

CURRICULUM VITAE

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NORTHERN CENTRE FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH (NCH) AND PREVIOUS DISSERTATIONS

The Northern Centre for Healthcare Research (NCH) was founded in 1986 as a research institute of the University of Groningen (RUG), The Netherlands. Researchers from both the Medical and Social Faculty, with various professional backgrounds, are members of the NCH. These include medical sociologists, medical doctors, psychologists and human movement scientists. Research of the NCH is aimed at optimising quality of life of patients and quality of healthcare, and focuses on (a) determinants of health and illness, (b) consequences of illness, (c) the effects of medical treatment and decision making, and (d) the evaluation of health services and various types of interventions. At the time that this thesis is published, the NCH comprises five research programmes.

Until 1998, the NCH covered two research programmes, i.e. Determinants of Health and Medical Decision Making and Evaluation of Healthcare. The first programme was reformulated in 1996 and was continued as Disorder, Disability and Quality of Life (DDQ). Hence, previous dissertations in this area are listed as part of the present DDQ-programme. The second programme was subdivided in 1998 into two new programmes, i.e. Public Health and Public Health Services Research and Rational Drug Use.

Dissertations published earlier within the second programme are listed retrospectively under these new headings. In 1998, two new programmes, The Outcome and Evaluation of Interventions in Patients with Motor Problems and Process and Effects of Movement Programs, were formulated and officially integrated in the NCH in January 1999. The accomplished dissertations since the start of the programmes in 1998 are included in the list. In 2000 the Department of General Practice joined the NCH and together with the Rational Drug Use group initiated a new research programme, i.e. Implementation of Evidence Based Medicine in the Medical Practice.

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Public Health and Public Health Services Research

Lucht F van der (1992) *Sociale ongelijkheid en gezondheid bij kinderen.*

PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel. REFERENT: dr JW Groothoff

Engelsman C & Geertsma A (1994) *De kwaliteit van verwijzingen.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr FM Haaijer-Ruskamp, prof dr B Meyboom-de Jong

Puttiger PHJ (1994) *De medische keuring bij gebruik van persluchtmaskers.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof dr WJA Goedhard. CO-PROMOTOR: dr JW Groothoff

Dekker GF (1995) *Rugklachten-management-programma bij de Nederlandse Aardolie Maatschappij B.V.: ontwerp, uitvoering en evaluatie.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof WH Eisma. CO-PROMOTOR: dr JW Groothoff

Mulder HC (1996) *Het medisch kunnen: technieken, keuze en zeggenschap in de moderne geneeskunde.*

PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel

Mink van der Molen AB (1997) *Carpale letsels: onderzoek naar de verzuimaspecten ten gevolge van carpale letsels in Nederland 1990-1993.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr PH Robinson, prof WH Eisma. CO-PROMOTOR: dr JW Groothoff. REFERENT: dr GJP Visser

Tuinstra J (1998) *Health in adolescence: an empirical study of social inequality in health, health risk behaviour and decision making styles.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof dr WJA van den Heuvel. CO-PROMOTOR: dr JW Groothoff

Dijkstra A (1998) *Care dependency: an assessment instrument for use in long-term care facilities.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr ThWN Dassen

Wijk P van der (1999) *Economics: Charon of Medicine?*

PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr L Koopmans, prof dr FFH Rutten. REFERENT: dr J Bouma

Hospers JJ (1999) *Allergy and airway hyperresponsiveness: risk factors for mortality.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof dr DS Postma, prof dr ST Weiss

Goossen WTF (2000) *Towards strategic use of nursing information in the Netherlands.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr ThWN Dassen,
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PROMOTORES: prof dr JGR de Monchy, prof dr D Post, prof dr JW Groothoff

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PROMOTORES: prof dr JR van Horn, prof dr PP Groenewegen, prof dr JW Groothoff

Beltman H (2001) *Buigen of barsten? Hoofdstukken uit de geschiedenis van de zorg aan mensen met een verstandelijke handicap in Nederland 1945-2000.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof dr AThG van Gennep

Dijkstra GJ (2001) *De indicatiestelling voor verzorgingshuizen en verpleeghuizen.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof dr JW Groothoff

Bijsterveld HJ (2001) *Het ouderenperspectief op thuiszorg; wensen en behoeften van ouderen ten aanzien van de thuis(zorg)situatie in Friesland*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof dr B Meyboom-de Jong. REFERENT: dr J Greidanus

