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Summary
Doctor Chen Yongfeng from the Liver Transplantation Department at People’s Hospital of Zhengzhou said that they performed two operations on the day of the phone investigation. One donor was 16 years old, and another was 24 years old. “We all selected people less than 40 years old. Donors can be found within a week. We have abundant donors now and can select young and healthier ones. But in the future, we don’t know if things will still be like this.”

Phone Investigation Recording
Chen Yongfeng: Hello,
Investigator: Hi, Doctor Chen, Doctor Chen Yongfeng, hi. Good evening. I was referred to you by the “Liver Transplantation Recipient Society”. I have a relative, who needs organ transplantation. This is not easy. So I want to get some information. Can this hospital carry out liver transplantation?
Chen Yongfeng: Our hospital does liver transplantation. We are the best in Henan Province. Today we did two liver transplantation operations.
Investigator: Two operations today, is that right?
Chen Yongfeng: That’s right.
Investigator: Let me try. I have a friend, not me, who just called Doctor Yuan, you know, Yuan Zhenhua. He said he did it today.
Chen Yongfeng: Yuan Zhenhua, yes, yes, yes. I also heard from Doctor Yuan that there is a patient, probably from Anyang.
Investigator: It’s not Anyang, its Anhui, Anhui.
Chen Yongfeng: From Anhui.
Investigator: Maybe he got it wrong. From Anhui.
Chen Yongfeng: From Anhui.
Investigator: Right, Right. His blood type is B, over 60 years old. he is my relative, not for me, for my relative. My niece contacted him, and then told me that it could be done. I want to get some information. So you said today you did two operations. The donors, are they from local areas? Or from other places? How is the (organ) quality?
Chen Yongfeng: If you prepare to do liver transplantation, you prepare early, and the time will be enough. We can select a healthier and a little younger liver for you. Today we just did one
operation. It was blood type A. This patient is the same. The donor’s blood type is B. So today they told me that the donor has a blood type B. Doctor Yuan said a call from Anhui told us that the patient is of blood type B. I said--why didn’t they call today? Today we had a 16-year-old donor with cerebral hemorrhage. He was only 16 years and 3 days old. His liver, over 700 grams, was harvested, and it was less than 800 grams. The young donor was very good. Very good liver, it was harvested at 9 o’clock.

Investigator: 16 years old. He was so young and got cerebral hemorrhage at this young age. His cerebral blood vessels have congenital deformity. Well, well, it was like this. You did two operations, indeed.

Chen Yongfeng: If you don’t believe me, you can check. There is a name, Chen Guoyong. Chen C-H-E-N. He is our president and our director, too. Our liver transplants are all done by him. He did some operations recently. Two operations have been done between a husband and a wife with different blood types. You can check it out. These are all reported by the CCTV. The operations have absolutely no problem. You can trust us 100%.

Investigator: So usually for donor organs, your surgeons harvest them by themselves, or others harvest them and send them to you?

Chen Yongfeng: We harvest them by ourselves. Firstly, we must guarantee the donor organ’s quality. Because we do the operations, we want to do this operation, we need to show the patients. For every operation, that is, extracting a donor organ, we need to make sure every step is right. Every day we evaluate the patient, and then do relative exams. So after we do a thorough evaluation and exams, then we harvest the organ. After we harvest it, we have a quality evaluation, after the evaluation, if it can be done, then we do it.

Investigator: Where do you harvest the organs?

Chen Yongfeng: If there are donors available, they will inform us. After they tell us, sometimes we go there, sometimes (harvest donor organs) at our hospital.

Investigator: So today you did two operations. One (donor) was 16 years old, and you did two or three operations today, two operations today.

Chen Yongfeng: Two operations, two operations. One of them was just like what you said. Investigator: How old was the other one? Over 20 years old? Your donors are quite young. The qualities should be good. So young.

Chen Yongfeng: There are also older ones. Say, over 30 years, over 40 years. But for these donors, we have to control (their age).

Investigator: Oh. So for donors over 40 years old, usually you will not take (their organs). Usually within 40 years old.

Chen Yongfeng: Usually we will not take (donors over 40 years old), usually we will not consider them.

Investigator: You will not consider them. You want donors over 30 years old or over 20 years old. You guys are quite different.

Chen Yongfeng: There are bodies that are over that age.

Investigator: Yes, go ahead.

Chen Yongfeng: Since now, I guess later on, the donors supply will be tighter and tighter. There
will be more and more patients needing transplantation. So I guess later on there will be no room for selection. Now we still have room to select (organs), but I guess later on, if you want to wait, you will lose the opportunity.

Investigator: That’s right. So now how much is it for a transplant? I almost forgot to ask.

Chen Yongfeng: It depends, different cases have different rates.

Investigator: So let me ask you, roughly how long is the organ wait time? Let’s say the patient comes from Anhui, roughly how long is the wait time?

Chen Yongfeng: Usually about a week.

Investigator: You will find a donor in about a week, usually a week. Let me see if there is anything else. Okay. I will contact you then.

Chen Yongfeng: Okay.

Investigator: I will contact you. Thank you.