

## Curriculum vitae

The author of this thesis was born the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1965 in Aalst-Waalre, the Netherlands. After he graduated from the Gymnasium at the Menso Alting College in Hoogeveen in 1984, he started Medical School at the University of Utrecht in 1985. In 1994 he obtained his Medical Degree. From 1994 until 1996 he fulfilled his military service in the Dutch army as a medical resident in the Tjongerschans hospital in Heerenveen. Experience in research was acquired by working as a research physician for the 'Stichting Cardiologische Research' in Rotterdam. This was followed by a residency Cardiology at the University Medical Centre St Radboud in Nijmegen. In January 1998 he started his training in paediatrics at the Catharina Ziekenhuis in Eindhoven under supervision of dr. Waelkens. From 2000 on, he has been working at the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital of the University Medical Centre Utrecht under supervision of prof. dr. J.J. Kimpen. A fellowship in pediatric intensive care under supervision of prof. dr. A.J. van Vught was started January 2003 and finished June 2005. Currently he is working as a member of staff of the pediatric intensive care of the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital.

During his medical training, the author of this thesis became increasingly interested in evidence based medicine and epidemiology. This resulted in a Master's degree of the Erasmus University Rotterdam in Clinical Epidemiology in August 2005. Furthermore, he has been involved in the design and development of several software applications for the pediatric and neonatal intensive care unit and hospital pharmacy.