

In January of 2022, my father went to the hospital because of low oxygen levels. A CT scan confirmed a pulmonary embolism. Upon admission, he was alert and oriented and communicated with me continuously via text messages.

What followed was surreal and unlike anything I have ever experienced. Communication with my father stopped shortly after he was admitted. I struggled to obtain information. I watched his MyChart account constantly for updates. When I was finally able to speak to a nurse, I requested no interventions occur without discussing with me first per my father's request. Despite this request, I received a call that the hospital had intubated him. I requested that the ventilator be discontinued, but my request was denied. My father never would have consented to a ventilator.

His medical chart showed he had received several medications, including benzodiazepines and opioids. Throughout his hospitalization, conversations constantly focused on his vaccination status and repeated requests to change his code status to DNR (or do not resuscitate). I was told if I changed his code status to DNR, I "might" be able to see my dad in person. I became significantly concerned for his safety.

As a registered nurse, I know that the medications he was given impair a patient's ability to communicate, participate in complex medical decision-making, and engage in meaningful informed consent discussions. I continually sought additional options. I arranged consultations, transfers, testing, treatments, and assistance from specialists who spoke with his doctors. My requests were repeatedly denied. Two of his doctors approved and ordered a Right-to-Try treatment I requested which was denied by the hospital pharmacist.

Per his MyChart account, his medical record stated "UNVACCINATED" throughout his chart. I pointed this out to one of the doctors, who agreed it was inappropriate, and when I finally received his medical chart, it had been removed. There were multiple errors and other missing information in his chart noted as well.

I was finally allowed to see my father two days before his death. I witnessed the ventilator not working adequately. I was given differing explanations regarding the ventilator issue, but ultimately no interventions were completed to fix it.

After 24 days isolated in the hospital, my father died on January 30th, 2022. Following his death, I requested an autopsy, which was denied. After obtaining his records, I learned further information including complications surrounding his intubation when it was first initiated. No consent was found.

I respectfully ask our government and federal health officials to conduct a thorough investigation into the origin of the COVID hospital protocols, as well as the policies, procedures, and

emergency authorization that govern hospital patient care related to COVID, including the implementation and effects of the PREP Act and CARES Act.

I ask that investigators examine whether the protocol contributed to the erosion of patients' rights to informed consent, advocacy, autonomy, transparency, and accountability within healthcare institutions.

I further ask that our government examine patient isolation policies, documentation integrity, failure to treat, denied treatments including the Right-to-Try, fraud, financial incentives, pharmaceutical choices, death certificates, responsibilities of providers to their patients, deviations from standards of care, denial of autopsies, and whether fundamental rights traditionally protected under the patient's Bill of Rights, constitutional rights, and basic human rights were adequately preserved.

My father's experience was not an isolated failure. The American people deserve a complete investigation and transparency of how and why this happened and who is responsible.