

My name is Tim Dwyer. My wife, Laurie Dwyer, passed away on August 31, 2021, at the age of 59, five days after our 38th wedding anniversary. She spent 20 days in the hospital before her death.

On August 6, 2021, my wife and I both became ill with fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and flu-like symptoms. I was very sick and unable to care for her. On August 10, she drove herself approximately 40 minutes to the emergency room to be tested and seek treatment. She was not admitted that day because her test results were delayed and she was not “sick” enough, eventually being sent home.

On August 11, she returned to the hospital and was admitted to Saint Francis Hospital South in Tulsa, Oklahoma, after testing positive for COVID-19. She called me that day and said she expected to remain in the hospital for approximately 10 to 11 days. **According to medical records I obtained after her death, she received the first of five doses of Remdesivir on the first day she was admitted.** Because I was not present when treatment decisions were discussed, I do not know what information was provided to her regarding that treatment or what alternatives, if any, were discussed. However, we both had previously agreed that we would not want Remdesivir if ever admitted to the hospital during this event.

From August 11 through August 19, I was informed that her condition was stable, although she was experiencing anxiety and difficulty breathing. During that time, she remained alert and was able to have lengthy phone conversations with friends and family.

Then all of a sudden on August 19, I was informed that she needed to be placed on a ventilator. Before that decision was made, she called me to discuss it. We had previously talked about our wishes regarding ventilator use, especially for a long term. During that conversation, she also shared her end-of-life wishes, telling me she didn't think she would be surviving. After discussing the situation and praying together, she agreed to proceed with the ventilator based on the recommendation she received from her medical team.

She never came off the ventilator.

My wife and I have had extensive positive experience with hospitals because our two children have long-term medical needs. As a result, we were familiar with medical care and hospital procedures. However, common sense kept us from receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. During her hospitalization, my wife told me that some nurses and doctors expressed negative views about that decision.

Because visitation was restricted, I was unable to be with my wife for most of her hospital stay. I was only able to see her during the final three days of her life. When I was finally permitted to visit, I observed that her condition had significantly deteriorated. I was also treated badly for my “no vaccine” decision and was coached to let Laurie go.

In the years since her death and **after obtaining her medical records**, I have spoken with many others who experienced similar situations during COVID-19 hospitalizations. These experiences have left me with questions about the treatment decisions made during my wife's hospitalization and the protocols that were in place at that time. Remdesivir has a 53% mortality rate and causes kidney damage.

Sincerely,

Tim Dwyer In memory of Laurie Dwyer
December 25, 1961 – August 31, 2021