On the night of my arrival at No. 3 Prison, I was stripped naked for a medical examination. They took a blood sample and urine sample before placing me in a cell. In less than one week, I, along with other prisoners with black hoods over our heads, were taken to an unknown place. There was medical equipment in the corridor. We were examined, blood samples were taken, and we also had ultrasound tests. We were examined once a week. In No. 2 Prison, there is a big medical clinic where we were examined regularly.

"THEY TOOK BLOOD SAMPLES AND DID ULTRASOUND TESTS. WE HAD AN INJECTION ONCE EVERY 10 DAYS."

I, and everyone else, had a full check-up once a month and I had an ultrasound scan three times. They also performed an X-ray to check my lungs. Many ladies were taken from the cells (including from my cell) and they did not come back.
JINTAO (TONY) LIU
FALUN GONG PRACTITIONER
Incarcerated for 2 years, 2 months

Every year during my detention, the authorities would force us to have blood taken and X-rays but never notified me of any result. I was locked in a cell with about eight drug addicts, who were commonly induced to abuse Falun Gong practitioners. These drug addicts were rostered on shifts to persecute me by the guards’ order. The cell had a surveillance camera installed, so the guards knew everything that happened inside.

ONE DAY A DRUG ADDICT INMATE WAS BEATING MY BACK AND WAIST AND ANOTHER INMATE CAME IN FROM OUTSIDE AND YELLED AT HIM, “DON’T INJURE HIS ORGANS!”

I felt strange—why these guys did not care about my wellbeing but cared about my organs?

ZUMURET DAWUT
UYGHUR
Incarcerated for 3 months

First they took me to a hospital, and that is what they do, first take you to a hospital. Only after they removed the black hood from over my head did I realize I was in a hospital. I saw police in uniform everywhere, also people wearing white coats walking about, so I guessed that I was in a hospital.

THEY DREW BLOOD SAMPLES FIRST, THEN X-RAYED MY INTERNAL ORGANS.

They tested my eyes and they took finger prints before I was taken to what looked like a prison. As soon as I was taken inside I knew it was a prison.

We were given medicine every day. After taking it we became numb emotionally. I felt heavy, as if lifeless. Up until now, after leaving the camp such a long time ago I still didn’t have a monthly period.
buses, with iron bars blocking the windows. There were also a few armed police’s military vehicles, as well as the prison guards’ cars and some ambulances, like the ones from the hospital, but they were not official. Then, in several columns the armed police and the prison guards entered into the prison ward I was in. Then, starting from the first floor, noises kept arising. When it finally reached our floor, the third floor, I heard that the guards and the police were scolding the prisoners, ‘don’t look. Turn your face. Lie on the bed.’ ‘When your name is called, come out immediately. You are not allowed to bring anything.’ Then, only names were called, one after another. Sometimes, only one name would be called for a prison cell. When they reached my cell, they called away three prisoners.

One prison doctor who was sympathetic to us Falun Gong practitioners secretly told me, “Don’t go against the Communist Party. Don’t resist them. If you do, when the time comes, you won’t even know how you have died.”

WHEN IT HAPPENS, WHERE YOUR HEART, LIVER, SPLEEN, AND LUNGS WILL BE TAKEN, YOU WON’T EVEN KNOW.

Falun Gong practitioners all practice qigong. They often exercise their bodies, so their bodies are very good. Think about it, those organs are, of course, very good so do you think we would rather pick you practitioners or those other prisoners? Those prisoners all abuse drugs or alcohol. Your practitioner organs are the best.”
ABDUWELI AYUP
UYGHUR
Incarcerated for 1 year, 10 months

When I was taken to Urumqi, before being transferred to the centre, I was taken for a health check. As I was wearing the black hood, I don’t know which hospital I was taken to. The procedure was first a blood sample, urine sample, then a saliva sample.

I BELIEVE THEN I WENT THROUGH AN X-RAY BECAUSE I REMEMBER I FELT

LIU YUMEI
FALUN GONG PRACTITIONER
Incarcerated for 2 years, 4 months
Fushun House of Detention, Fushun Detention Centre, Fushun Labour Camp, Fushun Women Re-education School, Guangzhou Shahe Detention Centre, Beijing Xuanwu District Detention Centre and Liaoning Tieling Detention Centre (2 years and 4 months total)

I was kidnapped by police in Beijing and was sent to Xuanwu District Detention Centre and was detained there.

POLICE THERE SAID TO ME, “IF YOU DO NOT TELL US YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, ALL YOUR ORGANS WILL BE HARVESTED AND YOUR FAMILY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FIND YOUR BODY.”

They performed medical checks on me. At the time, there were 10 people in the queue. They asked me to put my hands behind my head and crouch down. I said that I am not a prisoner, I can’t do this.

The policeman came to me and kicked me into the crouching position, and I was unable to get up. I went to that place for physical checks. The doctor was a prison doctor belonging to the detention centre. She took my blood. I saw through the window there were many people analysing something. I did not know what they were looking for.

At the time, Jiang Zemin was in power and said that we need to eradicate all these people til the very last one and with the use of any torturing methods. During that time, there were many who were persecuted to death; many prisoners went insane because of persecution and torture.
OMIR BEKALI
UYGHUR
Incarcerated for 5 months

Karmay City Prison & Karmay reeducation camp, Jarenbulak District (March 2017 to January 2018)

I was taken to a medical clinic or a hospital in Pichan, on 26 March 2017. They gave me water to drink before taking me to the toilet, insisting that I provide them with a urine sample. About half an hour later, they took blood samples from my arm. Then, I was placed on a bed for a full body check.

