

My name is [REDACTED] I have been an RN [REDACTED] and worked most of my career in Emergency Departments [REDACTED] I have a Post Graduate Diploma in Emergency. I also studied a [REDACTED] doing part of a [REDACTED] where I gained a certificate in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This was the minimum requirement I needed to work for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A dream of mine since early in my career has been to work for them. I did a lot of volunteering overseas and some remote work in Indigenous communities. Part of the University degree took me to Bangladesh. Here we visited all the main hospitals. I witnessed people dying from possibly preventable conditions like tetanus and TB. Sometimes these conditions were exacerbated by severe malnutrition. Many people there live off small portion of rice day.

I have also witnessed a few cases of children that were unwell from conditions that possibly may have been prevented if vaccinated. However, on the flip side I know of a number of medical staff that have become unwell with Gillian Barre syndrome post flu vaccine. I also know that while working at [REDACTED] in emergency, the flu vaccine was suspended for a period of time due to it causing deaths in children. LINK (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2010-09-10/flu-vaccine-cant-be-ruled-out-in-toddlers-death/2256142> )

I write this to explain that as a nurse I understand both pros and cons of the vaccine. For the most part the benefits outweighed the risks. However, due to the facts that I knew about the flu vaccine and my belief that I was young and healthy [REDACTED]

In my entire career I never contracted the flu, until Covid.

I have worked for [REDACTED] Health since [REDACTED] and at [REDACTED] emergency department since [REDACTED] I loved my job, minus the night shifts (these were challenging since having children), but saw myself there for most of my career till retirement. I loved the adult, paediatric mix, I really enjoyed the staff I worked with, I loved using my critical thinking skills and assisting others to feel comfortable by helping ease their symptoms.

During the whole covid outbreak I never looked after one covid patient. We rarely had a patient in the hospital with it. Prior to the vaccine rollout, most covid patients were sent to the [REDACTED] as our numbers in [REDACTED] were still very low. However, when the covid vaccine roll out began I started witnessing many adverse events from the covid vaccine. I never personally witnessed any adverse events due to a vaccine, but mild symptoms in children, like a fever, so to see so many was very concerning to me.

I witnessed a [REDACTED] man who had developed a blood clot on the liver post a Pfizer vaccine. He had portal hypertension as a result, with symptoms of high blood pressure and fast heart rate. He required emergency surgery.

I looked after an elderly lady that had a troponin rise [REDACTED] but was also septic [REDACTED] post her vaccine

injection. I have never seen this mix of symptoms in all my career. She was moved to a cardiac ward prior to a formal diagnosis.

We had many patients present with cardiac symptoms that had no obvious diagnosis. Possibly they have a mild irritation or inflammation of the heart that is unable to be detected with our usual methods being; blood tests, ECG and ultrasound.

There have been some complaints of cancers post the vaccine. Again I question is this triggered by an inflammation reaction? One of the patients I looked after had

However, I question would her immune system have kept [redacted] We all produce cancer cells in our bodies, but usually our immune system fights it off.

I looked after a woman that presented with thrombocytopenia and had a platelet count of [redacted]. She explained that she had developed severe leg pain after her first AZ vaccine. She went to her GP who ran a blood test and said everything was okay. But when I looked at all her previous platelet counts it had dropped dramatically from well over [redacted] is on the lower side of normal, but if the doctor had looked at the trend, a concern may have been highlighted. Luckily she sought out a second opinion and saw a GP that listened to her concerns. He repeated the blood test. They called her the same day as the test and said go to hospital straight away. On arrival we always repeat blood tests. The pathology lab called in a panic wanting to talk to the patients nurse. I explained we knew about the platelet count and she asked for more details and I explained it may be from the vaccine. She said there were 2 other similar cases being investigated in the hospital. Platelets are responsible for clotting blood when we get a cut etc. She already has bleeding under her skin (petechiae rash) and then bleeding in the brain would be a following progression. If this patient did not follow her gut instinct, she likely would have had a lot more serious consequences or died at home. Thrombocytopenia is well-documented side effect of these vaccines.

[redacted] nearly died from a seizure post his vaccine. He decided to stay home from work because he was not feeling well post getting his vaccine the day prior. [redacted] was concerned and decided to check on him during her break from work. She found him having a huge seizure. The ambulance crew stated he likely would have died if she had not checked on him. He ended up in hospital for over a month, as he had constant [redacted]. After a month of tests they decided it was a possible vaccine adverse event. He has had ongoing health issues and unable to return to work because his work place is mandated and even though he nearly died an exemption was not acceptable.

