

Real Stories: Jane Anderson Transcript

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it was my first day as a qualified doctor and i was called to the aids ward and there was a young

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man there who was very sick he was going blind from CMV retinitis cytomegalovirus retinitis

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and in those days we didn't have treatment we didn't have anything much to do but huge vials

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of immune globulin had been flown down from Glasgow i think for this young man and the

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nurses wanted me to put a drip up so that he could have this infusion and i was a brand new

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doctor and i could not get the the ventalon in and i tried and tried, I shaved both his arms

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i spent a long time trying now in those days if you're a young and inexperienced doctor putting in

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ventalons the people that would help you were the anaesthetist and i rang an anaesthetist colleague

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and said hello i'm a newly qualified doctor and i'm trying to put in a ventilator and i can't

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and when the anaesthetist colleague knew which ward i was on he said he was unable to help me