



Patient-1

Horrible surgery with Dr. Michael Bradford at Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center, nerve block was not given, ongoing pain and suffering, lack of care, surgeon who disappeared after surgery and refused to communicate with the patient or other medical providers, and intentionally obstructed the patient's ability to get medical care at a different orthopedic office by refusing to sign a referral.

And they killed her during surgery by overdosing her on medication. They had to give her multiple doses of Narcan to try to get her to recover. Then she died and had to be resuscitated.

Nobody in the operating room or in Sunrise Hospital administration informed the patient or her family, and none of the people who were negligent and culpable in this nightmare have taken responsibility or accountability.

The patient is alive today but has not been allowed to see a competent orthopedic surgeon.

This is a first-person account by Patient-1. She is sharing her personal story (based on the facts and her personal opinion regarding the damage that was done and the ongoing serious complications) in order to protect others from going through a similar experience with **Dr. Michael Bradford** (who is with **Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center**) at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

I had a hip replacement surgery by **Dr. Michael S. Bradford** on June 17, 2025.

Dr. Bradford disappeared after the surgery and abandoned me. Sunrise Hospital and HCA Healthcare went silent and stopped communicating with me when I left the hospital.

Immediately following the surgery, I suffered excruciating pain, improper post-operative care, delayed diagnosis of infection and a complete lack of communication from the surgeon. I was promised a nerve block that was not administered, discharged without antibiotics, and suffered worsening symptoms while multiple attempts to reach [Dr. Bradford](#) went ignored – for me and my other healthcare providers.

It has been 16 weeks since the surgery, and I am still in horrible pain and suffering, have very limited mobility, still using a walker, and my quality of life has been severely diminished.

Recently, my primary care office ordered an X-Ray and an MRI which shows serious problems that need to be addressed by a competent, experienced, highly respected orthopedic surgeon.

My story is a tale of numerous mistakes, medical malpractice, infections, torture, lies, arrogance, greed, deceit, abandonment, criminal neglect of a patient under NRS 200.495, violation of NRS 629.051 and 629.061 Retention and Inspection of records, reckless disregard of a person resulting in substantial bodily harm, fraudulent billing, and a long-term, ingrained corporate strategy of denial and coverup.

This is not just about a surgery gone wrong. This is about a doctor who should have never been allowed to operate in the first place. Dr. Bradford disappeared after the surgery and abandoned me. He has refused to explain what happened. When a doctor walks away from a patient with no explanation and refuses to communicate with the patient or their medical team, this is not just bad practice -- it is dangerous and unacceptable.

I was not given a nerve block even though it was discussed and confirmed by every member of the surgical team including the surgeon, anesthesiologist and operating room nurses. It was obvious that I had not received a nerve block because I was in horrific pain and my hip area was not numb. The hospital employees said they checked my chart and told us that a nerve block was NOT used so I would “be able to get up and move sooner.” Can you imagine having a joint replacement surgery without a nerve block? It was pure torture and inflicted great bodily harm.

The surgeon (Dr. Michael Bradford), Dr. Sahar Nadeem (a recent, inexperienced medical school graduate who pretended to be an anesthesiologist during the surgery, the attending physician (Dr. Alexander F. Akhavan) and surgical team are culpable and have worked in concert with Sunrise Hospital and HCA Healthcare to cover up this horrific deed. They even made my medical records disappear. When I requested my records, they responded with “Patient Not Found.”

- When you check the reviews for the attending physician, Dr. Alexander F. Akhavan, you will see that his ratings and reviews are almost as bad as Dr. Michael Bradford. Dr. Akhavan has an average of only 2.3 stars on Healthgrades, and he does not even have a page Yelp.
- And the anesthesiologist, Sahar Nadeem, recently graduated from Touro University medical school as a D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic medicine). She has no education, training or credentials to be an anesthesiologist. This is another warning sign -- Sunrise Hospital and Dr. Bradford used

an inexperienced medical school student (recent graduate) to serve as the anesthesiologist in a surgery.

Even though Sunrise Hospital says there are no records in my name, their billing department sent me an itemized statement for \$253,000 for two days in the hospital.

