

My dad was admitted to the hospital around December 1. It was a Saturday I believe. He was put on bipap until Tuesday when he was emergently intubated. He fought for over a month intubated and sedated on a ventilator. A new doc took over his care around the first week of January and he immediately said my dad was going to die. We spoke with him over FaceTime 1/4/26 (he was intubated but we talked to him). 1/5/26 the doctor calls us all for a family meeting and says that my dad's kidneys were failing and that we should consider if he would want to live on dialysis (suggesting we should withdraw care for that issue alone). I was shocked because I'm in healthcare and have seen plenty of people live a high quality life on dialysis. I also didn't understand at the time how his kidneys could fail from a respiratory virus. My dad was in good health prior. He has some cardiac issues that were treated and managed very well. He was very active and walked 3 miles 3-4 times a week. 1/7/26 the doctor tells us he's too unstable to dialyze. He never mentioned CVVH (bedside dialysis) as an option. We never gave consent or were informed about remdesivir. I was in Florida at the time and 32 weeks pregnant with my twins. My mom and sister lived in Georgia and were unable to visit him until it was time to say goodbye. On Saturday, January 9, I was on the way but only had made it to Gainesville, Florida when we had to pull over and FaceTime to say goodbye to my dad as he passed around noon. My dad was not allowed to eat or drink after being admitted to the hospital, being told he couldn't remove the bipap. He originally went to urgent care and was given a z pack only. My mom asked for steroids and the doctor said that was inappropriate to treat Covid. He worsened over the week and so she took him back and they refused to see him and told her to take him to the ER so she did. His oxygen saturation was very low on arrival. The first attending that cared for my dad was open and willing to try vitamins and such to help. The second was very dark and gloomy. Unwilling to try anything. Very dismissive. It was like he was ready to end my dad's life as soon as he was in charge of care.