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Alison qualified as a veterinary nurse whilst working in a small practice in Hertfordshire. In 2001 she joined the Queen Mother Hospital at **The Royal Veterinary College** as a general surgery nurse working in all areas of the hospital. In 2005 she became senior theatre nurse and sat her Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Surgery) gaining the highest marks for that year.

In 2007 she became Head Theatre Nurse and in 2012 became the first nurse in the UK to study for and pass the Veterinary Technician Specialist (Surgery) qualification in the USA.

Alison has co-written the theatre chapters in the BSAVA Textbook of Veterinary Nursing and the BSAVA Manual of canine and feline Advanced Veterinary Nursing. She has written articles for the VNJ and The Veterinary Nurse and spoken at BSAVA and BVNA conferences.

On a daily basis Alison manages seven operating theatres and a team of specialised theatre nurses in the multidisciplinary hospital. She enjoys all aspects of hands on theatre nursing and in particular the cardiothoracic patients.