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I have been a bedside RN for 36 years. Everyday I work I want to quit nursing. This is due to lack of support from our organization. Do more with less. The last three nights I worked with a total care patient who spit on my face three times. He screamed every night I had him. He spewed obscenities at me. It was hard to have compassion for him. My coworkers were asking me to make him stop yelling because it was disturbing the other patients. I gave him what was ordered but he spit it out. It was not within my control to do much about his behavior. I had to endure it, till it was time to go home. The pressure from taking care of him and the pressure from my coworkers to make him quiet and the lack of support from the doctors was more than I could handle. I wish we had better support from our hospital so nurses like me do not want to quit the profession. Thank you.