

Thanks for Life - A Window Of Opportunity

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AS a child I remember my uncle with callipers on his legs, walking with crutches. I knew in the 1920's as an active sport loving 7 year old he had developed polio. He lived but was permanently disabled.

Wendy

When I was training as a nurse, aged 18, I was on an isolation ward with a skin condition. An iron lung was in a cubical across from my bay. I found it very scary to look at and to contemplate having to spend any time on one. I have never forgotten it.

Thelma

I remember my friend at school in 1960 wearing a calliper on her leg due to polio - I was given an extra booster injection against polio as I was at an 'at risk age' (10).

Eileen Charlton

Yes, I remember polio and have seen the results in India. Eradicating it now is attainable and everyone should help get rid of its scourge.

A.W. Charlton

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Durham I first got to know about polio and how significantly the situation has improved with more and more people's compassionate mind and willingness to help. I'm so pleased to take part in that process today. Cheers!

My sister was in an iron lung at the age of 5 for 1 month. She was being pushed in a pram along a riverbank in Grimsby and was splashed by water from the river. Polio caught just by a splash of water. She now has a cast in her eye and a permanent limp.

Stan Kuhlmann aged 56

I only know of polio as my sister-in-law got it at the age of 3 yrs. She's now 68 and a very busy lady, even with her callipers on. She won't be beat.

I was fascinated to see the iron lung as I was put in one as part of my nursing training in 1958 - we were expected to know how patients felt. The polio epidemic of 1952 - I remember well as we couldn't go swimming!

I wish you all the best in your efforts to make the life of these people better!

Very interesting. I have a cousin who had polio as a child, makes you grateful for your good health.

I had polio aged 3 1/2 in 1952. I remember my 12 weeks in an isolation hospital, then operations and follow up hospital appointments. Note, in those days, parents were not allowed to visit you in hospital, nor even look through hospital windows - those were the days!

Pam

My husband had polio, was in an iron lung for months and ended up with left side weakness. Despite this he played cricket and rugby and drove a non-adapted car. He did not allow the polio to prevent him from succeeding.

Mo Wyatt

We remember having the polio vaccination in the form of drops on a sugar lump which did nothing to alter the awful taste!!

B Nevert and K Robson

My cousin suffered from aged 12 - educated himself in iron lung. Died at age 65 with breathing problems.

I hope your campaign is one of real success for you and all those with will be treated. I will remember your cause in prayer.

Remember the sugar lump and talk of iron lung as a child - very frightening. No TV then so heard on radio and newspapers with awful photographs.

A beautiful friend caught polio at age of 18 and died in her 60s. She still managed to put her fine eye liner on! She had 2 children.

I have just been vaccinated for: Polio, diphtheria and tetanus (combined) as well as hep and typhoid - am going on holiday to Egypt.

Our friend in Lancashire had polio, but worked in a wheelchair on reception. Is a very lovely lady.
David & Marlene Barton

Hope this all goes well and is highly successful.
Anne Woodhead

I had polio in 1950. Luckily I made an almost full recovery. Best of luck in your work.
R Walworth

In the early 1960s I was a physiotherapist at Dryburn and treated 2 children from Sunnyside/Stanley Crook area who had polio. It was sad because immunisation had begun and their parents had not had them done. One of them was left with a paralysed arm.
Pat Atkinson

Well done. Thanks for all the good work you do.
A D Davis

Took me back a long way - my cousin, Denis, caught polio at 5 yrs old and was very badly affected. My memories are of him in an iron lung - he was 5 yrs older than me - I only ever remember him as a head sticking out of a machine as a child. The good story is that he has worked all his life, is now in his early 60's and still going strong. So good to see that this awful disease has now been almost controlled.
Lesley Rawson

Fascinating display. I have nursed patients in an iron lung and seen the far-reaching implications of polio both here and abroad. Many thanks.
Peter
