

I Ok, I think we're ready to go. Well thank you for agreeing to take part in these interviews for the get it on time campaign. I'm just wondering if you could, if you would like to reflect on your Parkinson's, when you were diagnosed, how it's affected you and particularly reflect on your medication, particularly in hospitals

F Well, I got diagnosed in 1997. Was diagnosed because i was poorly for a while, in a terrible state and falling backwards all the time and I just went into hospital and got diagnosed in November 97. I'd been married 20 years then and it was a big shock to find out that I had got Parkinson's. I was only 38 at the time and I think for the next four years I was put on medication. I'm doing fine now, I take Madopar. I take a big one in the morning and six during the day. I take half Sinamed three times a day. I take Amantadinemantazin) twice a day, I take it. I take aspirin as well because I had a stroke last year in November.

I So what difference has the medication meant?

F I can sit up now, I couldn't even sit up before and after (inaudible) falls 'cos I can't stand up and walk without the walker and now (inaudible) practice like 24 hour practice (inaudible)clinic's on. I can't think of anything else to say

I Can you think about any experiences you've had in hospitals, particularly with medications in hospitals?

F I was in hospital about eight year ago, had an operation and then I struggled because they wouldn't come up with a bed for the theatre and they wouldn't fit it under the bed saying that my husband had to lift us on to the bed (inaudible) and I couldn't take the medications in the hospital, operation because I couldn't take any water with it, I couldn't take any tablets and then (inaudible) come out from theatre as well, - that was the difficulty there they wouldn't (inaudible) they only had one porter for the ward for the whole ward and you had to get on the bed yourself so that was quite

I Did it make a big difference not being able to take your medication while you were in hospital

F Yeah because I couldn't take it and (inaudible) couldn't take (inaudible) medication

I Ok, is there anything else with your experience of Parkinson's and your medication that you'd like to share with us?

F Wish I could talk properly, because (inaudible) talk a bit louder, explain

I Ok, well thank you for your time and thank you for the information you've given us