



Patient-61

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Dangerous lack of communication.

My grandmother spent a couple days at Sunrise Hospital for (alleged) pneumonia.

Sunrise Hospital couldn't discharge her fast enough.

Days later, a home healthcare nurse came by to check on my grandmother.

She went through the medical records from her stay at Sunrise Hospital.

The home nurse told us my grandmother had actually suffered a heart attack and had a blood infection.

This information was never conveyed to us while she was at Sunrise Hospital.

Dangerous lack of communication.

DO NOT send your loved ones to this death trap.

Is It Ever Okay to Withhold Information from a Patient? The answer is NO.

The American Medical Association (AMA) says it should never happen.

Truthful and open communication between physician and patient is essential for trust in the relationship and for respect for autonomy.

Withholding pertinent medical information from patients in the belief that disclosure is medically contraindicated creates a conflict between the physician's obligations to promote patient welfare and to respect patient autonomy.

The AMA Code of Medical Ethics, Section 2.1.3 on Withholding Information from Patients, states:

Except in emergency situations in which a patient is incapable of making an informed decision, withholding information without the patient's knowledge or consent is **ethically unacceptable**.

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Just say NO to Sunrise Hospital

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