

# Confession: Prof. M. Samii

"I am ashamed of myself"

1. I have operated on the brainstem and right vertebral artery of Sophie Hanks without informed consent in November 2000;
2. This was an experimental neurosurgery;
3. As a result of this experimental surgical procedure Sophie Hanks became physically disabled and she collapsed within two minutes after being upright, due to postural tachycardia;
4. I have refused Sophie Hanks information about this gross medical error;
5. I have refused to give Sophie Hanks a copy of the videotape of the operation;
6. I have refused Sophie Hanks remedial medical care;
7. I have ruined her health and reduced her quality of life to an unbearably low level;
8. I have violated my duty of care towards Sophie Hanks.

I call upon my colleagues:

- To break the Code of Silence, be honest with our patients who have become victims of medical errors and give them adequate remedial care;
- To register, examine, and prevent medical errors.

"Nobody can die in peace if he hasn't done everything to ensure that others can live."  
Albert Camus