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Summary

1. “Medically speaking, two days would be enough (to do a transplant), for sure. Medically, it is very easy, in fact.”
2. “The main reason is because it’s difficult to wait for donors. We’ve done for many adults.”

Phone Investigation Recording

Investigator: I am the family member of a patient, who just called (several minutes ago). Could you please transfer me to the Department of Cardiac Surgery, Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Department?

Switchboard: Please wait.

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Department: Hello, the Department of Cardiac Surgery.

Investigator: Sorry that I just called. The signal might be bad, so the call was disconnected. Is that still the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Department at the First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University? Could you please help transfer me to Doctor Han Qin? Thank you.

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Department: Just a moment.

Investigator: Ok, thank you.

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Department: Doctor Qin’s on the phone.

Doctor Qin: Hello!

Investigator: Doctor Qin, I’m sorry, my surname’s Tang. The signal may be bad on this phone, sorry.

Doctor: It’s all right. Yes, yes, yes, I know. It doesn’t matter. Please go ahead.

Investigator: I want to know if we could go there, and then stay for two days, and (the surgery) would be all done, right?

Doctor: Medically speaking, yes, but I don’t know the laws or how to deal with the ethical stuff. Because it involves Hongkong, Macao and Taiwan, so it might be complex. Specifically, I don’t know, because I haven’t dealt with these things before. I don’t know.

But medically speaking, two days would be enough, for sure. Medically, it is very easy, in fact.

Investigator: Yes, so if I do decide to go, I can just call your phone number, right? Will you help us arrange the hospitalization and other things?

Doctor: Yes, I can, no problem. But I need to make sure, if (people from) Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan are able to do that. Because...did you get any information, like whether it is allowed, things like that?

Investigator: Because I called Zhejiang, and they said yes.

Doctor: They said they can or cannot?

Investigator: They said that currently in Zhejiang they don't do it, and asked me to come to Guangzhou. They specifically mentioned your First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University. At that time, because at that time, I had a friend, who wanted to do a kidney transplant, too. Because I also lived near Hsinchu Science Park. Then, he told me that Doctor Fei Jiguang is good at kidney transplantation and is one of his best students. So that's how I knew that the First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University can perform transplants. This time, my relative also happens to be a patient, so we've waited and waited, and have been waiting for a very long time.

Doctor: OK, so it should be fine, right? It should be able to do, I mean...

Investigator: It should be okay for the hospital, right?

Doctor: Right. I mean, we do have the capability, but I don't know if legally, I mean, previously, there was a period of time, when we couldn't operate on foreigners. Even before that, we could do transplants for foreigners, but we were not allowed afterwards. But I don't know if Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan are considered "foreign" now? I really don't know. The main problem is not the quality or the skills, the main problem is this, so as to you.....

Investigator: I contacted the director two weeks ago. He asked me to talk to Doctor Fei Jiguang.

Doctor: Yes, that's the case, please wait a moment (a nursing staff asked for Doctor Qin, to treat a patient.)

Investigator: I am sorry! You are so busy.

Doctor: It's all right, please keep going.

Investigator: Anyway, it shouldn't be a problem. Approximately, when should I confirm with you?

Doctor: How about you call me tomorrow? I need to help ask for you as well.

Investigator: Tomorrow?

Doctor: Call (this number) again tomorrow, tomorrow morning or afternoon.

Investigator: It's 250,000 to 300,000 yuan, anyway. I'm thinking, approximately how long we need to wait?

Doctor: I am not sure. All I can say is that for this person (for the patient), he now has another option, a way to wait (for an organ). Because sometime ago there was a person that was very lucky. There was a kid that fell down from a building and became brain dead. However, accidents involving children like this don't occur often, not as many as in adults' case. That is, if you are lucky, it can be very fast. If you are unlucky, then maybe not; also, the blood type has to match. Because we need to match the blood type. If the blood type does not match, it can be troublesome, so we won't do it. Because if the blood type doesn't match, there will be a lot of rejection reactions.

Investigator: I want to ask, in your hospital, usually how many organ transplants for children are done in a year?

Doctor: For kids, we did just one case last year. The main reason is because it's difficult to wait for donors. Just one case. We've done for many adults. But only one case for a child.

Investigator: How many for adults?

