

Russia Overturns Doctor's High-Profile Malpractice Sentence

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Yelena Misyurina **Sergei Vedyashkin / Moskva News Agency**

A Moscow court has overturned the guilty verdict against Yelena Misyurina, the doctor whose conviction in a high-profile medical negligence case sparked national controversy.

Misyurina, 46, was sentenced to two years in prison in January 2018 over a botched bone marrow biopsy in July 2013 that damaged a patient's blood vessels, leading to his death. Russia's medical community led a viral campaign on social media to call for her release and wider reforms, while figures including Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin [expressed](#) concern over her case.

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The Moscow City Court ruled Thursday to overturn the malpractice verdict and terminate Misyurina's criminal case due to lack of proof, Interfax [reported](#).

Russian doctors can end up behind bars for medical mistakes. In Western countries, a medical expert panel decides on doctors' punishments, which usually leads to temporary suspension or being barred from practicing altogether.

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