

Dear Honorable Members of The Public Health Committee;

My name is Eleanore Marchand,RN, and I was born and raised in Oregon where they attempted to euthanize my Mother

in 1999 after she fell on Mother's Day and broke her hip. I was horrified to discover that the treatment plan was simply an

excessive dose of IV morphine administered in a deluxe suite for the terminally ill. The time limit for this unit was 5 days.

My Mother did not have a terminal illness. She was 93 and a little depressed from her failing eye sight, but she was

alert and oriented and had a treatable condition.

I voiced my concerns to the Doctor and to my Sister who had Power of Attorney over Mother's finances and health care

decisions.. Neither of them would listen to me about my concerns over this, so called, plan of treatment to end her life pre-

maturely.

I kept notifying the nurses when her respirations became too depressed. I even requested a consult by a Hospice

Specialist who concurred with me that the treatment was inappropriate and premature. His recommendations also were

ignored.

The Doctor then called a family meeting during which I was informed that I was not to interfere with my Mother's care.

The Doctor then told the staff that they did not have to listen to me. You can only imagine how I felt, especially since I had

worked several years as an RN on a Hospice unit. I knew the standards of compassionate end of life care and treatment.

and this was not it.

Fortunately, Mother's IV infiltrated and she woke up. I then took the opportunity to ask Mother if she was in any pain. She

said "No". I also asked her if she wanted to die. She said "No". When I reported this to the nurses, it wasn't long before they

transferred Mother to a 4 bed ward, pending discharge to the Nursing Home attached to the Assisted Living Complex where

she had her apartment.

I don't know what transpired between Mother, her Doctor or my Sister prior to her hospitalization, but she either misunder-

stood or she changed her mind. Neither the Doctor nor my Sister ever discussed anything with me about her care or any of

the discussions or decisions that transpired before her fall.

. The staff at the Nursing Home gave her excellent care until she passed away on June 4th during the first mealtime

that I wasn't there to assist with her tray. I was making arrangements to transfer to the VA Hospital in Oregon so that I could

be close by and assist with her rehabilitation. It is still painful for me to recall.

Please, don't let this bill become law in our great State of Connecticut. It is not humane to kill, and there is

nothing dignified, compassionate or respectful about it!.

Thankyou for this opportunity to share my concerns with you. I remain

Respectfully Yours;

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