



December 11, 2023

Via Attorney of Record

Andrey Belayev, M.D.
Raleigh Neurosurgical Clinic, Inc.
5838 Six Forks Road, Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27609

Dear Dr. Belayev:

The North Carolina Medical Board (“Board”) has concluded its investigation regarding your care of Patient A. It is the Board’s decision not to commence formal proceedings against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this public letter of concern. The Board does not consider this public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action. This letter is, also, not a limitation or restriction on your license to practice medicine.

The Board notes that in the spring of 2019, Patient A presented to you with what turned out to be a previously-ruptured arteriovenous malformation (AVM). As part of its investigation, the Board had your care of Patient A reviewed by an independent medical expert. This reviewing expert is confident neither Patient A’s initial AVM nor its rupture were caused by any of your care. This reviewing expert is also confident you correctly diagnosed Patient A’s AVM. The Board’s reviewer expert is also confident you appropriately discussed the pertinent treatment options for AVM with Patient A. In sum, the reviewing expert opined that your diagnosis for Patient A was within the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice. This reviewing expert is also of the opinion your medical records for Patient A were within the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice.

While treating Patient A, you performed a procedure using an infusion microcatheter and a separate embolization agent. During the embolization procedure, the microcatheter tube ruptured and delivered, inadvertently, into the normal vasculature and proximal to the target AVM, copolymer. The reviewer felt that you should have considered using a different microcatheter and embolic material combination that were more compatible.

The Board also notes that you had your own independent medical expert -- who practices and teaches in this area of medicine – review the same medical records as the Board’s reviewer. The Board notes your standard of care expert opined that the complication was in no way related to the choice of microcatheter and embolic material.

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The Board urges you to take steps to ensure that the clinical decision you made in 2019 giving rise to the Board's concern does not happen again. Otherwise, the Board may take action against your license to practice medicine. If that happens, this letter may be reviewed in determining the appropriate action.

This letter is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Sincerely,



Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O., MHPE
President

CMK/PFB/las

Consent and Waiver

I, Andrey Belayev, M.D., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of this public letter of concern in resolution of the above matter. I hereby waive any requirement under any law or rule that this public letter of concern be served on me.

Consented to this the 14 day of November, 2023.



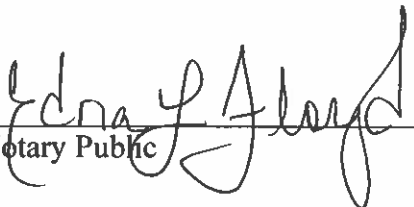
Andrey Belayev, M.D.

State of NC

County of Wake

I, Edna L Floyd, do hereby certify that Andrey Belayev, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 14 day of November, 2023.



Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 3/21/2024

