

Appendix 5

Investigative phone recording from Chen Yongfeng, at the Liver Transplantation Department of Zhengzhou People's Hospital

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Chen Yongfeng from Liver Transplantation Department of Zhengzhou People's Hospital said, "Today two operations are performed, one donor is 16 years old, and another is 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 are still like this." (+86 136 2371 1903)

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 other operations, which are 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, it's Anhui, Anhui.

Chen Yongfeng: From Anhui.

Investigator: Maybe he got it wrong. From Anhui.

Chen Yongfeng: From Anhui.

Investigator: Right, Right, He is blood type 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 can be done. I want to get some information. So you said today you did 2 operations, The donors, are they from local areas? Or from another place? How is the quality?

Chen Yongfeng: If you prepare to do liver transplantation, you prepare early, and time will be enough. We can select a healthier and a little younger liver for you. Today we just did one operation. It was a blood type A. This patient is the same. The donor is B. So today they told me that the donor is a B. Doctor Yuan said a call from Anhui told us the patient is B. I said why don't call today? Today we have a 16 year old donor with cerebral hemorrhage. He is only 3 days more than 16 years old. The liver, over 700 grams were harvested and it was less than 800 grams. young donor is very good. Very good liver, it was harvested 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, Guoyong Chen. Chen

C-H-E-N. He is our president and our director too. Our liver transplantations are all done by him. He did some operations recently. Two operations have been done between husband and wife with different blood types. You can check on it. These are all reported by CCTV. The operations have absolutely no problem. You can trust us 100%.

Investigator: So usually for donor organs, your surgeon harvest them by themselves, or others harvested them and sent to you?

Chen Yongfeng: We harvest 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, 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 evaluation, if it can be done, then we do it.

Investigator: Where do you harvest the organs?

Chen Yongfeng: If there are donors they will tell us. After they tell us, sometimes we go there, sometimes at our hospital.

Investigator: So today you did two operations. One is 16 years old, and you did 2 or 3 operations today, 2 operations today.

Chen Yongfeng: 2 operations, 2 operations. One of them is just like what you said.

Investigator: How old is 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 these donors, we have to control.

Investigator: Oh. So donors over 40 years old, usually you will not take it. Usually within 40 years old.

Chen Yongfeng: Usually we will not take, usually we will not consider.

Investigator: You will not consider. You want 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: Because 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, but I guess later on, if you want to wait, you will lose the opportunity.

Investigator: That's right. So now how much for a transplantation? I almost forgot to ask.

Chen Yongfeng: It depends, different case has different rate.

Investigator: So let me ask you, roughly how long is the waiting time? Let's say the patient comes from Anhui, roughly how long is the waiting 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. OK. I will contact you then.

Chen Yongfeng: Ok.

Investigator: I will contact you. Thank you.