



Doctor accused of misdiagnosing more than 200 children



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WAYNE COUNTY, MI ([WDIV/WCMH](#)) — A doctor in Wayne County, Michigan is now in legal trouble after accusations that he misdiagnosed hundreds of children.

Yasser Awaad is accused of misdiagnosing children with epilepsy, requiring some to undergo unnecessary surgery and other treatments.

Laurie Harris says her daughter Brittany now faces life long complications after Awaad misdiagnosed her.

“Through the whole thing, we didn’t have any choices,” Harris

told [WDIV](#). “We were just forced to do all the stuff and nothing was happening.”

Awaad diagnosed Brittany with epilepsy when she was three years old, recommending surgery for an implant that sent electrical shocks to her brain. It wasn't long after that that she started suffering from severe rashes and other complications, leading to two more surgeries.

“It was very difficult because there's nothing I could do,” Harris said. “And then watching her while she was in the hospital and they couldn't ... because she was getting worse and worse because she had the infection that was caused by this.”

Brian McKeen, the attorney for the Harris family, says that Awaad was running an insurance scam while he worked at Oakwood Hospital and misdiagnosed more than 245 children with epilepsy.

“Doctor Awaad was an employee of Oakwood, and there were bells and whistles that should have been alarming, and I think were alarming, and yet Oakwood didn't do anything about it,” Harris said.

Awaad currently works at Beaumont Hospital, and the Harris family hopes they can get justice before he misdiagnoses any more children.

“I don't want him to hurt any more kids,” Harris said. “My daughter lost out on a couple of years that she could have been treated the right way.”

Awaad and his attorneys have denied the allegations.