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Summary

1. “(We do) about several dozen cases. I think there should be less than 100 cases.”
2. “In Lanzhou, we may be the main hospital (doing kidney transplantation) here.”
3. The healthy organs from the prisons before had better quality than the currently donated ones.
4. “The hospital also has specialized people looking for (organs).”
5. The overall transplant situation in China now is that the main focus is on the large organ transplant centers, such as Xi’an Jiaotong University Health Science Center, the Affiliated Hospital in Zhejiang University and the West China Hospital in Chengdu. “These large organ transplant centers in recent couple of years have been mainly (using) non-relative (organs), which are donations after cardiac and/or brain deaths.”
6. “Another group (of organ donations we have) is the DCD, that is, donations after cardiac death.”
7. “There are a lot of patients waiting, but the ones, who indeed go through operations are not so many. Not many waited for and eventually got non-relative kidney donations. There were not many people getting them after waiting, less than ten people.”
8. “In fact, every organ transplant center would generally be equipped with an OPO organization, but they have two systems. The OPOs are currently managing the organs, because nowadays there are a lot of patients, so usually (these organs obtained by OPOs) would be used in their own transplant centers. Occasionally, if one cannot be used, it would be given, for example, if the organ transplant center doesn’t have the qualification for liver transplantation, if we get the organ, then the liver may be given to another hospital with liver transplant qualification.

Phone Investigation Recording

Investigator: Hi, hello, is that Doctor Fu? Is that the Lanzhou University Second Hospital?

Doctor: Um, Dr. Fu is off now.

Investigator: That is, I have a family member, who wants to do a kidney transplant. Can you still do it now?

Doctor: Um~ He just needs tissue typing. If you want... you'll have to ask the clinician.

Investigator: Oh, don't you do registration? He said that you do the registration, don't you?

Doctor: No, we do tissue typing here.

Investigator: It is said that it is best to do it here if you can do it, because you're closer to our hometown and relatively convenient. So does your hospital still do kidney transplants?

Doctor: We are still doing them. But maybe... There are kidney transplants with a kidney from the patient's relative, and then in general, you may have to wait in line (for an organ), in fact it is not easy to wait for the kidney source.

Investigator: Yes, do you say that it takes a long time?

Doctor: Um, usually you need to line up.

Investigator: So do you do a lot? Like the kidney transplants, did we do a lot last year?

Doctor: Ah~ You see, Doctor Fu in our institute is in charge of tissue typing, generally, you can go to Yang Li in the urology department, Director Yang, he mainly does it. You have to have a diagnosis, and ask his situation first, then if he thinks (it's OK), Doctor Fu in our institute is mainly in charge of tissue typing.

Investigator: Oh. Your phone is the phone of the institute, right? Transplantation, kidney transplantation research institute.

Doctor: Yes, right, this is where a clinician prepares a test sheet and take it here, when he needs to do the tissue typing.

Investigator: Oh, oh. That is, the tissue typing needs be done by you, and do you do a lot of cases this year?

Doctor: Oh, I can't give you (the exact figure). There are about several dozen cases, anyway, several dozen cases, I think there should be less than 100 cases. I still haven't counted them, so I don't know how many cases last year.

Investigator: Like you said, if you can do about 100 cases a year, then I feel like I can have hope in waiting (for a transplant), I have still had some hope.

Doctor: Ah~, it's hard to say, because I can't guarantee that there can be a match or not. As for donors, because they were donated corpses before, now bodies are not allowed to be used. Previously, they were from the executed prisoners. Those were done in the past few years. It seems that these are not allowed to be used now. One needs to wait for someone to donate (his organs). Otherwise, there have to be a kidney from the patient's relative.

Investigator: For several years, it's not allowed to use that kind of prisoners or (Falun) Gong practitioners, for many years, that kind of people?

Doctor: For many years. Many years!

Investigator: Those donors should be healthy, and the organ quality should be better than the general donations.

Doctor: Ah, right, right, right!

Investigator: We are all willing to use that kind, after all, those are healthy, not sick, at least not sick.

Doctor: Right. Ah, now they're mainly donated, and it's not easy to wait for donations.

Investigator: Alas, then that is, is there any disease or something (wrong) in the donor's body, that is also uncertain?

Doctor: Oh, he will definitely do that (Investigator: Right.), if it can be donated to a patient, we would do some (testing) to decide.

Investigator: So now this kidney transplantation is done only in the Lanzhou University Second Hospital? Do other hospitals still do it?

Doctor: In Lanzhou, we may be the main hospital here. Others, I think, they will occasionally do a few, and very few.

Investigator: Few? That is, these locally (donated) kidneys are basically all given to your hospital?

Doctor: That... I don't know the details, either. There may be some, the hospital also has specialized people looking for (organs). I do not know too much, because this is not what I do.

Investigator: Right? (Doctor: Doctor Fu is not here; he is already off.) Here, each hospital has an OPO looking for donors, does your hospital also have it?

Doctor: I don't think so.

Investigator: No?

Doctor: Well, today, Doctor Fu is already off, you can wait till Monday, to figure out with him during the working hours.

Investigator: Then you said that Director Yang Li is doing kidney transplants, then if I call this phone number, I won't be able to find him?