Middel LJ (2001) *Assessment of change in clinical evaluation*

PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel. REFERENT: dr MJL de Jongste

Dijk JP van (2001) *Gemeentelijk gezondheidsbeleid. Omvang en doelgerichtheid*

PROMOTORES: prof dr D Post, prof dr M Herweijer, prof dr JW Groothoff

Disorder, Disability and Quality of Life

Sanderman R (1988) *Life events, mediating variables and psychological distress: a longitudinal study.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr PE Boeke, prof dr PMG Emmelkamp. REFERENT: dr J Ormel

Kempen GIJM (1990) *Thuiszorg voor ouderen: een onderzoek naar de individuele determinanten van het gebruik van wijkverpleging en/of gezinsverzorging op verzorgend en huishoudelijk gebied.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr W Molenaar. REFERENT: dr ThPBM Suurmeijer

Sonderen FLP van (1991) *Het meten van sociale steun.*

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- Heyink JW (1992) *Levertransplantatie: psycho-sociale aspecten*.
 PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr MJH Slooff.
 REFERENT: dr Tj Tijmstra
- Gerritsen JC (1993) *Onafhankelijkheid van ouderen: mogelijkheden en voorwaarden*.
 PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel
- Reitsma B (1994) *The end of the line? Evaluation of a multidisciplinary team approach to chronic pain*.
 PROMOTORES: prof dr EC Klip, prof dr JWF Beks, prof dr JP Hennis
- Ranchor AV (1994) *Social class, psychosocial factors and disease: from description towards explanation*.
 PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr AP Buunk.
 REFERENTEN: dr R Sanderman, dr J Bouma
- Oosterhuis A (1994) *De gedragstherapeutische behandeling van slaapklachten*.
 PROMOTOR: prof dr EC Klip
- Linschoten CP van (1994) *Gezondheidsbeleving van ouderen: een longitudinale studie*.
 PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel. CO-PROMOTOR: dr J Ormel
- Linden-van den Heuvel GFEC van (1994) *Voorbereiding op medische ingrepen*.
 PROMOTOR: prof dr EC Klip
- Uitenbroek DG (1995) *Exercise behavior*.
 PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel
- Steverink N (1995) *Zo lang mogelijk zelfstandig: naar een verklaring van verschillen ten aanzien van opname in een verzorgingstehuis onder fysiek kwetsbare ouderen*.
 PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr TAB Snijders, prof dr J Ormel
- Ruiter JH de (1995) *Sociale ondersteuning en kwaliteit van leven bij patiënten met kanker*.
 PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr H Schraffordt Koops. REFERENTEN: dr FLP van Sonderen, dr R Sanderman
- Krol B (1996) *Quality of life in rheumatoid arthritis patients: the relation between personality, social support and depression*.
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 PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr J van der Zee

- Zwanikken CP (1997) *Multiple sclerosis: epidemiologie en kwaliteit van leven.*
 PROMOTOR: prof dr J Minderhoud. CO-PROMOTORES: dr JW Groothoff, dr ThPBM Suurmeijer
- Scaf-Klomp W (1997) *Screening for breast cancer: attendance and psychological consequences.*
 PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel. REFERENT: dr R Sanderman
- Nieboer AP (1997) *Life-events and well-being: a prospective study on changes in well-being of elderly people due to a serious illness event or death of the spouse.*
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- Hoekstra-Weebers JEHM (2000) *Parental adaptation to pediatric cancer.*
 PROMOTORES: prof dr EC Klip, prof dr WA Kamps. REFERENT: dr JPC Jaspers

Implementation of Evidence Based Medicine in the Medical Practice

Zijlstra IF (1991) *De regionaal klinisch farmacoloog.*

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Veninga CCM (2000) *Improving prescribing in general practice.*

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Sluis CK van der (1998) *Outcomes of major trauma.*

PROMOTORES: prof dr HJ ten Duis, prof WH Eisma

Geertzen JHB (1998) *Reflex sympathetic dystrophy: a study in the perspective of rehabilitation medicine.*

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REFERENT: dr PU Dijkstra

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Stevens M (2001) Groningen Active Living Model (GALM): development and initial validation.

PROMOTOR: prof dr P Rispens.
REFERENTEN: dr KAPM Lemmink, dr MHG de Greef



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