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多亏千里之外的21岁桂林男子，北京医院一名12岁的男孩即将战胜死亡之神。这个12岁男孩于周五接受了来自脑死亡的桂林男子捐献的心脏。

A 12-year-old boy in a Beijing hospital, is close to winning the battle against death, thanks to a 21-year-old in the other side of China. The 12-year-old received a heart, donated by the adult, who died of brain cancer on Friday. In just six hours, medical teams managed to fly the heart from Guangxi, in south China, to Beijing, in north China. This was also the first time, that an air ambulance was used in China to transfer a human organ.

2:40 PM in this military hospital in Guangxi. A 21-year-old man surnamed Ye, has just died from brain cancer. But there isn't much time for his family to bid final goodbyes. Because, Mr. Ye is an organ donor and a 12 year-old-boy is waiting for his heart.

"I hope that his heart can help a patient. At least it can sustain the other person's life." said the father of donor.

Then, in a 40 minute operation, doctors remove Mr. Ye's heart and place it in a special container. A human heart can stay outside a body for no more than six hours. The race against the clock has begun.

"We coordinated with the airports and air traffic authorities to make sure that the flight is on time. We also prepared a back-up plane just in case." said Zhou Wei, Physician, 181 Hospital of PLA, Guangxi.

At 4:50 PM, the medical team heads off to the airport. The team and other passengers are all on board this routine commercial flight ahead of time. And the flight departs for Beijing where a team of doctors waits for the heart.

"We had contacted Southern Airlines earlier. They agreed to ensure that our flight arrived on time. This saved us a lot of time." said Han Jie, Physician, Beijing Anzhen Hospital.

At 8:21 PM, the flight arrives at the Beijing Capital International Airport, where an ambulance helicopter dispatched by the Beijing Emergency Medical Center waits.



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Minutes later, the helicopter lands at a road junction near the hospital, where the traffic has already been redirected.

9 PM and the life-saving transplant begins. By 10:40 pm, the core procedure is completed.

Doctors say the heart was transplanted into a 12-year-old boy affectionately called Xiao Bao. He is under observation for the next 48 hours to see if his body will accept a new heart. But so far, the operation appears to have proceeded smoothly.

"The heart is beating pretty well, his blood pressure and heartbeat has been smooth so far." said Meng Xu, Physician, Beijing Anzhen Hospital.

Xiao Bao's family are certainly hoping the smooth run continues. That is the best hope Xiao Bao has, with the second chance at life he's been given.