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### **Curriculum Vitae**



## CURRICULUM VITAE

Joanne Verweij was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1984 nearby Thohoyandou, in a little village called Vhufuli in South Africa. The first years of her life she grew up in South Africa, Lesotho and Zimbabwe where her parents were working in several local hospitals. The family moved to the Netherlands, and she finished primary school in Maarn. In 2002 she graduated from secondary school (VWO) at the Revis Lyceum in Doorn. A year later she started medical school at the Leiden University.

During her studies she worked as an assistant (Joshua's) at the Intensive Care Unit of the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). She went to Derby – Western Australia for an internship at Derby Hospital and The Royal Flying Doctors Services. In Derby she saw her first labour. This was the moment the interest in Obstetrics and Gynaecology started. She became really enthusiastic about the profession during her internship in the Medical Center Haaglanden. After graduating in 2009 with honour (cum laude), she worked as a physician at the Medical Center Haaglanden and at the LUMC.

In 2011 prof. dr. D. Oepkes gave her the opportunity to start her research on the non-invasive prenatal test as a research fellow at the LUMC. Several studies were started on the implementation of NIPT in the Netherlands. In 2012 she started her residency training in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the Reinier de Graaf Hospital (mentor: dr. H.A. Bremer). In 2013 she started at the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the LUMC, Leiden (Head of Department: prof. dr. J.M.M. van Lith).



