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Kirsten Smits was born on August 17th, 1989 in Steinheim, Germany. After finishing secondary school in 2007, she started her study, Nutrition and Health at the Wageningen University. In 2011, she obtained her Bachelor's degree and continued with a master Nutrition and Health specialising in Epidemiology and Public Health at the Wageningen University. During her master program, she wrote her master thesis focusing on the association of fish fatty acids with cardiovascular disease in healthy people, patients with prior myocardial infarction and patients with diabetes. In 2012, she travelled to Pittsburgh, United States of America for an internship of 6 months at Pittsburgh University. There she studied the relation between vitamin E and vitamin C with coronary artery disease and haptoglobin genotype in diabetes patients. She obtained her masters degree in 2013.

From March 2014 to August 2017, she worked as a PhD candidate at the department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology of the University Medical Center Groningen. Her PhD-project focused on developing and validating prescribing quality indicators to assess the quality of chronic kidney disease and diabetes type 2 care.

Since October 2017, she works as a postdoctoral researcher at the department of Quality and Safety of Oral Health Care at the Radboud university medical center. Her work is focused on quality indicators for assessing quality of oral health care, as well as finding links between nutritional aspects and oral health and patient perceptions of integrated health care.

