

Grifton EMS ISSUE

Creating Medical Risks / Denying Service

- Patient was experiencing significant pain
 - Patient's wife called EMS/911 on Sunday 2/11/2018 mid afternoon
 - **They Requested to be taken to Vidant Medical Center / Greenville**
 - Grifton EMS told patient he had two choices
 - Go to Kinston (LMH - Lenoir Memorial Hospital) on the EMS truck or
 - They would help patient get in his handicap van and Patient's wife could drive him to Greenville
 - Patient was in **so much pain** he decided to let them take him to LMH
 - NOTE: on all previous occasions (I believe it is 3 trips) , they took Patient to Vidant
 - On my way to Kinston / LMH I stopped by the EMS building and saw the EMS persons that picked up my father and asked them why they did not take him to Greenville
 - They said it is state law that requires them to take him to LMH... If it is not "critical" like a heart attack, they are required to take patients to LMH.
 - **Surgery on 2/12/2018!**
 - Patient had to have emergency surgery.
- Patient has devoted and served Grifton:
 - devoted approximately 35+ years as a **volunteer** to Grifton's EMS.
 - Served as a commissioner also for several years
- Grifton EMS put patient **medically at risk** by not taking him to Vidant where his patient history and doctors are...
 - patient is a "**high risk & very complicated**" patient
 - He has 23 + medications, He has many diagnoses
 - He also is going to the Greenville VA center too
 - **You cannot make informed medical decisions without the patient history**
- I **am knowledgeable** of medical systems and what providers/nurses have to do to make **informed medical decisions**....
 - I design/develop & support medical software and the IT infrastructure.
 - I worked the last 6.5 years for Santa Clara County Hospital in San Jose California as a Senior IT consultant.
- I request this matter be made a matter of record.
 - Issue #1:
 - Grifton EMS put Patient **medically at risk** by making him go to a hospital that does not have his medical history
 - Issue #2:
 - Grifton EMS **denied my father's request** to take him to Greenville/Vidant
 - Patient not only has lived here (Grifton/Pitt County) for 60 +/- years, but has volunteered for and served this community most of his life.

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- As a Pitt County Resident this patient (and all others) should have the right to be taken to his hospital where all of his (their) patient history and doctors are.
- I also request as a matter of record the Grifton EMS persons (**Chief & staff**)
 - Let this town/board know what motivates them to require patients to be taken to LMH and not Vidant.
 - Provide services that enhance a person's medical treatment and survival.
 - Providers cannot make informed decisions without previous medical history.
- I am seeking **correction and resolution** to these issues for my parents, Grifton Residents and others so our loved family and friends are not unnecessarily put at medical risk.
 - I want/need to know this issue has been appropriately corrected & resolved
 - I seek correction and resolution with
 - The Town Of Grifton,
 - Pitt County, and
 - our State