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I could continue and maybe someday I will with all the developments in the creation of the fistula and why they did not work initially, but that is not important.

I myself will confess that I did not recognize the enormity of the invention which literally would go on to save millions of lives and create the whole transplant industry because we could keep patients alive for an indeterminate period of time, in the acute, subacute and chronic phases of renal failure.

We sat a month later having hosted world dignitaries who rushed to our center to have fistulae created to save their lives.

The decision was made that I should correctly be the principal author in the initial publication and that it would forever bear the name Brescia-Cimino-Appel Arteriovenous Fistula.

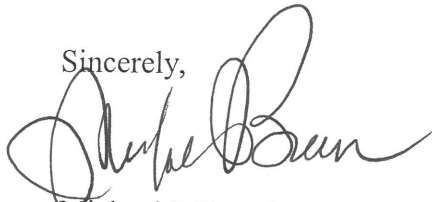
People came from the world to study with us, including some wonderful, young Brazilian physicians such as Dr. Jose Roberto Coelho da Rocha and Dr. Frederico Ruzany.

Let me add further that we had proven beyond any doubt that a vein subjected to arterial pressure and high oxygen would become an artery and so we now had arms full of arteries and dialysis could go on indefinitely. Venous grafts were studied in our patients, along with open heart surgery with the use of veins.

I do believe that we now are receiving proper recognition for this astounding invention. Needless to say, I am so please by your recognition and correspondence.

May God bless you for all your wonderful labors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Brescia', written in a cursive style.

Michael J. Brescia, M.D.

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