Another woman in [redacted] states she developed chest pain, then leg and arm pain and weakness. She could not use one of her arms for 3 months. She was unable to work as [redacted] and now can only work one day a week. As a

mature adult she had to move back into her parent's home, as was unable to earn enough to live independently.

All of these events I witnessed in emergency and the stories I knew of personally helped me decide to never get an mRNA vaccine. I began doing loads of research and was following Israel closely, as at the time of our mandates they were over 90 percent vaccinated. They were still having large number of covid cases, so I could tell that what main stream media was stating, that it would prevent transmission, was all a lie and Israel were already having boosters. I remember the Victoria Premier was threatening 6 monthly boosters. So I knew these vaccines were not going to stop at 2 doses.

So my decisions were based on a number of reasons;

- I was not in the high risk group
- I have no co-morbidities
- 1000's of cases of covid were occurring in Melbourne and Sydney at the time and not everyone was dropping dead, so being in the low risk group I figured my chances of surviving were high
- I am very health focused, stay fit, eat well, never had the flu before
- I did loads of research and began building my immune system up naturally
- I could see that the vaccine roll out was not going to stop at 2 vaccines
- I could see from Israel that the vaccines did not stop transmission and not effective like they promised the world
- from all I witnessed in emergency I knew they were defiantly not as safe as they promised either, so the risk verses benefit in my view was near zero for me

I was considering [REDACTED] vaccine, but decided after getting covid and all I went through I would never even get his vaccine.

I got covid from [REDACTED] who started reception in 2022. Half her class got it within the first few months of school starting. She had a fever of [REDACTED] hours and then was back to herself the next day. I had a bad headache and achy for a few days and then recovered fine. Once I was back doing [REDACTED] classes could feel it all clear, including the brain fog.

I now work for a [REDACTED] But I haven't had many shifts. Until recently there were only [REDACTED] private hospitals that accept unvaccinated nurses and there is a large number of us working for the agency so shifts are few.

I would like these mandates dropped so our children and anyone else in the future does not need to take these risks of the vaccine just to follow their dream career in health. It makes no sense that if my children had covid already, want to be a nurse and had to go get 3 vaccines just so they could do nursing. Young people are the highest at risk of myocarditis. What are we doing to our future work force by inflicting these injections onto them. There is no logic in it. All it does is put people off studying nursing etc. This causes further nurse shortages and creating more dangerous conditions for staff and patients working in the hospitals. [REDACTED] said at his hospital they have stopped getting the large number of UK doctors they would normally rely on. I am certain that the

mandates have put them off, because it is not mandated in the UK. Even the few UK doctors that have come told him they were put out by needing a third vaccine just to work here.

I have not received much discrimination from my work. My work colleagues that I still am in contact with just say how dangerous the conditions are, how stressed and burnt out everyone is and how much they would absolutely love to have me back. That they prefer me over a junior nurse fresh out of university with no experience. My colleagues and myself question who is the biggest danger to their patients and the hospital. An unvaccinated nurse with near 20 years experience, or a department full of inexperienced staff. They tell me often it's them (one regular senior staff) overseeing all new junior staff in an area. I also must have very good natural immunity because I haven't got it a second time. It's now been a year. Over this time I have given people hugs to later find out they had covid and looked after my [REDACTED] when he got covid and have not had it again. Where I know an ambo officer who has had it 4 times. Many friends that are vaccinated have had it twice or 3 times.

I have been part of a class action against [REDACTED] with over 100 others. In the end we have been terminated for GROSS MISCONDUCT. We are still fighting on for unfair dismissal. The way we have been treated for just wanting a choice over our bodily autonomy is disgraceful, criminal and discriminatory. I love Australia but this has changed so much of my view of our government. I have lost all respect and trust in our government and so have so many Australians. The 'Yes' campaign was never going to succeed until the bridge of trust has been rebuilt. Most indigenous would never trust the government. I am certain most would not have bothered voting. I'd love to see those statistics. After all the ways our government has treated them who would trust them. This is what our government needs to do moving forward from here. Question themselves on how can trust be rebuilt?

In summary, these mandates have shattered my world. I am still in disbelief that our government, the TGA and AHPRA keep ignoring the over 1000 deaths reported to the TGA, the over 130 000 adverse events reported. To say these vaccines are still safe and effective goes beyond any logic I can contemplate. It has totally shattered by belief in the health system I have work in for so long. I just don't understand why it can not be a choice when there are risks. We should always have a choice what is put in our body, that doesn't involve losing our job and career.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

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