

CURRICULUM VITAE
Robert J Damstra, MD PhD

Professional work:

Dermatologist Nij Smellinghe Hospital, Drachten. The Netherlands
Expert centre of lympho-vascular medicine

Education

1979-1988: Medicine, University of Utrecht
1988-1992: specialisation dermatology (Prof. Dr. WA van Vloten, University hospital Utrecht)
2005-2009: PhD (Prof. Dr. PM Steijlen, University hospital Maastricht, NL): “diagnostic and therapeutical aspects of lymphedema”
1992- : Dermatologist Nij Smellinghe hospital, Drachten. Dept. Dermatology, phlebology and lympho-vascular medicine

Memberships

Dutch academy of dermatology and venereology (NVDV)
Dutch society of medical specialists (OMS)
Dutch college of Phlebology (DCoP)
International society of lymphology (ISL)
European group of lymphology (GEL)
International Compression Club (ICC)

Professional activities

1995-2002 : secretary Concillium Dermatologicum et Venereologicum of the NVDV
2001- : chairman Dutch Lymphology Centre, Drachten (SLCN)
2000-2004 : chairman Dutch 1st working group on lymphedema, Dutch Institute for Healthcare Improvement CBO, Utrecht
2010-2014: chairman Dutch working group for the 2nd guideline on lymphedema in NL
2010-2014: chairman Dutch working group for the 1st guideline on lipedema in NL
2020 - : chairman Dutch working group for the 3th guideline on lymphedema in NL
2003- 2014: Member committee on phlebology and lymphology NVDV

2000-2005: founder and chairman teledermatological Teleconsultation Centre of the Netherlands (TCCN)
2004- 2011: representative Dutch academy of dermatology in the Dutch governmental ICT working group
2005-2007 : founder and president Dutch Lymphedema Network (NLNet, www.lymfoedeem.nl)
2007- 2019 : chairman medical advisory committee NLNet
2006- : member editorial board “ journal of lymphoedema”
2005- : member international editorial board for the European Wound Management Association (EWMA)
2005- 2018: participant International Lymphedema framework Project (ILF)
2009- 2018: member advisory board ILF
2008- 2014: Member working group Lymphedema and lymphatic disorders International Union of Phlebology (UIP)
1998-2006: Treasurer board medical staff Nij Smellinghe hospital
2011- 2017: Treasurer board medical staff Nij Smellinghe hospital
2016 - : chair Paediatric and Primary Lymphoma working group of the European reference Network (ERN) “rare multisystemic vascular diseases”. (See www.varscern.eu)
2018 - : Medical manager Nij Smellinghe hospital

Teaching

Registrars in dermatology (NVDV): Module “lymphedema” (2006 / 2011 / 2014)
Dutch paramedical institute (NPI): courses on lipedema and lymphedema
University of Antwerp Belgium (www.oedema.be): primary lymphedema and compression (2015)
Several postgraduate courses / congresses (SLCN)

Awards:

2003: Leo dermatology award from the Dutch academy
2003: Electronic highway Platform Netherlands (EPN): telemedicine award for dermatological teleconsultation system (TCCN)
2004: spider award (NITEL): “Teledermatology: best ICT project in e-health in the Netherlands
2009: International lymphedema framework (ILF) award (for excellence in lymphoedema practice)
2019: Honorary member Dutch Lymphedema network (NLNet)