

About the author

Mariëlle Pijnenburg was born in Tilburg on February 2nd, 1967. From 1979 to 1985 she attended Sint Odulphus Lyceum in Tilburg, and passed her exam (Gymnasium B) in 1985. In the same year, she started her medical training at Maastricht University (1985-1992). After obtaining her medical degree, she worked as a resident in Internal Medicine (AGNIO) in Helmond (Elkerliek Ziekenhuis, head Dr. A. Kerremans). Then she switched to Paediatrics, first working as a resident in Heerlen (Atrium Medisch Centrum Parkstad, head Dr. P. Theunissen) and next in Groningen (Beatrix Children's Hospital, head Prof. H. Heijmans/ Prof. P. Sauer), where she started her training as a paediatrician in 1995. From 1995 to 1997 she followed her specialist training in Medisch Spectrum Twente (head R. Tummers). She has warmest feelings about the three very useful months she spent in the Tygerberg Hospital, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, at the department of Paediatric Infectious Diseases under supervision of Prof. Mark Cotton. She finished paediatric training in Groningen in July 1999. The Rotterdam 'chapter' starts in 1999 with training as a fellow in paediatric pulmonology at the Sophia Children's University Hospital, under the supervision of Prof. Johan de Jongste. The Dutch Asthma Fund funded this fellowship. It was during this clinical fellowship that she started the research culminating in this thesis. An additional grant from the Foundation Sophia Children's Hospital Fund and the Kröger Foundation, made it possible to finish this research. Since 2004 she is staff member of the department of Paediatrics/ Paediatric Pulmonology in the Erasmus MC - Sophia Children's Hospital. She is married to Fred Koene, who is a database administrator, and together they are very happy with their two beautiful, little boys, Stijn (2002) and Job (2004).

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