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To Whom It May Concern,

I amLife is very unpredictable and we can try to prepare for all of life's challenges but the there is a time when we are at our most vulnerable. That is when we end up in a hospital bed. It doesn't matter it is from illness or injury, we want reassurance and we want answers.

What is those that are charge of your care have 7 or 8 other people wanting the same reassurance and answers as you?

As a nurse, I want to give you all of this and more but I am being pulled in so many directions, I don't even remember your name. This is not why I went into nursing. I don't want to think of you as the patient in 32. I want to give you reassurance, answers, and time. I can't because I just got another admission that takes 2 hours on a good day.

I was watching a World War 2 movie. The setting was in Europe and it was winter. The troops were asking for shoes because they were getting frostbite. The person in charge said that there were no shoes coming, no reinforcements, no food, and no supplies. They were expecting the enemy at any time. I equated that to how nurses feel right now.

If we can safe patient ratios, we can have a fighting chance in winning at least the next battle. We all know the war isn't over.