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When my son Brian was 18 years old, he was diagnosed with leukaemia and died just months later. I wrote the story of our family experience in 'Goodbye, My Son'. Since then I have spoken at events such as Beaumont Hospital Bereavement Day. The Patient Education Programme that I undertook with IPPOSI educated me on Clinical Trials, Health Technology Assessment, and Regulatory Procedures. I have now a well-informed view on how our health system works, and can be more constructive as a committee member or by actively contributing to a work process.

Experience/Areas of Interest:

- Completed the IPPOSI Patient Education Programme in Health Innovations 2017 Pilot programme.
- B.A. Degree, UCC Cork.
- Published "Goodbye, My Son" – a mother's journey through terminal cancer, bereavement and beyond.
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Patient Involvement and Experience:

- I'm concerned with the gap between treating a person and treating an illness. I'm particularly interested in promoting the welfare of the person when children, or persons suffering from psychiatric illnesses are speaking with professional care givers. Too often the professional only chronicles all the details relating to the disease. I encourage patients to explain what the most profound difficulty is for them, often not entirely connected to the disease, but making an impact on life, and therefore treatment outcomes.