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Monica Laura Joustra was born on 29 October 1991 in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands. She graduated from pre-university education (VWO) in 2010 at the Stellingwerf College in Oosterwolde. In the same year she started her study Medicine at the University of Groningen. In 2015 she started her MD/PhD trajectory at the Interdisciplinary Center Psychopathology and Emotion Regulation (ICPE) of the University Medical Center of Groningen (UMCG) under the supervision of Judith Rosmalen, Stephan Bakker and Karin Janssens. Her PhD project aimed to investigate the validity of functional somatic syndrome diagnoses, and to examine to which degree these diagnoses are able to identify separate groups of patients in the context of the lumpers-splitter discussion. At the ICPE she was involved in teaching and supervising medical and PhD students. She presented her research at various national and international conferences. In 2017 she graduated after her final internship at the emergency department and the department of internal medicine at the Hospital location Wilhelmina in Assen. After finishing her MD/PhD trajectory in 2018, Monica started to work as medical doctor at the department of internal medicine at the Hospital location Scheper in Emmen.