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The pandemic came. We didn't plan for it. We were not ready.

We could barely keep up with the pace. Patients arrived one after the other. There were hurried intubations. Families were in distress, and we had to deal with a different kind of stress.

But as in every storm, we also experienced little unexpected rays of sunshine: children's drawings, chocolates, equipment, applause and music in the windows.

And then our first victories came. An 86-year-old woman who was extubated caught the breath that she had missed so much.

A 62-year-old man finally returned home to the delight of his daughters.

We may have lost our bearings, but not the meaning of the job we chose to do.



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