



## Second Wind Oral Histories of Lung Transplant Survivors

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Mary Jo Festle is a professor of History at Elon University, where she teaches courses in recent U.S. History and Oral History. She is also the author of *Playing Nice: Politics and Apologies in Women's Sports*. Her brother Bob had a lung transplant.

'This book is a very interesting, extremely well-researched, and certainly timely history of the procedure of lung transplantation. At its heart are the oral histories and personal accounts of over 45 individuals who have undergone the procedure; their stories, and those of family members, surgeons, transplant coordinators, and donors are bookended by chapters explaining the various life-threatening lung conditions which create the necessity for transplant, the history of the surgical procedure, and the development of allocation policies and procedures for these scarce and fragile organs.'—**Marcia Meldrum, researcher and lecturer, UCLA Center for Health Services and Society**

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'Mary Jo Festle intertwines a fascinating history of lung transplantation with the recipient's perspective. The experience of recipients accurately portrays a range of outcomes. This history uniquely acknowledges the importance of a transplant community that has thrived since the rise of the Internet. Today's transplant recipients pay it forward by sharing their experiences with people who are waiting for a life-saving organ. Festle pays it forward by telling our story.'—**Kathryn Flynn, Double Lung recipient, March 25, 1996**

### About the book

Many people have suffered from diseases that literally take their breath away. *Second Wind* relates the compelling stories of 'ordinary' Americans who sought a second chance through lung transplantation and the historical and socio-medical factors that affected them. Excerpts from oral history interviews reveal the physical and psychological challenges of deciding to pursue a transplant, waiting for a donor organ, and adapting to a new life with a lung from someone who died. Meaningful for those facing transplantation, their caregivers, scholars, and people outside the transplant community, *Second Wind* explores themes of uncertainty, timing, identity, coping, and quality of life.

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