

Hi everyone,

Eventually I have some time for to write something for the University website. It seems that several different lives have passed since the day I graduated from our Alma mater. Anyway, here is my news. As most of you probably know, after leaving University I continued to work in a clinic, but already not as an assistant, but as a doctor, the resident therapist. I stayed in this clinic for more than 15 years. It was an amazing and interesting, but at the same time, difficult and exhausting path.

Started as a therapist, in three years I began internships in the intensive care unit (ICU), so in more two years I worked and studied at the same time. After finishing trainings, I continued to work in the clinic as an anesthesiologist and ICU doctor. You can probably imagine all those sleepless night shifts, frequent refresher courses, trainings and exams... But, of course, now I understand that it was worth it, it was a really wonderful experience.

During this crazy time of working in ICU somehow I managed to get married and after one year my baby was born. My maternity leave was quite long - more than a year I'd been staying at home with the baby, just until the moment when I understood – now or never... It was not easy to start again after such a long career break. And in more two years I started feeling myself tired. Moreover, I understood that my profession doesn't inspire me anymore, so I decided to leave it. It was a hard decision, but now I don't regret it at all. After I finished being a doctor, I received a great offer of work in an educational center for practitioners. So, I chose not to be doctor anymore, but to work in the office. To be precise, I started to work as a coordinator of a Scientific Committee. It's been a wonderful opportunity to have new experience of organizational work in a team, to meet new interesting people. And if you compare this new job with my previous one, it doesn't seem like a job, but a vacation!

That's all for now. All the best to everyone,

Alex.