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# Curriculum Vitae

Sjoerd Marten van Belkum (1986) was born in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, and grew up in the small town of Wergea. He received his secondary education at *'het Stedelijk Gymnasium'*, a grammar school with Latin and Greek. He took his exams in the fields *'Natuur en Techniek'* and *'Natuur en Gezondheid'* with Greek and History as additional courses.

Sjoerd van Belkum chose to study Medicine at the University of Groningen. Additionally he took some courses in Philosophy. During his study he became chairman of the Groningen board of the IFMSA, the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations. He did his clinical rotations in the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG), in the Medical Center Leeuwarden (MCL), and in the Martini Hospital. His master thesis he wrote on consumerism within market driven health care at the department *'Expertisecentrum Ethiek in de Zorg'* of the UMCG.

After obtaining his medical degree in 2011 he worked as a psychiatric resident at the department of psychiatry of the UMCG. In 2012 he started his training at this hospital to become a psychiatrist. He combined his clinical work with the scientific research described in this PhD thesis. During his training he became chairman of the board of the "SAP", the Dutch association for psychiatric trainees, part of the Netherlands Psychiatric Association (NVvP). He intends to finish his psychiatric training in 2019 and to continue his research on neuromodulation and depression.

In his spare time he enjoys doing watersports, mainly rowing and sailing, but he also enjoys running and cycling. He is an avid photographer and a keen reader. Sjoerd van Belkum is married to Wietske Rienstra. Recently their daughter, Brechtje, was born (2018).