Doctors Orders

This thesis is about the organisation of specialists' day to day work in Dutch hospitals. What is the nature of work in patient care in different specialities? What do specialists negotiate? What jurisdiction do they claim?

The information collected in this study was obtained from day to day work as directly as possible: the author observed specialists and asked them for their opinions and experiences, both in interviews and in a national survey. The study presents a picture of specialists' work from within.

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