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I am Donna R. Martin. My mother is Patricia Cansler she was a patient of Fata. Her ent Dr did a lymph node biopsy on her and told us it was cancer (in her lymph nodes) and he sent her to Fata and she got in to see him the same day at his Clarkston office on Sept. 29, 2009. He misdiagnosed her with stage 4 non-hodgkins lymphoma which is worse than her correct diagnosis of SLL (small lymphocytic leukemia). She went through over 4 months of several chemo treatments (I don't recall them now, their in her chart) and then he put her on a 2 year maintenance of Rituxin (sp?). She was way overmedicated with both of them. He also did 3-4 bone marrow biopsies on her in his Clarkston office that we now know she didn't need. And she had more pet scans than she needed. We trusted him. He told us she was in remission and would be cured in 5 years which is today, Sept 29, 2014. Her current cancer dr has informed us that she won't be cured that it usually comes back after 2-3 years of being in remission. This is where she is now and the lymph nodes have already started getting a little bigger this year, her current cancer dr is ordering a ct scan and watching them and her if they start hurting her. If they do, she will begin chemo. Her dr has told us the cancer she has is non-aggressive, not deadly, and is one of the easier ones to treat.

That Fata treated her all wrong (and all the other patients he had too) just so that he received a lot of money from Medicare (which she is on) has caused her to still not trust doctors, not even counselors. The overmedications she received from him has changed her some physically. Every time she bends over even a little she gets very dizzy, she was doing this even while she was going through the chemo. She has virtually no patience, before he treated her she had a lot of patience. There is still nights that she wakes up and can't go back to sleep and this can last sometimes for several weeks or longer. After Fata got arrested she told us what all he did to her (and all the other patients he had) is like being in a horror movie and to this day she is feeling this way. So I hope the state also understand what she (and all the other patients he had) is continuing to go through mentally as well.

What I don't understand is why the state did nothing to stop Fata, especially since it was warned about how he was having chemo medications administered incorrectly in his patients. I hear the state now has several bills being discussed tomorrow (Sept. 30, 2014) that it has written to be enacted as laws if passed. They should have already been laws a long time ago. Why did the state not consider before now laws to protect patients from a doctor that would harm even kill patients for monetary gain? To me, it is an inexcusable oversight. On the other hand though, I am glad that the state has finally acknowledged that these laws need to be enacted soon. It is my hope that these laws should/will prevent any more patients and their families suffering from a doctor (Fata isn't a doctor anymore, and we don't recognize him as such) as we all have and still are. Thank you for hearing me.

Sincerely,

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