…...Since it is the medical providers' responsibility to care adequately for the sick, I find it appalling that patient quotas and production goals are required, and particularly when tied to the doctors' performance evaluations. As doctors and medical providers, and whether the Hippocratic Oath or other medical oath is taken as required, it is our responsibility to treat the patient.

Louis Lasagna, Academic Dean of the School of Medicine at Tufts University wrote a medical oath that is used in many medical schools today. In that oath it says "I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick (Bioethics, 2015).

The Hippocratic Oath and other medical oaths require a physician to swear to uphold specific ethical standards, yet we are being asked to compromise those standards and trade them for greed, one of the seven deadly sins (Sins Virtues and Tales).

We do not work at a factory, but at a medical care facility, and therefore the care and healing of the patient is what should be of the upmost importance. How can a medical provider be asked to see a specific number of patients a day, when one patient needs more attention than another, and oftentimes the care and healing of the patient involves seeing and talking to that patient's family members? Is that patient not worth the time and care it takes for him or her to get well? Have our patients become commodities rather than human beings? Does each patient represent a specific price to the care facility or to the administration's pocketbooks? Medical care providers should not be pressured to fast-track focus on any patient's needs, but should show caring and healing so that a trust is built between the medical provider and the patient, as that trust becomes paramount to the patient's healing process.

According to the Medical Literature Society at UCLA:

A couple decades ago, XXXXXX