

① Introduce

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I want to tell you a story of
what happened to me in 2018

② Recovery Room

A. Thankful me

B. Lawsuit ① Duty to protect community

→ ② make them accountable

→ Realized how terribly broken
CHI system is.

→ Kept asking CHI to fix their
system - they had no interest
- refused to take responsibility

As part
of settlement
I wanted

what I didn't know then
was that my life was forever
changed

③ Universal Protocol 20 years
ago
System creates redundancy
to prevent human error from
reaching the patient.

A. No errors

B. Doctor → System / employee / patients

CHI had been ignoring training, training
employees for over 4 years prior to my
surgeon.

- ④ Complex regional pain syndrome
- A. Came from surgery on the wrong side
 - B. Worst pain syndrome - suicide syndrome
 - C. Broken foot had the surgery + healed
 - D. Perspective McGill Pain Scale 4/100
10 points higher than un~~planned~~ planned child birth
4 points higher than kidney stone

Imagine being trapped in that level of constant pain with no cure.

e. two ^{implant} surgeries - no cure ^{I stop working} ^{recently had a second in my spin} ^{I have PT twice a week + injections} ^{support} ^{management}

⑤ Changed my life - the person I was before is gone.

Mother - the boys don't remember a mother ^{I miss out and on diet and am cranky}
run - play - go to all events now.

Teacher - a part of an educator's identity is ^{being a}
teacher. went back into classroom spring 2021.
Struggled to exist. baseline declined, never recovered

Active Outdoorsmen + Adventurer - I still go but we travel by car + I sit on the sideline + watch.

Caretaker - now I am the one being taken care of.

- ⑥ Understand my reality
- a. effects all aspects of my life
 - b. sleep.
 - c. panic attacks - trapped in pain
 - d. my life is a balancing act of energy and pain levels.

⑦ I'm not a victim. I continue to fight to get out of life as much as I can. to have experiences w/ my children. Because I have 1 life to live.

- I have always been unsure how long I will be able to keep working
- ⑧ Declining over the last year
- A. During trial
 - B. work FMVA / STD Focus Health
 - C. Couldn't use this
 - D. Jury verdict - CHI got \$1 million discount

⑨ CHI

- A. tell my story - hear stories back
- B. CHI ~~was~~ has a bad reputation
- C. Means - go elsewhere ^{serious} healthcare
- D. low caps - protect bad systems.
- E. Went to trial. Why would go trial wrong side case? Wasn't a risk. Never took accountability on something so obvious. And clearly, 500,000 is not enough of an incentive to change their system.

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- A. too late for me. I won't gain anything from this. Not about Mr. B.
 - B. About protecting everyone that walks into C&H
 - C. change to protect communities
 - d. adequate compensation to people who have been injured

11. If someone showed up with a check for \$500,000.00, but your _____ would live a life of debilitating pain, would that be enough?

11. Vote YES.

- A. North Dakotans deserve better
- B. Their lives are worth more than \$500,000
- C. You have the power to envoke change ~~EE~~.