To sum it up in a few key points, the failures of Dr. Bradford, Sunrise Hospital, and HCA Healthcare include, but are not limited to:

- Omission of a nerve block without consent or explanation. It was obvious that I had not received a nerve block because I was in horrific pain and my hip area was not numb. The hospital employees said they checked my chart and told us that a nerve block was NOT used so I would "be able to get up and move sooner."
- Catheter left inactive overnight, causing significant urine retention, putting my bladder at risk.
- Multiple IV sites ignored, damaged and/or left untreated.
- Discharged in an unfit condition, without antibiotics or wound care supplies.
- Two confirmed infections at the surgical site, which were not addressed by Dr. Bradford.
- Repeated refusal by Dr. Bradford to provide ongoing care or to communicate with me or my other medical providers.
- Unhygienic wound care by Dr. Bradford's nurse. She did not wear gloves when tending to my infected wound, and she was trying to pressure me into premature removal of staples at only 10 days post-op.
- Coercive office policies that prevent family members from being present during appointments which forces patients to go into the exam room without support or witnesses.

I am deeply concerned about the ongoing harm and risk to other patients. It is terrifying to know that Dr. Bradford is still doing surgery. He should NOT be allowed to do surgery or see patients.

12-week delay. Learn about the collusion by Dr. Michael Bradford and Health Plan of Nevada (HPN) and their joint efforts to prevent this patient from seeing a competent orthopedic surgeon and getting proper medical care. Dr. Bradford was refusing to send a referral and HPN said the patient was only allowed to see Dr. Bradford. HPN intentionally withheld information about the secret "overflow list." (At 3 months post-op, HPN was still trying to force the patient to go back to the surgeon who damaged her hip and leg, and she was NOT allowed to see a competent surgeon).

I have been trying to find an ethical surgeon for more than 6 months, but I have been caught in the typical black hole between doctors, hospitals and insurance companies.

For the first 8 weeks after surgery, my health insurance company kept telling me (forcefully) that I was only allowed to go to Dr. Bradford or Sunrise Hospital.

Then, (after 8 weeks), I reached a different person at my health insurance company. When she heard how bad my situation is, she told me I can see a doctor on the "overflow list." (Nobody else told me about the "overflow list.") She explained it is a special list for situations like mine – where the surgery goes badly, and the patient needs to see a different surgeon.

In addition to the 8-week delay because the insurance company did not tell me about the "overflow list," Dr. Bradford intentionally obstructed my ability to get medical care (for almost 12 weeks) by refusing to sign a referral -- so I could get medical care at a different orthopedic office. He knew this entire time (for 12 weeks) that he needed to send a referral.

Apparently, these are the rules in the Las Vegas medical community. The surgeon who harmed you retains control over you and your body. He has to sign a referral before you can get medical care from a different surgeon. If he refuses to sign a referral, the other orthopedic offices will not accept you as a patient. That rule MUST be changed. The Nevada legislature needs to pass a law to stop this harmful practice.

- **Note to readers:** Read the stories of [Patient-32](#) and [Patient-93](#) to learn more about how the surgeons at Nevada Orthopedic refuse to give their patients referrals to see other surgeons.

I discovered shocking information in my medical records. Dr. Bradford was using Sahar Nadeem -- an inexperienced "med student" -- as the anesthesiologist. She was barely out of medical school and had no education or training as an anesthesiologist, and she definitely should NOT have been involved in complex surgeries (or any surgeries because she is not a surgeon or an anesthesiologist). The records show they killed me during surgery by overdosing me on Fentanyl. Then they gave me multiple doses of Narcan to try to get me to recover from the overdose of Fentanyl. It was too much Narcan, so I died. They were ready to call "time of death." Only by a miracle, I came back to life. (This information about what happened during my surgery is in my medical records from Sunrise Hospital.)

Nobody in the operating room or in Sunrise Hospital administration informed me or my family, and none of those people who were negligent and culpable in this nightmare have taken responsibility or accountability.

I have NOT been allowed to see a competent orthopedic surgeon.

I am still suffering and am afraid that I may never recover from this nightmare.

[Please DO NOT let your family or friends go to Sunrise, Hospital, Dr. Michael Bradford, or Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center.](#)

When You Read the Horrifying Story About What Happened to Patient-1, Ask Yourself These Questions

What if this happened to me or one of my loved ones?

- Take action now, so it doesn't happen to you. Read this website and spread the word.
- If you have a botched surgery or serious medical problem caused by a doctor or hospital, learn **Who to Call**.

Who will help me?

