

My mother had an unexpected/sudden pacemaker procedure on Monday April 21, 2025 at Clovis Community Hospital. It was deemed successful and she was released to her home on the following Thursday evening. By Sunday afternoon she was suffering from distressed breathing issues and a bit feverish. Paramedics were called and she was ambulated back to Clovis Community. Xray and labs led to a Covid Pneumonia diagnosis. She was quarantined in ER and subsequently in a quarantine suite in their step-down unit. She was quite out of it to comprehend or make decisions. As her medical advocate, I declined Remdesivir as a treatment immediately. My mother had 3rd stage kidney disease and I knew from other accounts that Remdesivir was a no-go. They were giving her a combo tx of bacterial antibiotics and a steroid via drip. I dismissed her first Hospitalist as he was adamant that Remdesivir was the only way and was verbally abusive to me and other family members. A different hospitalist with a better bedside manner was assigned. He constantly admonished us that my mother was not vaccinated and Remdesivir was the best course of treatment, but would respect our wishes. I asked him for nutritional supplementation early on as she wasn't eating well. I inquired about vitamin C drip and Vitamin D supplementation. He declined unless she is tested first. He ordered tests for vit C and D. Her levels for both were low. He would not consider IV Vit C but allowed an over the counter supplement dose. He ordered an infectious disease consult, which resulted in yet another Remdesivir recommendation. Meanwhile, I was contacted by a palliative care team that advocated Remdesivir. I continued to decline Remdesivir as an option. Every time I asked for alternative options, I was told that Remdesivir was their primary standard of care. Most evenings, my mother was put on a Bipap machine to help her rest as her breathing continued to be labored. The doctor advised my brother after one particular visit where she was very anxious and distressed to give her a light dose of Ativan. He approved this. It knocked her out and for several days afterward she was very groggy and out of it. We agreed after that that no more Ativan should be given. After a few days, my mother appeared to be improving. She had a day or two of good cognitive function and seemed to understand what was going on and wanted to get better and go home. During a night shift, it was explained to us later that a nurse had dosed her with Ativan which put her in a stupor of sorts which she never really recovered from. Her breathing started to fail again and she was always a bit "out of it" after that. I asked for other treatment options, but was told that Remdesivir was standard of care. I also asked for nebulized Budesonide and Monoclonal Antibodies. I was declined-unless we opted for Remdesivir first. Several times, I and other family members asked for a cardiologist referral since she had the recent pacemaker installed, but other than instructing a nurse to remove her incision staples for the pacemaker, no other interaction with the cardiologist was verified. Throughout this process as I or other family visited my mom, we were constantly reminded that she was "unvaccinated" so her condition could be extreme. She was moved to a standard care room at some point, but Covid PPE protocols were still being enforced. She was being monitored, daily bi-pap sessions were routine. She was gradually declining. A pulmonologist finally put her on steroids and boosted her nutrition uptake via IV but it was too little too late....

Finally, my mother died in the hospital on May 24, 2026 after her bipap mask was removed