

Statement

Mr. Chairman and distinguished committee members: Thank you for the opportunity to tell my husband's story.

My name is Denise D. Dodson. I am a retired pharmacist and the widow of Angus James Dodson.

Angus James Dodson, known as "Jim," was an 82 year old retired engineer and executive, father, grandfather and stepfather and my husband of more than 20 years.

October 8, 2022: Jim and I tested positive for COVID 19 by home test.

October 11, 2022: Jim received monoclonal antibody therapy.

October 16, 2022, Jim admitted himself to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Texas. The next morning, I found him in his hospital room, receiving oxygen via nasal tubes in his room. He had been told that he would probably be discharged in a day or two. Two days later he was on two antibiotics and the stated goal was to gradually wean him off the oxygen. I visited him daily. He was put on a "cardio" diet. Lunch consisted of cottage cheese and lettuce. The food offered him was tasteless and inadequate but he enjoyed the protein drinks. When he asked for another, the kitchen refused him. He was allowed only two per day. He was hungry.

October 20, 2022: Jim sent me a text saying he was now on "heavy oxygen." He couldn't talk because the mask covered his face. He called it the "clickety-clack" machine and complained that it kept him awake all night. One day, a nurse tried to get Jim to cough up sputum for a lab sample. He was unable to. On another visit, a nurse was trying to draw blood without success. This, she said, was probably due to his veins collapsing from dehydration. He was being given diuretics. The nurse explained that the purpose was to reduce fluid in the lungs. This was shocking to me as I know from my pharmacy training, how important hydration is to loosen mucus in order to expectorate phlegm from the lungs. He grew progressively worse, losing his ability to stand.

October 23, 2022: A new doctor took over. He pointed out that Jim had two co-morbidities. I pleaded with the new doctor to give Jim ivermectin. I told him about the success Dr Peter McCullough was having treating Covid and that his protocol can be easily found by Google search. He refused, repeating, "I must follow the hospital protocol".

October 27, 2022: I observed Jim being weighed. His weight was 78.5 kg., about 167 lbs. He had lost about a pound a day.

October 31, 2022: Jim texted me, "Going to ICU." I rushed there. When I arrived, he was awake but motioned with his hands that he wanted to sleep. That evening I received a call from a new doctor. She said Jim had made a "turn for the worse" and I should go there in the morning.

November 1, 2022: My stepchildren met me at the hospital. Jim had been paralyzed by drugs to allow insertion of the ventilator. Jim had not authorized "Do Not Resuscitate." They wanted us to change that. They said he would feel like he was drowning. We watched in horror as they removed the ventilator and euthanized him. He died on November 1, 2022 at the hospital.

I ask that the Senate please investigate the hospital protocol for safety and efficacy. Please investigate the hospital for refusing to administer a safe effective life-saving drug to a man who would likely die without it. Please make ivermectin and all safe life-saving drugs available without prescription.