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Carmen Vleggeert-Lankamp was born in Ootmarsum, the Netherlands on the 22nd of September 1969. In 1987 she obtained not only her VWO diploma at the Twentsch Carmel Lyceum in Oldenzaal, but also a degree at the Millinery school, which she had attended during the evening hours. Subsequently she started to study both pharmacy and medicine at the University of Utrecht.

During her student years she was active as a student-researcher in the fields of experimental neurology and experimental cardiology. Besides that she was engaged in politics; she was elected to the University Board as a student member and subsequently co-opted to the National Student Council, in which she conferred on a regular base with the Secretary of Education.

In 1993 she obtained her Masters in Pharmacy and in 1995 her Pharmaceutical degree (registered pharmacist). In 1996 she received her Masters degree in Medicine and her Medical degree (MD) in 1998. In 1997 she went to Zimbabwe for three months to fulfill her gynaecological internship at the Bulawayo Central Hospital.

In 1998 she joined the Department of Neurosurgery of the Leiden University Medical Centre (chairman: Prof. dr. R.T.W.M. Thomeer) as an "AGIKO". During the first years she performed research in the field of peripheral nerve regeneration at the Neuroregulation Group of Prof. dr. E. Marani; the present thesis is the result of these studies. In August 2000 she started her training in Neurosurgery, which will be completed at 31st of December 2006. During her training to be a neurosurgeon she worked for one year at the Neurosurgical Department of the Medisch Centrum Haaglanden, The Hague (chairman: dr. H. Wurzer) and for one year at the Department of Neurology of the LUMC (chairman: Prof. dr. R. Roos). After finishing her residency she will join the staff at the Neurosurgery Department of the Leiden University Medical Centre.

Carmen is married to Frans Vleggeert and they have three children: Casper, Josephine and Lennard.