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Dr. Waleed Brinjikji is an endovascular neurosurgeon and Professor of Neurosurgery and Radiology at Mayo Clinic, where he also serves as Assistant Medical Director for Business Development and Medical Director for Mayo Clinic Research and Innovation.

He completed his medical school, residency, and diagnostic neuroradiology fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and his endovascular neurosurgery training at the University of Toronto.

His research has been supported by two NIH R01 grants advancing stroke treatment through device and pharmaceutical innovation, along with multiple SBIR grants funding novel medical devices, and he holds several patents in neuroendovascular and spine device technology. He is credited with developing CSF-venous fistula embolization, a novel procedure that has changed how these fistulas are diagnosed and treated.

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Beyond the lab and operating room, he co-founded Marblehead Medical, which was acquired by Medtronic in 2021, and previously served as Chief Medical Officer of MIVI Neurovascular. At Mayo Clinic, he now focuses on building and strengthening the enterprise's entrepreneurship ecosystem, helping translate physician- and researcher-driven ideas into new devices and ventures.