Doctor: No, you can't find him. He won't come here.

Investigator: Which number should I call, call which (department)?

Doctor: You should go to the clinic to find him. I cannot disclose his phone number. You'd better go to the clinic to talk to him.

Investigator: You are not in the same office?

Doctor: This kind of doctors are very busy.

Investigator: You are not in the same office?

Doctor: Right, right, I am not working with him. We are the research institute, and they are clinical.

Investigator: What is the responsibility of the research institute? Is it only responsible for tissue typing?

Doctor: Yes, they would issue the test sheets, and we are equivalent to a laboratory, so we would do tests for them. We have a patient asking about kidney transplants here, wait a minute. He is our Doctor Fu, you ask him.

Investigator: Hello! Good, good, good.

Doctor Fu: Hey, hello!

Investigator: Hey, hello, hello, Doctor Fu. I was, (they) let me ask you, because I am from Lanzhou, but I am now in Hungary, I have a family member, who wants to do a kidney transplant. Just as the doctor said, our Lanzhou University (Hospital) is still doing it, right? If you do it, is it necessary for me to go back and wait for a long time?

Doctor Fu: Oh, it is like this. Our hospital, Lanzhou University Second Hospital, is mainly like this. We do transplants with relative-donated kidneys, and we still do with non-relative kidneys, that is, those with no blood relations, but the volume is still relatively small. If, I don't know how much you know about the organ transplantation in China?

Investigator: I don't know much.

Doctor Fu: Yes, look, I will give you a brief overview.

Doctor Fu: You see, I tell you that the domestic, domestic situation now, the overall situation in China is that now the focus is on those large organ transplant centers. I heard that in Xi'an, Xi'an has that..., I see that Zhejiang University, in Zhejiang, these large organ transplant centers in recent couple of years have been mainly (using) non-relative (organs), which are donations after cardiac and/or brain deaths. In Lanzhou, in our hospital, now it is like this, the patients' relatives' kidney donations are the main (source for donor organs), and then another group is the DCD, that is, donations after cardiac death. If like Xi'an, the situation I know is that it would probably take about a year or so to do it, Xi'an Jiaotong University Health Science Center, they should have done more than 300 cases this year, but for kidney transplants, they should have done more than 300 cases.

Investigator: That is, in your hospital~

Doctor Fu: (to others) I am still answering a call, hey, you guys order, you guys order! OK, you continue.

Investigator: That is, in your hospital, if I go back, you say that like us, for example, let me give an example, just like last year, did you do a lot of cases, in which there were people waiting for kidneys? That is, (waiting) for one year.

Doctor Fu: Ah, I told you that there are a lot of patients waiting, but the ones, who indeed go through operations are not so many. Not many waited for and eventually got non-relative kidney donations. That is, there were not many, who waited and obtained DCD donations. There were not many people getting them after waiting, less than ten people. But we have a lot of organ transplants, we also do transplants, but (the organs) are mainly

the relative kidney donations, understand? Relatives, they are donations from parents to their children or between siblings.

Investigator: Then in your opinion, Doctor Fu, you said that your transplant center has done a lot of transplants. Is Xi'an Jiaotong University Health Science Center also a transplant center?

Doctor Fu: Xi'an Jiaotong University has a specialized organ transplant and kidney transplant department.

Investigator: Oh, it is not a transplant center?

Doctor Fu: No, it is not, they are now all organs transplant centers, approved by the Ministry of Health and certified by the National Health and Family Planning Commission. Hospitals with transplant qualification are all called organ transplant centers. But some are independent departments, and some are under the (hospitals') urology departments. They are mainly affiliated (with a hospital), and the situation in each center and each hospital center is kind of different.

Investigator: Then, you said that like Zhejiang University, what you just said, I can't remember, just like them, they want...

Doctor Fu: Like Zhejiang University?

Investigator: It is Zhejiang University. I don't remember clearly what you said...

Doctor Fu: Zhejiang University, Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University, right, and the West China Hospital, Sichuan University

Investigator: Then, are they doing a lot? Will the wait time there be a little shorter?

Doctor Fu: They, they, think about it, they are in economically developed areas, there will be more patients, the population is concentrated in that place, then there would be more patients.

Investigator: I just heard you saying that there is a brain death center. There are possibly a lot of donors in the brain death center?

Doctor Fu: We are now using braindead donors. The OPO organ procurement organizations also obtain braindead donor organs. In fact, every organ transplant center would generally be equipped with an OPO organization, but they have two systems. The OPOs are currently managing the organs, because nowadays there are a lot of patients, so usually (these organs obtained by OPOs) would be used in their own transplant centers. Occasionally, if one cannot be used, it would be given, for example, if the organ transplant center doesn't have the qualification for liver transplantation, if we get the organ, then the liver may be given to another hospital with liver transplant qualification.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor Fu: Without this, in the domestic organ transplant industry is still not doing very well.

Investigator: Oh, I really thank you so much, you have provided me with a lot...

Doctor Fu: I am not doing clinical stuff; I am just working in a laboratory.

Investigator: Good, good, thank you, Doctor Fu, it took you so long to talk to me. Thank you very much, goodbye!

Doctor Fu: OK, goodbye.