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Robert Alexander Hakvoort was born on the 31st of march 1972 in Vorden (The Netherlands) as the youngest son of Maria Antonia Johanna Hakvoort-Aarnink and Gerardus Antonius Johannes Hakvoort. He graduated from high school in 1991 (Baudartius college, Zutphen) after which,



by drawing lots, he was excluded several times from medical school. In these years he worked and he studied chemical technology at Wageningen University. He received a bachelor's degree in this field after which he was finally admitted to medical school at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam in 1993. In his internship obstetrics and avnaecology in the Spaarne Hospital in Haarlem he became interested in this field. After receiving his medical degree in 2000 he worked as a house officer in obstetrics and gynaecology in the Spaarne Hospital for 2 years. Here he finalised his first randomised trial about incomplete voiding after vaginal prolapse surgery. This manuscript is now part of this thesis. In 2002 he started his training in obstetrics and gynaecology at the Medical Center Alkmaar and subsequently at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam. In this period he became president of the Dutch society of trainees in obstetrics and gynaecology and member of the board of the Dutch society of obstetrics and gynaecology. In 2006, he returned to the Spaarne Hospital in Hoofddorp to complete his training. Here, he initiated more studies about incomplete voiding after vaginal prolapse surgery. Since 2007 he is working in the Spaarne Hospital as a staff consultant gynaecologist. In this period he became member of the organising committee of the Dutch gynaecological surgery congress (COBRA), member of the public relations committee of the international urogynaecology association (IUGA) and secretary of the Dutch society of obstetrics and gynaecology. In 2011 he was registered as a subspecialist urogynaecology. The author lives in Haarlem, the Netherlands, with his wife Kirsten Stuurman, his daughter Guusie and his two sons Reinier and Gijs.