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Disorder, Disability and Quality of Life

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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.*
PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr FN Stokman.
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- Heyink JW (1992) *Levertransplantatie: psycho-sociale aspecten.*
PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr MJH Slooff
- 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
- Steuerink 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.
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- Krol B (1996) *Quality of life in rheumatoid arthritis patients: the relation between personality, social support and depression.*
PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel.
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- Kooiker SE (1996) *Illness in everyday life: a health diary study of common symptoms and their consequences.*
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.*
 PROMOTORES: prof dr SM Lindenberg, prof dr J Ormel
- Eijk LM van (1997) *Activity and well-being in the elderly.*
 PROMOTORES: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel, prof dr SM Lindenberg
- Alberts JF (1998) *The professionalized patient: sociocultural determinants of health services utilization.*
 PROMOTOR: prof dr WJA van den Heuvel.
 REFERENT: dr R Sanderman
- Jong GM de (1999) *Stress, stress management and issues regarding implementation.*
 PROMOTORES: prof dr PMG Emmelkamp, prof dr JL Peschar.
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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.
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- 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.*
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- 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.*
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 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.

Rational Drug Use

- Zijlstra IF (1991) *De regionaal klinisch farmacoloog*.
PROMOTORES: prof dr H Wesseling, prof dr FWJ Gribnau, prof dr C van Weel.
REFERENTEN: dr FM Haaijer-Ruskamp, dr H Wollersheim
- Jong-van den Berg LTW de (1992) *Drug utilization studies in pregnancy: what can they contribute to safety assessment?*
PROMOTORES: prof dr MNG Dukes, prof dr H Wesseling.
REFERENT: dr FM Haaijer-Ruskamp
- Denig P (1994) *Drug choice in medical practice; rationals, routines, and remedies*.
PROMOTORES: prof dr FM Haaijer-Ruskamp; prof dr H Wesseling
- Boerkamp E (1995) *Assessing professional services quality; an application in health care*.
PROMOTORES: prof dr JC Reuijl, prof dr FM Haaijer-Ruskamp
- Trigt AM van (1995) *Making news about medicines*.
PROMOTORES: prof dr TFJ Tromp, prof dr FM Haaijer-Ruskamp
- Dijkers FW (1997) *Repeat prescriptions. A study in general practice in the Netherlands*.
PROMOTORES: prof dr B Meyboom-de Jong, prof dr FM Haaijer-Ruskamp,
prof dr AF Casparie
- Bosch JL (1997) *Outcome assessment of the percutaneous treatment of iliac artery occlusive disease*.
PROMOTORES: prof dr MGM Hunink, prof dr WPTHM Mall,
prof dr L Koopmans
- Vries SO de (1998) *Management strategies for intermittent claudication*.
PROMOTOR: prof dr MGM Hunink.
REFERENT: dr JB Wong

The Outcome and Evaluation of Interventions in Patients with Motor Problems (from 1998 onwards)

- 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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