

On Sunday, September 5, 2021, I was floated to a medical unit at a hospital in Titusville, Florida to assist the charge nurse with patient care. The unit had approximately 30 patients. One was a COVID-19 patient, 55 year old Dianne Spangler, who according to the hospitalist on duty, was not doing well. Her daughter, Taylor Spangler, an employee at the hospital, was also present that day.

I asked whether her mother had been offered ivermectin as used in the FLCCC Alliance protocol. She had not, and was unfamiliar with it. I provided information about the protocol. The family wished to pursue it. I relayed their request to the treating physicians, who agreed and entered the order. The patient's chart documented that she was improving following administration of the medication.

The following Friday, the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital entered the hospital pharmacy and inquired whether any staff member had been discussing the use of repurposed medications. **My name was identified.** By Monday, I was terminated from my position. A complaint against my nursing license was filed with the Florida Board of Nursing. The ivermectin was discontinued, contrary to the expressed wishes of the patient and her family. Following discontinuation, the patient's condition declined. She was placed on mechanical ventilation and subsequently died on October 11, 2021.

My actions were in direct accordance with the American Nurses Association Code Of Ethics for Nurses. My primary commitment is to the patient. I am to promote, advocate for, and protect the rights and health of the patient. I am obligated to speak up when patient harm is being realized. I will preserve the patient's integrity and resist institutional pressure that conflicts with my ethical obligations. Lastly, I continued learning about the broader body of knowledge that benefits patient care. It was my ethical and personal belief as a Christian to advocate for a lawful treatment option for Dianne Spangler.

That same belief continues today. I didn't ask "why me," but, "why." Lord, how can I serve you now? My employment at the hospital was my mission field. Now what? His ways are not our ways. He showed me that my time at the hospital prepared me for now. He has me working at West Cocoa Pharmacy and Compounding in Florida as the pharmacy nurse. I have the opportunity to educate and equip our patients how to live optimally through movement, proper nutrition, bioidentical HRT, and supplements. We also educate and equip cancer patients on alternative cancer protocols that can be used along with any other treatment they choose for their journey. Most important in this season is, I can offer hope in Christ, which is our hope in glory. A year and a half ago we had approximately 4 cancer patients using repurposed drugs for alternative therapy. Today we have over 200 patients. We aren't only serving our local community, but I am able to share protocols with patients globally.

My Christian faith was part of what guided me through that moment. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind.”

That verse reminds me that fear cannot be the thing that decides what we do. For me, there was a patient, there was a family in need of help, and there was a choice. I chose to help. I paid a price for that decision, but I would make it again.

And I believe those of us who are here today were not called to flee from difficult things. We were called to stand. We were called to speak. And when patients and families cannot fight alone, we were called to fight beside them.