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AMR Narrative



Vanessa became an AMR patient advocate in 2013 after surviving a serious car accident and undergoing a 10-year facial reconstruction, during which she developed a highly resistant MRSA infection on her face.

She has received multiple awards for her advocacy, including the Woman of Stature (WOS) Woman of the Year Award, the FINDdx Voices for Diagnostics Award, and the Antibiotic Guardian Award in the Community Communications category, organised by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). She was also awarded an e-Patient Scholarship to attend Stanford University's Medicine X conference in the USA.

Vanessa actively champions the importance of patient and public involvement and engagement. Originally from South Africa, she now resides in the UK and has worked on global health initiatives.

She is the founder and currently serves as Executive Director of The AMR Narrative, a UK-registered charity focused on advocacy capacity development, community building, and raising awareness among patients and the public.