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CURRICULUM VITAE

Willem Cornelis Peul was born on October 20, 1963 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He obtained his Athenaeum diploma at the Marnix College in Rotterdam in June 1983. In august 1983 he entered Medical School at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam and received his Medical Doctor degree in july 1989. During the following 2.5 years he subsequently worked at the departments of Neurosurgery of AZR Dijkzigt, Rotterdam, and AMC, Amsterdam, as a medical doctor. In Rotterdam his epidemiological interest for spine surgery related research started during medical training, under the supervision of professor Reinder Braakman.

In February 1992 he began his training as a resident in Neurosurgery at the Westeinde Hospital in The Hague (Chairman: Hans Wurzer). In 1994 at the same hospital he was for one year trained in Neurology (Chairman: Joseph Tans) and in 1995 in General Surgery (Chairman: Bob Koumans). From 1996 until 1997 he worked as a resident at the Neurosurgical Department of the Leiden University Medical Center (Chairman: professor Raph Thomeer) where his interest in spine surgery and related research was intensified. In February 1998 he finished his residency program as a neurosurgeon in The Hague.

He subsequently started working as a Neurosurgeon at the Leiden University Medical Center. From that time on the research questions and design of the protocol for the presented thesis started, a NWO (ZonMW) grant was successfully pursued for the present study and an epidemiological training was followed at the EMGO institute (Chairman; professor Lex Bouter) of the VU Medical Center Amsterdam, practical supervision (professor Bart Koes) and finished successfully with a Master of Epidemiology degree in April 2005. Subsequently he became a member of the editorial board of Cochrane Back Review group and participated as a post-graduate trainer in spinal surgery for the European Association of Neurological Surgeons (EANS). Since september 2004 he works as a Neurosurgeon in the Medical Center The Hague and is principal investigator of the Leiden-The Hague Spine-Intervention-Prognostic-Study (SIPS) Group of the department of Neurosurgery at the Leiden University Medical Center.

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