Doctor: We do more than a dozen cases for adults in one year. So it's not a lot, but its not too few, either. About more than a dozen cases.

Investigator: So for kids, there are less cases?

Doctor: Right, the main problem is donors. Sometimes, we have several people on our (waiting) list, but maybe the blood type does or something else does not match. How's the child developing? I'm thinking if it's possible, it may be possible to use adults (as donors), relatively younger adults'(organs). What's his weight? The kid. Approximately?

Investigator: I'm kind of...

Doctor: Approximately how heavy is he? The kid, roughly, how's his growth?

Investigator: I feel like it's not very well, he is very small.

Doctor: His growth is not very well, is that so? Because can he...

Investigator: Please say it.

Doctor: OK, I'm thinking, medically, how's his pulmonary artery development? Exactly what kind of disease does he have? So, I suggest sending me an ultrasound; scan it and send it to me. Because I want to see the ultrasound result, and if he's fit enough to do it. How I would go about doing it specifically, I think I need to at least have an idea, right?

Investigator: Sorry, because I've left the clinic for some time. I used to work at the big hospitals in Taiwan, and then I moved to the small departments. But I've left pediatrics for a period of time, because I ...

Doctor: I know.

Investigator: Since I have this relationship, I want to help my family member find (doctors). As for donors, I know that there is no problem. I heard about it from the director at my hospital. It's all live donors, right? In this case the (organ) quality is very good.

Doctor: Yes.

Investigator: Actually, this is what we hope for. If the donor is alive, then that is quite good.

Doctor: I mean, you can, I mean, can you call him or his parents to send me the ultrasound. At least send me one tonight, as I need to see it. What exactly is going on, I need to know. His ultrasound, his most recent ultrasound result, I need to see it.

Investigator: I know.

Doctor: Because I just, yes, I know he has a complex congenital heart disease. Is it cyanosis of CHD? Which type specifically? How's his pulmonary artery development? Does he have pulmonary hypertension? I don't know about these things. So to do an operation, how can I give any confirmative information? I know nothing, so it is hard for me to give you a certain answer. Of course, if you want to do it, I'm sure we can do it. Of course, there needs to be some medical indicators; there should be some indicators.

Anyways, I need to know this, that's what I mean.

Investigator: I want to say, I'm no longer in the hospital, so if I want to get this, it may be difficult for me. I may talk to his parents and say we just need to go there directly. What I want to clarify is, how long do we need to wait? So, that I can tell them and let them know. Otherwise, they may ask (the people in) Shanghai. They are probably asking there, too.

Doctor: OK, I will ask for you because I am not sure how long the wait is. Because we do centralized (organ) distribution, sometimes we can get it when we need it, but other times if we don't need it they will not tell us. I can ask for you and give you an answer tomorrow.

Investigator: Tomorrow, (we) won't know until the night?

Doctor: I also need to ask about the legal issues. I'll ask for you.

Investigator: Later when I contact his parents, can I tell them that the First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University can do it, and tell them that Director Wu does it?

Doctor: Yes, yes, yes, right.

Investigator: Director Wu Zhongkai will do it.

Doctor: Yes, right.

Investigator: And you also need to double check the donor, so right now we don't know how long the wait is.

Doctor: Right, right, right.

Investigator: Is there a way to know within couple weeks or a month?

Doctor: It is hard, I need to ask. It is hard to say. Sometimes we try and it takes a very short time, but sometimes not. Recently I don't take care of this issue, so I cannot give you an answer.

Investigator: It is not easy for me to ask either, so I wanted ask privately.

Doctor: Ok, ok, I will ask for you.

Investigator: I want to know if the donor is alive and the quality is good. So we want...

Doctor: Yes, it's usually like that.

Investigator: it should be fine if you make sure that the donor is alive.

Doctor: Ok, ok.

Investigator: Ok, ok, what time tonight, may I confirm with you?

Doctor: Ok, 8 or 9 p.m.

Investigator: Around 8 or 9, may I call you at 9:30?

Doctor: Sure, no problem.

Investigator: Because I am afraid that I couldn't get in touch with his parents right away.

Doctor: It's all right, it does not matter.

Investigator: Thank you! Sorry for interrupting you.

Doctor: Bye, bye.