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CURRICULUM VITAE

Annelotte van Bommel was born on November 17, 1986 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. In 2005 she graduated from Erasmiaans Gymnasium, Rotterdam. She went to medical school at Utrecht University. Her passion for traveling through Africa was realized in 2009, when she was able to go to Malawi with a good friend for a rotation in gynecology at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre and the Holy Family Mission Hospital in Phalombe.

With a special interest in plastic surgery, she wrote her first case report under the supervision of dr. P.P.A. Schellekens, University Medical Center, Utrecht. She continued with various research projects at Birmingham Children's Hospital, United Kingdom, under the supervision of dr. A. Jester (plastic and hand surgeon).

Annelotte graduated from medical school in 2012. After a short period as resident not in training at the department of surgery of the Diaconessenhuis Utrecht (dr. T. van Dalen), she embarked on a new phase; her PhD research that led to this thesis at the Leiden University Medical Center. Under the supervision of prof. dr. R.A.E.M. Tollenaar (surgeon at Leiden University Medical Center), dr. T. van Dalen and prof. dr. M.A.M. Mureau (plastic surgeon at Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam), she combined scientific research using the data of the NABON Breast Cancer Audit (NBCA) with coordination of the NBCA and several other national audits initiated by the Dutch Institute for Clinical Auditing (DICA).

One step further in measuring quality of care was defining the outcomes that matter most to patients, a step so logical, but until that moment not yet taken. In 2014, Annelotte had the opportunity to work as a project leader at the International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) in Boston, United States of America. She developed the Advanced Prostate Cancer and Lung Cancer standard sets and she counseled the Breast Cancer and Colorectal Cancer standard sets. The drive to inform other young clinicians about Value Based Healthcare led to the organization of a two-day masterclass.

Returning to the Netherlands at DICA, Annelotte trained with four colleagues (close friends now) to cycle 1,400 kilometers across the Alps from Italy to Rotterdam in the Tour for Life in 2015 to raise money for cancer research.

In 2016, Annelotte started her postgraduate training in plastic surgery with two years of general surgical training at the Diakonessenhuis Utrecht. Continuation of her training in plastic surgery followed at the plastic and reconstructive surgery department of the University Medical Center in Utrecht.

She is able to stay involved with measuring and improving quality of care by participating in the scientific committee of the Dutch Breast Implant Registry. Also, together with five other trainees, she continues to organize conferences for the non-profit foundation "Kortjakje".

Currently, she is working as a trainee in plastic surgery at the plastic and reconstructive surgery department of the St. Antonius Hospital in Nieuwegein.

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