Red Cross: The liver transplant surgery department, ok.

Investigator: Yes, I will go to check again, thank you, goodbye.