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Curriculum Vitae

The author of this thesis, Milou Dieuwertje Bekker, was born on July the 26th, 1983, in Bergen op Zoom, the Netherlands. In this town, she grew up with her two older sisters and brother. After graduation in 2001 from secondary school at the 'Regionale Scholengemeenschap 't Rijks' in Bergen op Zoom, she started training at the Medical Faculty of the University of Leiden. She joined the student society 'Leidse Studenten Vereniging Minerva' and was actively engaged in several committees and social activities. During the years at University, she worked as a nurse at the Intensive Care of the department of thoracic surgery and later as an allocation coordinator at the Eurotransplant International Foundation in Leiden. As a student, she conducted research for the Female Cancer Programme in Paramaribo, Surinam (Prof. Dr. A.A.W. Peters) in 2006, where she learned the 'no spang' way of life. After her two-year internships she was convinced that she wanted to become an urologist.

In 2008, she obtained her medical degree and started working as a resident not in training (ANIOS) at the department of urology of the Leiden University Medical Center (former head: Prof. J. Zwartendijk). During this period she conducted research on sexual function in patients with bladder cancer with Dr. M.N.M. van der Aa and Dr. H.W. Elzevier. This project brought a lot of inspiration and in addition to the period of residency she was offered a position as a research fellow for two years. Her research involved female sexual function in relation to urinary incontinence and was presented at national and international meetings and rewarded with several honors and funding. The results of this research are presented in the current thesis.

In January 2011 she started her residency in general surgery at the MC Haaglanden in The Hague (Mentor: Dr. J.C.A. de Mol van Otterloo). Her urological training will start in 2013 in the Leiden region; the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC) (head: Prof. R.C.M. Pelger and mentor: Prof. A.A.B. Lycklama à Nijeholt) and the Haga Hospital (mentor: Drs. F.M.J.A. Froeling).

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List of abbreviations

CPP	chronic pelvic pain
CRL	crown-rump length
DNC	dorsal nerve of the clitoris
FSD	female sexual dysfunction
IHP	inferior hypogastric plexus
IPR	ischiopubic ramus
LUTS	lower urinary tract symptoms
NO	nitric oxide
OAB	overactive bladder
PN	pudendal nerve
QoL	quality of life
SA	sexual abuse
SUI	stress urinary incontinence
TOT	transobturator tape ('outside-in')
TVT	tensionfree vaginal tape
TVT-O	tensionfree vaginal tape obturator ('inside-out')
UI	urinary incontinence
UUI	urge urinary incontinence
3D	three-dimensional