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# “Woke Under Anesthesia”

*Misconceptions about medical treatments in the USA*

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*This book reveals a hospital scandal at one of America's leading hospitals and how my loved one escaped death after a mixture of medical errors and complications that were covered up.*

*This book aims to help identify and provide life saving strategies when patients are challenged with medical negligence, socioeconomic, racial, or implicit biases while seeking medical treatment.*

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# Introduction

In this book as the story unfolds, we follow the journey of a daughter who exposes a hospital's cover-up by revealing how socioeconomic biases often influence the level of services received during a patient's healthcare. This story is based on true events; names have been modified to protect privacy. In the book, the fifty-one-year-old daughter of a sixty-eight-year-old African American mother describes how she fought against a medical institution's covert actions in a race against time to keep her mother alive after having a routine surgical procedure to replace her heart valve. The story is one of faith, love, and ingenuity, set against the backdrop of death-defying suspense. It is the story of the daughter's quest for answers after a cover-up of a botched surgery that left her mother in the ICU for seventy-two days, fighting for her life with 10% Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF). She has no idea where to turn for help or how to navigate through bureaucracy when she is now up against a medical institution giant that has the power to conceal, cover up, or reconstruct the truth to suit its narrative. After realizing her mom was being left to die, she sought legal and professional assistance to help her advocate. She quickly realized the medical institution had the power of the government as an enabler through the enactment of revised malpractice laws the governor recently made on behalf of that very same institution.

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It is important to note that doctors are not all created equally, as they have varying levels of education and specialties. A patient should research the type of doctor that he or she is seeing. There are different types of doctors, such as integrative and functional medicine doctors, who offer different types of care. These doctors have a more extensive academic background than traditional medical doctors. It is undeniable that physicians sometimes diagnose patients incorrectly.

Depending upon the doctor of choice, a patient's treatment path can vary significantly, depending on the doctor's experience and training. Some treatment paths can be more holistic, utilizing various natural treatments, while others can stick solely to prescription medication.

In conclusion, patients must leave their health journey solely in the hands of the physicians. They should be active in their health journey to enable them the best possible outcome for them.

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 Being admitted to the hospital should be the day the patient plans for the worst while believing for the best outcome.

Many patients are not prepared if their procedure doesn't go as planned and have a power of attorney on file.

Never leave your loved one alone in the medical facility without being prepared to be a fully informed advocate for the patient.

In conclusion, being prepared for the worse possible outcome when being admitted in the hospital possible save your life.

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