

Academic Papers and Publications Inside China Confirm That a Huge Living Donor Pool Exists

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My testimony would involve information in five aspects. Since Dr. Wang from WOIPFG has testified in front of the tribunal regarding much of the content, I would just elaborate on the second part, the liver emergency transplants.

- 1) **Very short waiting times.**
- 2) **Large portion of liver emergence transplant operations.** The China Liver Transplant Registration (CLTR) project was started in February, 2005. 9,610 cases have been collected as of May, 2007. Among 4,331 cases with available data for timing manner, ***1,150 cases were emergency operations, which was as high as 26.6%***. The very same database provides that ***97.7% of the liver donors were cadavers, living (relatives) donors accounted for only 2%***. By contrast, out of 919 liver transplants performed at Multi-Organ Transplant Programme, London Health Sciences Centre in Canada from 1994 to 2008, 60 were performed on patients for acute liver failure (ALF), which was only 6.5%. Emergency liver transplant is needed for those who have ALF and transplantation should be performed in 48-72 hours. Canada has a waiting list/donor registration system; those with ALF are assigned with the highest priorities, the system is supposed to be much more efficient than the one in China, where there's no waiting list system or donation system available for matching up. A more plausible explanation is that ***it is the donors waiting for the recipients in China, which is an evidence supporting that a large living donor pool exists in China.***
- 3) **Abundance of donors provides multiple standby donors**
- 4) An abundance of donors results in hospitals promoting the organs in the market and offering ***“free” transplant operations.***
- 5) The abundance of donors has even made ***Chinese medicine hospitals, forensic hospitals, psychiatric hospitals to conduct organ transplant operations.***

Thank you.