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First Name

Frances

Last Name

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Title

Nurse-Sister of Convict in Powledge Unit

Organization you are affiliated with

Texas Prison Community Advocates

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La Marque

State

Texas

Your Comments or Concerns

Today is 11/12/24. My Brother Robert H. Ramos is in Powledge Unit in Texas. For the past 3 weeks he has complained become irritated with a Respiratory issue related to Ketamine use in the dorm he is in. This irritation then became so severe this last week that he could not walk from the cafeteria to his bunk without panting and gasping for air. Another inmate suggested that he go to the medical unit for assessment. He was accompanied by the inmate for safety purposes on 11/8/24, Friday. When he arrived the Dr. was called in to assess. The nurses reported they heard fluid in the lungs. The Dr. did nothing for him. As a nurse, I know that he should have been given an albuterol treatment, an inhaler since this was Friday and he may have to wait until Monday to be seen, depending on other things, and some antibiotics. My brother is 75 years old, runs 2 hours a day and is in excellent health. This Dr. suggested he was sick due to his age which was a ridiculous assessment. This was a severe irritation that converted into an infection, it is obvious just from speaking with him and listening to his symptoms over the phone. He also stated he had yellow, thick phlegm that at times would be watery and frothy.

Your Proposed Solution

This case should be discussed with this Dr. who seemed submissive and not proactive at all, He was called in from possibly the basketball court where he goes to exercise and may have been irritated he was bothered, I am not sure about that though. This case should be discussed with him and the Nurse's assessments should be open to this prison Dr. I know if my brother was treated this way, many others are being treated subpar at best. Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

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Yes