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Russian Doctors Hold Flashmob For Colleague Sentenced Over Malpractice

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Colleagues have taken to social media in solidarity with a Moscow doctor who was sentenced in a high-profile case of medical error that led to a patient's death.

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A post shared by Diana Gagloeva (@diana__gagloeva__) on Jan 30, 2018 at 4:22am PST

Dr. Yelena Misyurina was handed two years in prison on Jan. 22 for malpractice over a botched biopsy in July 2013 that damaged a patient's blood vessels and led to his death.

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A post shared by Ирина Назарова (@irinanazarova57) on Jan 30, 2018 at 6:55am PST

Russia's Investigative Committee hit back at criticism from fellow doctors and Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin on Tuesday, saying the critics "are in effect questioning the competence of their colleagues who had given expert opinions on this case," the Meduza news website reported.

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A post shared by Максим Соколов (@smaxmama) on Jan 29, 2018 at 9:45am PST

Instagram users flooded the platform with the hashtag #IAmYelenaMisyurina demanding for

her release.

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#яеленамисюрина

A post shared by ММЦ Клиника №1 (@clinica1lublino) on Jan 26, 2018 at 7:32am PST

One of the first to post under the #IAmYelenaMisyurina hashtag condemned her conviction as "a verdict against Russian medicine."

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Приговор Елене Мисюриной - это приговор российской медицине. Я не хочу быть врачом в стране, где врачей сажают за выполнение профессиональных обязанностей и за то, что они берутся лечить "тяжелых" пациентов. #яеленамисюрина #самисебялечите

A post shared by Olga Maltseva (@yola.dantist) on Jan 25, 2018 at 8:07am PST

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov deferred comments to Moscow health officials and could not answer on Wednesday if the president would consider a letter signed in support of the convicted doctor, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency reported.

The head of the Kremlin's human rights council later said it received an appeal to release Misyurina signed by 681 of her colleagues, the Interfax news agency reported.

Following a public outcry, the Moscow regional prosecutor's office asked the court to reverse its ruling and release Misyurina on Wednesday.

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