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A nurse on duty in the Urology Ward at Inner Mongolia Baotou Steel Hospital

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Summary

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Phone Investigation Recording

Nurse: Hello!

Investigator: Hello. Is that Department of Urologic Surgery of Baotou Steel Hospital?

Nurse: Yes.

Investigator: Is Doctor Han available? Doctor Han Lisheng.

Nurse: He is on a business trip at the moment.

Investigator: Oh, on a business trip. I guess that's why the line was always busy when I called him. When will he come back?

Nurse: I think next Monday at the earliest. He will not be back in a few days for sure.

Investigator: OK. Isn't he the person in charge of registration for transplants, kidney transplants? Because one of my family members needs to do that, so we can still do it now, right?

Nurse: Yes, we've always been doing them.

Investigator: It seems that you have been doing pretty well. So we can no longer use that kind of organs as previously, right?

Nurse: Right. It has been some time that [organs from] executed prisoners are not allowed. Since last year.

Investigator: I'm calling from a faraway place, so I want to take the opportunity to ask him that how many [kidney transplant] cases you have done this year? Just approximately.

Nurse: I never counted it. Recently... [interrupted]

Investigator: So yesterday, a doctor told me to call Doctor Han. I asked him for the number, and he said it's about 100 to 200 cases. Is that the case?

Nurse: How many?

Investigator: 100 to 200 cases.

Nurse: I never count the number. Anyway, there was a sharp increase last year.

Investigator: So there were more last year than the year before, right?

Nurse: There are currently people specialized in procuring kidney sources. So they procured a lot last year, donated kidneys. So we did relatively more [kidney transplants] last year. The number will definitely increase because the law just changed last year ... on body donation. They are slowly developing this.

Investigator: So after stopping using [organs from] executed prisoners, this [kind of organ sources] becomes more and more, gradually.

Nurse: Because body donations were very rare previously. Now specialists are assigned to that job, so there will be more and more.

Investigator: Regarding surgery, is it always the chief surgeon that performs surgeries?

Nurse: The chief surgeon?

Investigator: Does the chief surgeon perform surgeries?

Nurse: Not only the chief.

Investigator: Oh, so generally ordinary surgeons also perform [transplantation surgeries].

Nurse: Right.

Nurse: Since this kind of transplant surgeries with donated organs are always done in pairs, it is impossible for one doctor to complete them. There are several surgeons required for each surgery. So every time we do it, all surgeons of our department have to attend.

Investigator: Ah, I see. So that is to say...

Nurse: Right, separately.

Investigator: You just said two surgeries are performed at the same time. Do you mean one surgery [to excise] the donor[']s kidneys, and another [to transplant the kidneys] for the recipient?

Nurse: I mean one person has two kidneys. If one person donates his organs, then it will be used by two people.

Investigator: Oh, then donated organs are not excised at your hospital? Or from other places?

Nurse: It depends. So they are running business such that every hospital advocates body donations. Then when a hospital gets a kidney source, someone will go to take it. Then we do the transplants here.

Investigator: After excising [a pair of kidneys], you bring them from elsewhere and do [the transplants] here. So the organs are not excised here?

Nurse: Right.

Investigator: Oh. So if two kidneys are harvested, then two patients will receive transplants at the same time. I got it.

Nurse: Right. That is the case for body donations. You can ask Doctor Han later for more details. I am really, really busy at the moment. There is no choice, since I am the only one here.

Investigator: Ah, I am sorry. Sorry. I won't bother any more. Good, good. Thank you. Goodbye.

Nurse: OK, bye, bye.