

CURRICULUM VITAE

Cecile Janssens was born on June 15, 1968 in Oisterwijk. She graduated from secondary school at the Maurick College in Vught in 1986 and obtained a bachelor's degree in economics at the Hogeschool 's Hertogenbosch (HEAO) in 1989. She continued her education in economics at the Erasmus University, but switched her interest to psychology. She obtained her master's degree in clinical and health psychology at the Utrecht University in 1996. As part of her training, she conducted a research traineeship at SRI International, Menlo Park (USA) on cognitive function in elderly twins (supervisors dr Dorit Carmelli and dr Gary Swan). From 1996 to 1997, she worked at the Netherlands Institute for Primary Health Care (NIVEL) where she conducted a state of the art study on psychosocial aspects of prenatal screening and diagnosis (supervisor: prof dr Jozien Bensing). In 1998, she started the studies on perception of prognostic risk in multiple sclerosis described in this thesis at the department of Neurology (former head: prof dr Frans van der Meché) and the department of Medical Psychology and Psychotherapy (head: prof dr Jan Passchier). For this project, she visited prof dr Baruch Fischhoff at Carnegie Mellon University, department of Social and Decision Sciences in Pittsburgh (USA; September to December 2000). In 2001, she obtained a master's degree in epidemiology at the Netherlands Institute of Health Sciences (nihes). Since October 2002, she has been appointed as a postdoc at the Center for Clinical Decision Sciences (head: prof dr Dik Habbema), department of Public Health, Erasmus MC, working on methodological issues in the evaluation of sequential diagnostic tests.