

Dear Senator Ron Johnson,

I, Christon Baitinger would testify regarding the care and circumstances surrounding the hospitalization and death of my mother, Barbara Lowney, 65, who died on December 14, 2021, at Appleton Medical Center (AMC) in Appleton, WI.

Barbara was admitted to Theda Care Medical Center New London on November 16, 2021, after an appointment at Theda Care New London Clinic. She was transferred to AMC that evening, where she was admitted for 28 days. We were not allowed to visit until after 18 days.

I phoned staff twice daily for updates. During the first call I was asked about her Covid vaccination status. I told them she was NOT vaccinated and did NOT want to be.

AMC stated they were going to give her 5 doses of Remdesivir. After her second dose, I ordered them to STOP the Remdesivir. We were informed they would halt further doses. That was a lie!

From November 17, 2021, to the morning of November 24, 2021, we were assured that Barbara's vitals "were good, kidneys were good, blood gasses were good, and her organs are functioning above normal". November 24, 2021, early afternoon, we received a phone call from AMC, where they stated to us that "there is no more we can do for her. Your two options: Put her on comfort measure or a ventilator!"

Confused, I asked "did she crash? Are her organs shutting down? Was there a sudden drop in her vitals"? AMC responded, "no, her organs are functioning normal as are her vitals". We told them NO to comfort measures and, ABSOLUTELY NO to the ventilator! My mother told us more than once, "Do not let them put me on a ventilator! I won't come off it!" We did NOT consent to put Barbara on a ventilator! Later that evening, my dad observed over Webex, a staff member enter my mom's room, adjust her machine, then walk out. Right after they left, my dad witnessed my mom rip off her mask and start thrashing around in her bed. 90 minutes later, AMC called my dad and told him that "she got worse. We moved Barbara down to the ICU and she's on a ventilator". AMC put my mother on a ventilator without our consent!

December 3, 2021, my dad, my nephew and I were able to see my mother for the first time since getting admitted. We were verbally abused by a nurse! Included in her diatribe: "You're a horrible daughter for torturing your mom! Your mom would be embarrassed by your behavior! You need to let her go, she's going to die anyway! This is the most horrific way to die, and you should be ashamed of yourself"! I observed that same nurse reach over my mom's body, touch my dad's arm and say "Mr. Lowney, she's not going to walk out of here! She's going to die"! We asked to talk with the doctor. The Doctor introduced himself, and then said, "you just need to give up"!

Every time we asked for alternative treatments, they were denied. My mother wasn't getting food or water! They left her lying in her urine soaked bed for hours! They put her eye glasses and

phone out of reach. They let her cough for a hour or more before getting her anything to help it. There are many discrepancies in her medical records.

After she died, we found a text on her phone that read “I don’t think that the crew cares”. Clearly, they didn’t!

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