

When my husband was admitted to the ER, 8/28/21, with positive testing of C19, I, his health care advocate, was not allowed to enter with him nor could I stay with him in his room, I was allowed hallway visits an hour a day. He told me the next day that while he was in the ER they asked if he was willing to be on a ventilator if his condition warranted it, he said yes. He was given Oxygen, Vitamin D, Zinc and on 8/30/21, Antibodies aka "Convalescent Plasma". Remdesivir was not prescribed because he was too ill. On 8/31/21 he was put on a BiPAP, on 9/1/21 the Pulmonologist informed me that the BiPAP was doing the job. He said the ventilator was there as a last resort. He said that my husband was doing well, he was able to sit up and move around. Men of his age and health condition were generally in the hospital with C19 for two to three weeks, that was his goal for my husband. On 9/2/21, the Pulmonologist gave orders to begin gradually backing off with the BiPAP. I was surprised when a young nurse invited me into his room, I walked in. I found out the next day that it would not be offered again. My husband improved each day and on 9/4/21 he began using an inhaler for treatments not a nebulizer. He improving enough, that on 9/6/21 the doctor took him off the BiPAP for an hour to see if his lungs remembered how to work. Oxygen was delivered through an Airvo with a mask, SAT got up to 97 so they had him breath for another hour with the Airvo using the nostril tube, a total of two hours. On 9/7/21, he was on the Airvo for four hours, he was being successfully weaned from the BiPAP. Then on, 9/8/21, he was to increase the stay on the Airvo two hours for a total of six. This day, the Pulmonologist orders were not followed. My husband was on the Airvo all day, his saturation numbers were good throughout the day, at noon the oxygen supply was 60 liters, equal to 100%, in the evening it was 50 liters, equal to 80%. The next day my husband told me that he had been on the Airvo until 2:00 am. Not the ordered eight hours, nearly fourteen hours. As I was in the hall, having my window visit with my husband, his nurse practitioner came by and saw that he was still on BiPAP when he should have been on the Airvo. Usually she greeted me but this day she stepped into his room, asked him a couple of questions, came out and headed straight for the nurses station. No one shared anything with me. On 9/10/21, they tried to get him on the Airvo, but his high heart rate and low functioning lungs, he had to stay on the BiPAP all day. Morning of, 9/11/21, they talked about intubating him, by the end of day, I was told the CT showed that his lungs were worse; his heart started working extra to compensate for the weakened lungs. The doctors decided to intubate and place him on a ventilator, this would be his best chance at getting stronger. After 1:00 am, 9/12/21, my husband was on the ventilator, seven days later, 9/19/21, his heart and breathing stopped.