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Current position

2005-Present

Medical Physicist Radiotherapy

Clinical expertise:

Adaptive radiotherapy and image guided radiotherapy for both photon and proton therapy

Research subjects:

- Radiomics / Image biomarkers for improved prediction of treatment outcome after radiotherapy (both tumor related outcomes and complications).
- Development and implementation of deep learning methods in radiation oncology.

Education

2001-2005

Training for Medical Physicist Radiation Oncology, Department of Radiation Oncology, University Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands.

1993-1997

PhD. Biophysics, Faculty of Applied Physics, University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands.

Thesis: Towards Chemical Imaging of Living Cells: Design and Application of a Confocal Raman Microscope.

Promotor: Prof. J. Greve.

1987-1993

M. Sc. Applied Physics, University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands.

Employment

1997-2001

Postdoc, Applied Physics, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

Development of laser-based techniques for characterization of supersonic nozzle flows.

Memberships

Full member of the European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO)

Full member of the Dutch Society of Medical Physicist (NVKF)

Full member of the Dutch Society of Radiotherapy and Oncology (NVRO)

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Deep learning-based outcome prediction using PET/CT and automatically predicted probability maps of primary tumor in patients with oropharyngeal cancer**
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6. **Validation of the ¹⁸F-FDG PET image biomarker model predicting late xerostomia after head and neck cancer radiotherapy**
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7. **Head and neck cancer predictive risk estimator to determine control and therapeutic outcomes of radiotherapy (HNC-PREDICTOR): development, international multi-institutional validation, and web implementation of clinic-ready model-based risk stratification for head and neck cancer**
van Dijk, L. V., Mohamed, A. S. R., Ahmed, S., Nipu, N., Marai, G. E., Wahid, K., Sijtsema, N. M., Gunn, B., Garden, A. S., Moreno, A., Hope, A. J., Langendijk, J. A. & Fuller, C. D., Jan-2023, In: *European Journal of Cancer*. 178, p. 150-161 12 p.
8. **Deep learning aided oropharyngeal cancer segmentation with adaptive thresholding for predicted tumor probability in FDG PET and CT images**
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9. **Daily dose evaluation based on corrected CBCTs for breast cancer patients: accuracy of dose and complication risk assessment**
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16. **External validation of nodal failure prediction models including radiomics in head and neck cancer**
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