

Living with lupus

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When the words "lupus" and "chronic" are combined, the result is a scary word. But for the women who share their stories with me, it's not. It's just a word that describes a condition they've learned to live with.

Like all of them, Jennifer Williams, 34, has a long history of lupus. She was diagnosed with the disease in 1980, when she was 18. She says she was "lucky" because she didn't have any of the symptoms that often come with the disease. She says she was "lucky" because she didn't have any of the symptoms that often come with the disease. She says she was "lucky" because she didn't have any of the symptoms that often come with the disease.

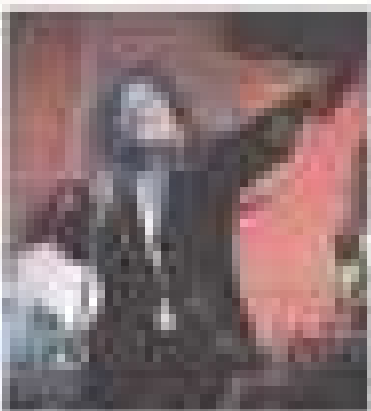


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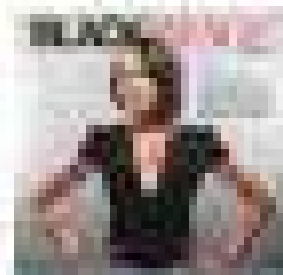
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