They handcuffed me and placed a black hood over my head. I was taken to a hospital (or a clinic) first, where I was given a full body examination, including blood samples. The hood was never removed. After the procedure had been completed, I was taken to a prison where I had to change into a prison uniform before being placed in a cell among 13 other young men. They were all Uyghur men in shackles.

After their completion, I was taken to a police station where I was given an eye test. My eyelids were held open, and I was instructed to look left, right, up and down, and, at the same time, they took photographs of the positions of the irises of my eyes.

The second time I had a full body examination was in the Karmay Hospital after I had been interrogated and tortured. I remember clearly that it was on the 7th of April.

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“They used ultrasound, applying cold gel, and checked my kidneys, then an ECG for my heart and my lungs. I believe they were using ultrasound as a cold gel was placed on different parts of my body.

They checked my lungs, as I was told to breathe in deeply and out slowly; the tests lasted for about two hours.”
ZHANG YANHUA
FALUN GONG PRACTITIONER
Incarcerated for 7 years, 3 months
Harbing Female Prison, Heilongjiang Province (2001; 7 years) and Qiqihar City Detention Centre (2017; 3 months)

When I first entered the detention centre, the blood test was done with no reason nor results. The first time was in the clinic. The second and third times were just outside of the cell. They did not ask me any questions.

THE HEART EXAM WAS DONE IN THE DETENTION CENTRE CLINIC.

THREE TIMES BLOOD WAS DRAWN, ONE TUBE EACH TIME. THE SAME DOCTOR WHO WORKS IN THE DETENTION CENTRE DID IT. I DON’T KNOW THE NAME. I DID NOT SEE OTHER PEOPLE BEING BLOOD TESTED.

PRIVATE WITNESS
FALUN GONG PRACTITIONER
Incarcerated for 1 year
Yiatai No. 2 Detention Center, Shandong Province Jail (January 2016 to January 2017)

One day, after a few months of suffering abuse, a nurse came to my cell with some guards. She wrapped a rubber band around my arm and took two glass tubes of my blood. At the time, I didn’t know what was going on.

In jail, I was beaten and abused more often. I was slapped, punched, kicked and yelled at, but they never hit me in the organs. After a few months of being in the jail, guards came to my cell and took me to the jail hospital.

I WAS FORCED TO PUT MY ARM THROUGH A HOLE IN A WINDOW. THE NURSE THEN WRAPPED A RUBBER BAND AROUND MY ARM AND PUT A NEEDLE INTO MY VEIN AND TOOK ANOTHER TWO GLASS TUBES OF MY BLOOD.

Only Falun Gong practitioners were subject to blood tests. I was very afraid that I would be killed for my organs. I didn’t sleep well after that and lived in fear that I would be killed until my release on 29 January 2017.
On 22 April, I was taken to the hospital in Chechen Town, and a black hood was placed over my head. I could not see which channels or which kind of gates we went through to the examination room. I do know, however, that I did not go through the normal route where the normal people go to have a health check. Despite having a hood over my head, I knew that they took blood out of my veins twice, but I do not know how much. They also checked my blood pressure and checked my heartbeat. Another machine was used, and I was told to take a deep breath. Then, I believe they took me to a basement. I felt I was in a lift, so I am quite sure it was a basement. I was taken into a very dark room, and they removed the black hood and the handcuff and the shackles. They removed all my clothes, put me completely naked.

Each time when I and others were taken to the camps, prior to being categorised and put into certain cells, they had to go through a detailed health check—a blood test and an ultrasound—and the women had to go through a very intimate examination, something was inserted inside. There were young women aged 23–26, and I saw that, on occasions, when they stopped breathing, they were then dragged by their feet and taken away. I also witnessed women between 14–18 years of age being taken away and never returning.

"They placed equipment above my breast and used another machine and examined my front and back. Then, they put a liquid on my forehead and both shoulders and just below my heart, both legs, and they then put me into a glass machine and made me circle inside that machine while shouting the number '1, 2, 3, 4 to 10'. I could not hear anything while I was in the machine."
I was brought to a mobile medical vehicle outfitted with advanced equipment to have a chest exam, abdominal exam, and my blood checked. I don’t know the name of the equipment. The medical vehicle was parked at the door of the building where we were imprisoned. I remember clearly that this examination was only done on Falun Gong practitioners who recently entered the prison and had not given up their faith.

If this check-up was only done for new prisoners, this can’t be the case either because there were many others who were sent to the prison together with us.

LI LIN LIN
Falun Gong Practitioner
Incarcerated for 3 years, 6 months

Shanghai’s Songjiang Women’s Prison (September 2005 to March 2009; 3 years and 6 months)

THE VEHICLE WAS WELL-EQUIPPED, AND THE EXAMINATION WAS DONE MAINLY ON OUR CHESTS, INTERNAL ORGANS AND BLOOD. AT THAT TIME, I EVEN WONDERED WHY THEY ONLY PERFORMED THIS EXAMINATION ON BOTH OF US HEALTHY FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS AND NOT CHECK THE OTHER PRISONERS WHO HAD SEVERE ILLNESSES?