World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG)

To investigate the criminal conduct of all institutions, organizations, and individuals involved in the persecution of Falun Gong; to bring such investigation, no matter how long it takes, no matter how far and deep we have to search, to full closure; to exercise fundamental principles of humanity; and to restore and uphold justice in society.

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Summary
1. “In general, people wait (for kidneys) for one or two months.”
2. “We have started doing this since the year 2006. We’ve been doing it for more than a dozen years. I reckon we can do over 100 cases each year!”
3. The hospital did around 50 cases this year.
4. “There’s a special organization, an (organ) procurement organization, which looks for kidney supplies.”
5. The hospital claims to have only one organ source, which is braindead people.
6. The cost of a kidney is about 100,000 or 200,000 yuan. “You should give the money directly to the Red Cross Society.”
7. The department director does the surgeries.

Phone Investigation Recording
Investigator: Hello! Is that the kidney transportation department?
Nurse: Yes. How may I help you?
Investigator: Oh, we want to introduce a patient to you. Our patient wants to know, if we choose to do the operation in your hospital, how long will he wait for the kidney?
Nurse: Okay, wait a minute.
Investigator: Okay.
(Another person picked up the phone.)
Doctor: Hello.
Investigator: Hello! Doctor.
Doctor: Hello. How are you?
Investigator: Hello doctor! We have a patient, who wants to have a surgery due to kidney failure.
Doctor: From where?
Investigator: I am now in Yongcheng City. The patient said that your First Affiliated Hospital of Henan University of Traditional Chinese Medicine does more organ transplants than others. The patient wants to know, how long will he wait for the kidney?
Doctor: It is usually about one or two months. According to my estimate, at least one or two months! If he is lucky, it would arrive soon. In general, people wait for one or two months, at least!
Investigator: Okay, one or two months.
Doctor: Right, it is better for the patient to come here.
Investigator: So how long the wait time will be?
Doctor: Not sure. This is uncertain in all cases! Because (kidney source) may show up at any time.
Investigator: The patient also wants to know about your technologies. Do you do a lot of kidney transplantation operations?
Doctor: A lot! We have been performing them for many years. We have started doing this since the year 2006. We’ve been doing it for more than a dozen years.
Investigator: More than a dozen years. The key is whether you do a lot of organ transplants every year. You started quite early, but have you done a lot? What about this year?
Doctor: Yeah. I reckon we can do over 100 cases each year!
Investigator: What about this year? How many have you done this year?
Doctor: We did about 40 or 50 kidney transplants. Roughly around 50 cases.
Investigator: He also asks whether you look for kidneys or…?
Doctor: There are people specializing in finding kidneys. There’s a special organization, an (organ) procurement organization, which looks for these.
Investigator: That is, sometimes what they find are not too good? Or the ones in the past…?
Doctor: They are all okay. But now there is only one source. There are no other channels.
Investigator: One source? Where to find the kidneys?
Doctor: From braindead (people)!
Investigator: Oh, you have that kind…? So that means…
Doctor: Yes!
Investigator: Is it possible to look for them through the judicial channel? Can you still find any?
Doctor: This kind disappeared a long time ago.
Investigator: If the patient comes, how could we find you? Could you give me your phone number or… what’s your name, doctor?
Doctor: You can directly come to us, come to our ward. You can call this number. Usually someone would pick up the phone 24/7.
Investigator: What is your last name if we want to find you?
Doctor: My last name is Chi.
Investigator: Chi?
Doctor: Yes.
Investigator: Okay, Doctor Chi.
Doctor: Yes!
Investigator: Who usually does the operations?
Doctor: It is usually operated by the director.
Investigator: Which director? Could you tell me his name?
Doctor: The director of the kidney transplantation department.
Investigator: I mean which director?
Doctor: I cannot disclose this, right now.
Investigator: Okay. Thank you, Doctor Chi. I will talk with the patient’s family members.
Doctor: Okay. Tell him.
Investigator: And the fees. How much in total? I will tell them.
Doctor: It is estimated to be 200,000 or 300,000 yuan in total.
Investigator: So, for example…
Doctor: That is an approximate sum.
Investigator: Do we have to pay for the kidney?
Doctor: You should give the money directly to the Red Cross Society. You have to pay for that. That’s not reimbursed by the state’s medical insurance. It’s not reimbursed, so you have to pay the fees. But the money is for the Red Cross and it is not for us.
Investigator: How much is a kidney cost, you estimate?
Doctor: Maybe it is about 100,000 or 200,000 yuan!
Investigator: Does it directly go to...?
Doctor: I think it would be more than 100,000 yuan.
Investigator: How much are the total costs including hospitalization fees?
Doctor: It is about 200,000 or 300,000 in total for the entire kidney transplantation.
Investigator: So, it is supplied by the Red Cross?
Doctor: Yes! The Red Cross would give the money to the relatives of the kidney donor.
Investigator: Is there any problem with the techniques?
Doctor: Absolutely not!
Investigator: You’ve been doing it for several decades. There are fewer complications, right?
Doctor: It is hard to avoid the complications of organ transplantation. There are many complications. Nobody can avoid them. But we try to prevent them. There are a lot of complications from organ transplantation. You are lying if you say no.
Investigator: Right. Do you perform liver transplantation and the kidney transplantation operations together?
Doctor: No, not together.
Investigator: You’re primarily dealing with kidneys?
Doctor: Yeah!
Investigator: What about the liver transplantation? Because we have patients and we would recommend them to do the transplantation here. How is the liver transplantation operation?
Doctor: We don’t do liver transplantation here.
Investigator: You don’t do liver transplantation here?
Doctor: No.
Investigator: So you have operated kidney transplants for a long time. What about your skills?
Doctor: Yeah!
Investigator: Do you hire outside experts or not?
Doctor: This is usually done by ourselves.
Investigator: Okay, so you don’t hire outside experts.
Doctor: No.
Investigator: Okay. I will talk to the patient. If we decide to come, we will call you. It’s this number, right?
Doctor: Yeah.
Investigator: Okay.
Doctor: Okay.
Investigator: Thank you.
Doctor: Okay.