

Chasity Anderson was 30 years old when she went to the hospital for medical intervention. Twenty five days later, she was dead.

My name is Audrey LeQuire and I am speaking on behalf of my daughter because she cannot speak for herself. Chasity's first symptoms began on August 27, 2021. She tested positive for Covid with an at home test and went to urgent care where she was prescribed azithromycin, steroids, and an albuterol inhaler. Despite this treatment, her condition continued to worsen.

On September 4th, Chasity went to Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital due to shortness of breath. She was told there were no rooms available to admit her and she was sent home on oxygen with instructions to return if she worsened. The hospital was going to set her up an appointment for monoclonal antibodies and call her with the scheduled time slot. That call never came and her condition continued to deteriorate.

On September 5th, we drove my daughter to Union General Hospital in Blairsville, Georgia. She was admitted and immediately began the hospital covid protocol treatment. Chasity was started on a five day course of Remdesivir, and for several days, she appeared stable. Around day 5 her condition drastically changed. The chest x-rays of her lungs were described to us as "horrible" and despite being on the highest bipap setting, she was struggling to breathe. We were told she would get worse before she got better and if we would agree to mechanical ventilation it would give her lungs a chance to rest and heal. We trusted what the medical professionals said and Chasity was placed on the ventilator September 11th, 2021. During the intubation process a pneumothorax was discovered and a chest tube was placed.

On September 15th, another 5 day course of Remdesivir was started but this time Baricitinib was added. A close family member reached out and warned me about the risks of Remdesivir and I voiced concerns to the nurse regarding the drug. I was reassured that serious complications occur primarily in patients with significant underlying health issues such as congestive heart failure or kidney failure, not in a 30 year old woman with no previous health concerns. I trusted that medical advice.

On September 23rd, Chasity was transferred out to Northeast Georgia medical center in Gainesville, Georgia to receive a higher level of care. I was only allowed to see her by FaceTime. I noticed significant swelling and voiced concerns to the nurse about the weight gain. Chasity gained close to 100 pounds according to her medical records.

The medical records state that the etiology was "likely in the setting of Covid infection worsened by Remdesivir and Baricitinib". Chasity received two courses of Remdesivir which totals to 10 days worth and she also received 10 days worth of Baricitinib. The medical records from Gainesville also document that she was approximately 13 days into mechanical ventilation when nutrition concerns were addressed including recommendations for enteral feeding and dietician consultation.

Chasity died on September 30th, 2021 and her death certificate lists respiratory failure due to Covid-19. I am not asking you to accept my conclusions about what happened to my daughter, I am asking you to look at the record. The record documents her treatment, her deterioration, the pneumothorax, the medications administered, and the substantial fluid and weight gain. Her record contains the statement that her Covid infection was likely worsened by Remdesivir and Baricitinib. Chasity's medical records raise serious questions about the treatment she received and our family was not given the information necessary to make an informed medical decision. If given the facts about these medications, we would have NEVER chosen this treatment!