



Speaking from Experience Asthma in Childhood

Transcript for chapter 11 of 12: The future

Susan (has three children with asthma): There's no predictors about whether people will have asthma or not in another year's time. So I've always told her, "You may always have an issue with asthma, but you may have long periods, we hope, when you may be symptom free." So she will say to you now, "I do have asthma but I'm not taking anything for it at the moment."

Marilyn (has three sons with asthma): Because we've lived asthma for now fifteen years, I see that their future is as open and rosy and as opportunistic as anyone else.

Matthew (has asthma): I want to be an engineer, or a builder. But there's going to be a lot of fumes there, dust of the wood and all of that with building. So I wouldn't mind being a designer, drawing designs.

Gemma (has asthma): I hope to be a dancer. That's my main thing that I would like to be. And I want to go to the College of the Arts with my best friend.

Vladamier (has a son with asthma): As the numbers grow, the reaction from the government and various other areas is to finally recognise something like this. So it's coming to the fore. Hopefully they'll find a cure for it. But I don't know. I think that's quite a few years off.

Susan: The next generation may have a shot at birth, and then there's no more asthma. We just don't know what the future holds but if it goes the way it has been going, then that's very promising.