- Your family and friends. The media will not help unless you have filed a lawsuit, and elected officials will tell you to **file a complaint** with the Nevada Medical Board.
- As we have stated several times on this website, **NEVER GO ALONE** to see a doctor, and do your research.
- Dr. Bradford's office, Nevada Orthopedic & Spine, **does NOT allow anyone to go into the exam rooms with the patient**. You are NOT allowed to take your spouse or family with you. This rule is very suspicious.

How do I choose a good doctor?

- Talk to everyone you know – family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. When you are looking at online reviews, focus on the negative reviews, because it is estimated that up to **42% of positive reviews are fake**.

What can I do to spread the word to prevent this from happening to other people?

- Share this website (<https://www.sunrisehospitalvegas.com>) with your families and friends, and post it everywhere on social media.

Why haven't I heard about this story in the news?

- The media are afraid and are not allowed to tell these stories. Learn about **corporate control of the media**.
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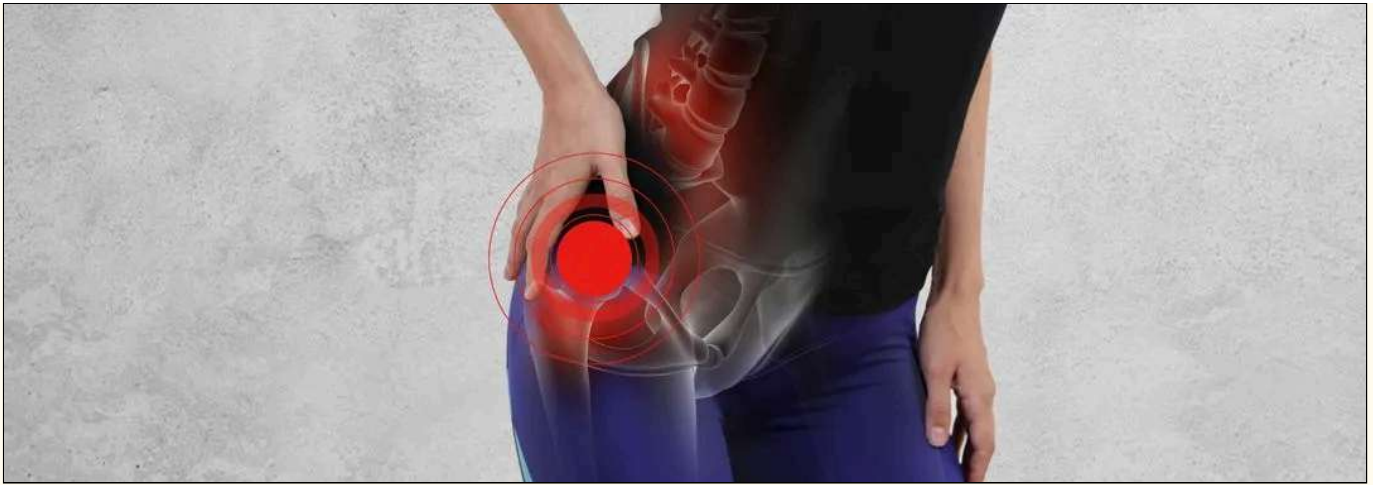
When a hospital tries to avoid liability by claiming the doctor is NOT an employee

In the case of Patient-1 (on this page), Sunrise Hospital quickly clarified after the botched surgery that the surgeon (Dr. Michael Bradford) was NOT an employee of the hospital.

However, similar to the case for **Patient-12**, Dr. Bradford had staff privileges and held a title at the hospital. He was Chief of Surgery for Sunrise Hospital at the time of Patient-1's surgery on June 17, 2025. He was also head of the committee that oversees infection control. How many other positions does he hold at Sunrise Hospital?

See the section on **Hospital Liability** and the story about **Patient-12** to learn how you can overcome this defense by the hospital.

If you have to go to Sunrise Hospital, **never go alone**.



Stock photo illustrating pain due to problems caused
when a hip replacement is done incorrectly.

Sunrise Hospital should be shut down,
and Dr. Michael Bradford should NOT be allowed to do surgery.

**Just say NO to hip replacement surgery
and just say NO to Sunrise Hospital
and just say NO to Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center
and just say NO to Dr. Michael Bradford**



Patient-1's leg and hip after the horrible surgery
by Dr. Michael Bradford at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada



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Timeline (partial timeline of events)

An extensive, detailed timeline was prepared by Patient-1. The timeline is 14 pages, so we will provide a few key highlights.

