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Waking Up Blind: Lawsuits Over Eye Surgery

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Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 245 pages. Waking Up Blind: Lawsuits over Eye Surgery By Tom Harbin, MD Summary In the early 1980s, professors at a highly-respected academic medical center began to notice problems with their gifted chairman, a powerful figure on campus. His patients complained of long delays and rushed exams. His bills to Medicare and insurance companies were suspect. Too often, the tissue that he removed from patients eyes showed no sign of the disease that he had diagnosed. The professors and finally the Dean urged this chairman to mend his ways. He did not. His hurried care of patients was reaping profits for the medical center and his academic pursuits were increasing the centers prestige. He seemed to know that he'd be protected by the medical centers top leaders. He was right. Finally, on a typically rushed day, he operated on the wrong eye of a patient, who eventually went blind from an easily detected and treatable problem. A departmental committee investigation found improper billing, examples of patients eyes harmed by neglect, and multiple other problems. Once again, the universitys leaders paid little heed, approving a committee recommendation that did nothing more than ask its own chairman to slow down....



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