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Baird: About six years ago, when I moved into my house, a neighbor came up and talked to me. She said, "Welcome to the neighborhood," and that sort of thing and asked what I did. I said "I'm a nurse. I work at NIH." "Oh, what kind of work you do?" "I work with AIDS research." I thought she was going to kick me out of the neighborhood. She said, "If you do, I am surprised you even tell anybody about it." About the same time, or maybe shortly before that, my dentist and my doctor wrote on my chart "Works with AIDS patients."

Interviewer: Did they make sure they wore gloves and a mask before they examined you?

Baird: It was like I wore a big letter "A." My doctor and my dentist wanted to make sure that, if I was going to pick up AIDS at work and if I was foolish enough to work with these patients, then just because they were giving me care they were not going to be exposed. They were very careful.

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