

Curriculum Vitae

Annechien Beumer was born in Schiedam, The Netherlands, on August 18, 1968.

After finishing high school education at Stedelijk Gymnasium, Schiedam, she started a one year course in Dutch Law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), because of the *numerus fixus* for medical study places in The Netherlands.

Medical study was pursued at the same university, with a Master's thesis on the sensitivity of *Plasmodium Falciparum* to chloroquine, in Mankya (Cameroon).

After completing medical study, in 1994, she worked as a Research Fellow at the Department of Orthopaedics of the Erasmus University Rotterdam for one year (1995), supervised by B.A. Swierstra MD, Ph.D., and as a registrar in general surgery at the Sint Clara Hospital in Rotterdam (1996 - 1997), under the supervision of T.I.Yo. M.D., Ph.D.

The basis for this current thesis was laid during her orthopaedic specialisation (1998-2002) at the University Hospital Rotterdam, supervised by Professor J.A.N. Verhaar, including six months training in the Reinier de Graaff Hospital, Delft (Head of Department: R te Slaa, M.D., Ph.D.).

During her orthopaedic training, Annechien also developed interest in hand surgery and traumatology, which resulted in a fellowship in Orthopaedic Traumatology, with an emphasis on hand surgery, at the Trauma Unit of the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000 (Head of Department: Prof. C. Court Brown).

Shortly after her qualification as Orthopaedic Surgeon in 2002, her interest in hand surgery developed further by a research fellowship at the International Center for Orthopaedic Advancement, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Johns Hopkins University-Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, MD, USA (Heads of Department: Professor S.M Belkoff and late Professor J. Wenz).

Since 2003, Annechien has worked as an orthopaedic surgeon in The Netherlands, with several shorter periods abroad, further to develop her skills in hand surgery.

In 2005, she joined the Upper Limb Unit of the Sint Maartenskliniek in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. She has been awarded the travelling fellowship of the European Society of Foot and Ankle Surgery, in 2005, and the travelling fellowship of the Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand, in 2006.