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Curriculum vitae



Lilian Peters was born on October 23rd 1979 in Coevorden, the Netherlands. She received her pre-university secondary education degree at Drenthe College in 1999. Four years later she obtained her bachelor degree in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy. In the following years she worked as a radiologic technician performing MRI and CAT scans at the Radiology Department of University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG). Simultaneously, she started her Master's programme Health Sciences at the University of Maastricht, of which she obtained her Master's degree in 2007.

After her Master's, she worked for two years as a clinical project manager at the Trial Coordination Centre (UMCG), where she coordinated and supervised international randomized clinical trials. From 2009 till 2014, she worked as a PhD student under the supervision of prof. dr. E. Buskens and prof. dr. J.P.J. Slaets at the department of Epidemiology of the UMCG. Her PhD project involved extensive psychometric evaluations of a frailty instrument (Groningen Frailty Indicator) and case complexity instrument (INTERMED for the Elderly Self Assessment) in several cross-sectional and longitudinal studies with elderly participants. During her PhD project, she became a member of the international INTERMED consortium for which she still performs statistical analyses. In the final year of her PhD, she designed and performed a pilot study to evaluate the relationship between frailty and oral health with dr. A. Visser of the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (UMCG). This collaboration is still on-going, since Lilian works on a part-time basis at this department as a clinical epidemiologist.

During her PhD project, she completed several courses for her Epidemiology B registration. At one of these courses she was introduced to the field of Reproductive Epidemiology and afterwards she decided to pursue her career in this field. Several months later, Lilian analyzed obstetric data for a methodology paper with dr. H. Groen. This collaboration has been extended with a current project within the research group Reproductive Origins of Adult Health and Diseases with the development of a questionnaire for women in the reproductive age to be assessed in the LifeLines-cohort study.

Since May 2014, Lilian has been working as a senior researcher at the department of Midwifery Science, EMGO + Institute for Health and Care Research at the VU University Medical Center Amsterdam. Her research focus is on the effects of the course of pregnancy on women's health outcomes (short and long-term). In future studies she will also be involved in cost-effectiveness analyses on maternal health interventions.

