



Annemieke J. Lem

Annemieke Lem was born in Hengelo, the Netherlands, on September 14th 1982. She passed her secondary school exam (gymnasium) at the Openbare Scholengemeenschap Bataafse Kamp in Hengelo in 2000. At age 17, she packed her belongings and relocated to Rotterdam to start a life as a medical student at the Erasmus University.

She finished the theoretical part of her medical training in 2005, after graduate research at the Transplant/Renal unit of the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. After five months, she left South Africa with good study results and a boyfriend. Arjan van Oosterhout is now her fiancé.

In 2007, Annemieke conducted a pediatric internship at the considerably remote St. Joseph's Hospital in Nguludi, Malawi. During her final elective internship she became involved in a research project at the department of Neonatology/Gynecology of the OLVG hospital, Amsterdam. She obtained her medical degree in November 2007, upon which she started working as a pediatric resident (ANIOS) at the Zaans Medisch Centrum, Zaandam.

In June 2008 Annemieke started working on a clinical research project (SGA-study) at the Dutch Growth Research Foundation and the department of Pediatric Endocrinology of the Erasmus MC - Sophia Children's Hospital, Rotterdam (supervisor Prof. A.C.S. Hokken-Koelega). The research project has resulted in this thesis.

Annemieke now works as a pediatric resident at the Sophia Children's Hospital (head Prof. A.J. van der Heijden). In January 2013 she will start her pediatric specialization at the Emma Children's Hospital, AMC, Amsterdam (head Prof. J.B. van Goudoever).

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