

Video Transcript

John – Longreach

Male voice 1:

I think I'm a fixer person. You see a problem, work out how to do it, and do it. And that was how I really started getting into building engines and doing things with cars. You are always trying to develop your car to do a bit more and go a bit faster. I think there are parallels between the things that I do outside work and the things I do at work. You have to rely on experience and instinct and a solid underlying knowledge base. Urban general practice is a subset of what we do here. We do pretty much everything that happens in urban general practice plus more. We are more involved across our community and that's because we live and work in the same community. Your friends become your patients and your patients may become your friends.

Male voice 2:

Twice he saved my life, when the bull got me and smashed me up. Nine days I was here in the hospital and he fixed that up for me. Without John I'd be dead. Not once, a couple of times.

Male voice 1:

Having a slightly adventurous personality is beneficial for the type of work that we do. You really have to challenge yourself. You have to use the skills that you have learnt over the years in history taking, clinical problem solving, to make decisions and act on them.

We had a lady in labour. She had a significant bleed and the only way to stop the bleeding was to reach up into the uterus, grab the baby's foot, pull the foot down and turn the baby out. This was something I had read about in a book, never dreamed of doing, but it was the only way to deal with that situation right there and then. I not only delivered this baby in less than ideal circumstances, I'd actually saved this woman's life. It's one of those things that makes you feel great as a human.

Some of the best things about the job are still the same as they were 19 years ago when I first came here. It's being prepared to step into a situation where you may well be out of your comfort zone. It's helping people, making a difference to their lives in a positive way. The quality of work, the variety of work, and the value you can add to a community, is the thing that really makes your day worthwhile.



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