

My husband, Roberto "Bob" Chavez was admitted on August 17, 2021. We were told that he was the healthiest COVID patient in the hospital. He took no medications, exercised daily, had no co-morbidities. Nevertheless, the hospital wanted to admit him to administer what they described as a COVID cocktail that would help him feel better sooner.

Roberto was isolated. I believe he was treated with neglect and disrespect because he was unvaccinated. When we asked about alternative treatments, we were told that the hospital's treatment protocol was the only option.

After Roberto's third dose of remdesivir, he was told that his kidney levels were elevated. The staff believed the levels were not yet serious enough to discontinue the medication because he had previously been so healthy.

I never spoke to a doctor, no one returned my calls. Eventually, I obtained the name of a pulmonologist who had examined him and called her private practice. I asked why Roberto had not been weaned off oxygen when his levels had improved, and we had repeatedly been told that he would be. She responded that, with COVID, they never knew when a patient's condition might suddenly change for the worse. I made attempts to see him. They would not let me in. I made attempts to get him out of the hospital...they would not let me.

On his eighth day in the hospital, a nurse told me that Roberto was doing so well that they planned to begin reducing his oxygen the following day. Throughout hospitalization, Roberto frequently called me at home to say that he needed to use the bathroom but could not get a nurse to respond. He would ask me to call the nurses' station from home and tell them that he needed assistance.

At 4:00 a.m., I received a call from a nurse telling me that Roberto had fallen out of bed. She said, "He knew to call me if he had to use the bathroom." Roberto was not someone who would simply lie there indefinitely waiting for help. If no one responded, he would try to get up and use the bathroom himself.

The nurse told me that Roberto did not appear to have suffered any injuries from the fall. However, because he had hit his head and was slurring his words, they sent him for a CT scan to determine whether he had suffered a stroke. The scan showed no evidence of a stroke.

During the incident, Roberto had lost his oxygen and went into respiratory failure. The hospital sought my consent to place him on a ventilator. He had told me never to allow them to put him on a vent but I felt I had no choice.

Roberto and I had been texting and speaking on the phone every day, so I knew how well he had been doing. That morning, however, I was told, "If we don't ventilate him, he will die." I was forced to make an immediate decision under terrifying circumstances. When presented with that choice, what could I do? I agreed because I trusted the medical professionals caring for him.

I later learned information that caused me to question the hospital's account of what happened. I hired an independent group of physicians and nurses to review Roberto's medical records. They believed portions of the report may have been falsified and that Roberto may have been left without adequate oxygen for more than two hours after his fall. At the time, he had not yet been weaned down and was still receiving the highest level of oxygen support. They also had him on over 30 medications.

The day after Roberto was placed on the ventilator, his heart stopped twice. When it stopped for a third time, the medical staff could not resuscitate him. My husband died on August 26, 2021..