

Ask the Nurse - June 18, 2020

Deidre A. Buckley is a nurse practitioner at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Brain Aneurysm Institute. She was previously at the Massachusetts General Hospital Brain Aneurysm/ AVM Center, leaving in November 2013. She has 32 years' experience as a registered nurse in the field of neuroscience, having worked as a staff nurse on a neuro floor as well as intensive care unit, and followed by nurse manager of a 40-bed neuroscience unit. She took the position of nurse coordinator of the MGH Brain Aneurysm/ AVM Center in 1992 and obtained a Master's degree in Nursing and a certified Nurse Practitioner in 1999 in order to provide better care for patients. She has dedicated many years to the care of patients with cerebrovascular disease, and has written book chapters, participated in clinical research projects, and has given lectures on the topic. She is a patient advocate who started the first Brain Aneurysm Support group at MGH in 1992, and it continues to flourish. She is a co-founder of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF), which began in 1994 and has worked in a variety of roles as a Board member trying to fulfill its mission. She is currently President of the BAF. Deidre has a BS in Nursing from Southeastern Massachusetts University (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth), and a MS in Nursing from University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Nicole Salant, FNP-C, MS, CNRN, is a nurse practitioner specializing in neurovascular neurosurgery at Southside Hospital, a member of Northwell Health in Bayshore NY. Ms. Salant previously spent 14 years in the NP role at the Brain Aneurysm Center at Northshore University Hospital in Manhasset. Ms. Salant worked as a registered nurse for 18 years prior to her NP role in critical care. Her responsibilities include outpatient consultations, postoperative follow-up, and prescribes appropriate medication and treatment for patients with subarachnoid hemorrhage, brain aneurysms and other neurovascular disorders. She also leads a monthly brain aneurysm support group, which has helped hundreds of patients through their diagnosis and treatment. In addition, Ms. Salant is a passionate advocate for brain aneurysm awareness and has lobbied in Washington, DC, meeting with various members of Congress, in collaboration with the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. Ms. Salant is one of the founding committee members for Northwell Health's annual Brain Aneurysm Awareness Walk, which over the past nine years, has raised significant funds to help support essential aneurysm research. She has presented at Northwell Health's Neuroscience Nursing Conference and is actively involved with multiple research studies as it pertains to neurosurgery community education programs.

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