As you read this, you will begin to understand why you should **never go alone** to Sunrise Hospital. You must have a family member or friend with you at all times.

Day 1: day before surgery (Monday)

Received a voice mail telling me to arrive at the hospital at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Day 2: day of surgery (Tuesday)

After going through the intense security process and checking in at four different desks, I was told to go home because my surgery would not begin until 3:30 p.m. I explained that I had been told to arrive at 10:30 a.m. The employee went into the next hallway and came back and told me I could wait in the Surgery Waiting Area, but it would be several hours before surgery started. Since I had been told to arrive at 10:30, and I had already gone through the long check-in process, I decided to wait in that area.

Day 2, day of surgery at 2:35 p.m. (Tuesday)

After several hours of waiting and having multiple conversations with everyone involved, they finally took me to the operating room.

After the surgery was completed, they did not follow the usual protocol. The doctor never talked to my family, and the staff never allowed my family to see me in the Recovery Area.

Day 2, day of surgery at 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday)

I arrived in the patient room, screaming in pain. My family tried to find ways to comfort me as they looked on in horror.

I knew immediately they had not used a nerve block because my hip area was not numb, and I should not have been screaming in pain.

Day 3, the day after surgery (Wednesday)

Around 7:00 a.m. (almost 12 hours after surgery), the nurse discovered the catheter was not "turned on," so my body had been retaining urine all night (700 ml of urine). Now, 10 weeks later, my bladder is still damaged and is causing problems.

8:12 a.m. The hospital was starting the process of discharging me – only 12 hours after surgery, with a catheter, and with uncontrolled pain. (This sounds similar to the stories of [Patient-3](#) and [Patient-11](#) who were discharged in an unsafe condition.)

My family tried to discuss their concerns about this unsafe discharge with the nursing staff, but they ignored the concerns. So, my family contacted executives with Sunrise Hospital. Ultimately, the hospital executives said I would not be discharged that day because I did not "meet the criteria for discharge."

Can you imagine what would have happened if my family had not protected me? Once again, **never go alone** to Sunrise Hospital.

The IV site blew out, and my arm was extremely swollen – with the hospital ID bands cutting into my arm. Over the next 24 hours, they tried 3 more IVs. All 3 of them failed.

Day 4, 2 days after surgery (Thursday)

They worked on the discharge process all day. I was eventually discharged around 2:30 p.m. I was released with several medications, but I was not given antibiotics or wound care supplies.

There are a lot of additional details, mistakes, and multiple attempts by my other medical providers to reach Dr. Bradford (with no success). He abandoned me and refused to sign a referral for almost 12 weeks, which caused me to be unable to obtain medical care from an ethical orthopedic surgeon.

- See my comments in column 1 on this page (highlighted in red) regarding the "rule" in Las Vegas about referrals by surgeons.

I am suffering, in horrible pain, barely able to function, have limited mobility, still using a walker, and my quality of life has been severely diminished.

Read the information on this website and make informed decisions about whether you should go to Sunrise Hospital.

If you have to go to Sunrise Hospital, **never go alone.**

List of People Involved in this Case

This is a list naming some of the people involved in this situation and who are participating in the coverup.

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Orthopedic Surgeon and he was Chief of Surgery at Sunrise Hospital in June 2025 when he harmed Patient-1 during surgery

Dr. Alexander Akhavan

Attending Physician at Sunrise Hospital

Sahar Nadeem, D.O. 1st year resident (pretending to be an anesthesiologist)

Operating room team

Recovery room team

Surgery waiting room employees

Floor nurses on the 3rd floor

Doctors and staff at Nevada Orthopedic & Spine

Jessica Russian, nurse at Dr. Michael Bradford's office

The following nurses who are included on my medical records from Sunrise Hospital:

- Landingin, Lerryfhel
- Estrada, Micaela
- Yu, Matthew
- Damico, Rhiannon
- Derasmo, Rachelle
- Edwards, Tina (CNA)
- Tran, Tristan
- Moreno, Yolanda (CNA)

And everyone included on the [**WhoToCall**](#) page of this website and everyone else who was directly involved or is aware of what happened and is participating in the coverup and refusing to speak up and tell the truth.

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