

Hello, I'm the mother of a 9 year old boy who experiences Down syndrome. I can't imagine the fear, stress and permanent damage the trauma of being alone in the hospital would cause my child. I would fight tooth and nail to get into the room with him. He is the most precious part of my life and I think I would die (literally from a broken heart or would want to end my life) if he were to get critically sick and die without me there. I couldn't live with the knowledge that he wanted his mommy & daddy and was denied having someone there that he knows, loves and trusts. Please ensure that people with disabilities are allowed access to a trusted person in their time of confusion and distress. I urge you to consider the mental stress and state of people that constantly rely on others to take care of them, to give them the right to have those people with them in emergency situations.

Thank you,
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Mother of Gary (9)