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Born on April 11th, 1935, Groningen, the Netherlands.

Medical education at the Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands, started in September 1st, 1954.

Assistant teacher for anatomy for medical students at the Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht, September 1956 to June 1959.

Final examination medical education at the Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands; May 18th, 1962.

Married with Johanna Augusta Nolle. in 's Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, June 20th, 1962.

Teacher at the School for Medical Officers, Royal Army of the Netherlands, July 1st, 1962 to July 1st, 1963.

Senior House Officer at the Department of Radiology, Military Hospital 'dr A. Matthijssen', Utrecht, July 1st, 1963 to December 1st, 1964.

Senior House Officer at the Department of Internal Medicine, Utrecht University Hospital, December 1st, 1964 to January 1st, 1969.

Member Research of the 'Research Group for Metabolic Bone Diseases', Utrecht University Hospital, March 1st, 1965, head of the Research Group, July 1st, 1970 to December 1st, 1994.

Registered as Specialist Internal Medicine, January 1st, 1969.

Chef de Clinique at the department of Internal Medicine, Utrecht University Hospital, January 1st, 1969 to July 1st, 1970.

Consultant at the Foundation for Home Dialyses, Utrecht, January 1st, 1969 to January 1st, 1970.

Chef de Policlinique at the department of Internal Medicine, Utrecht University Hospital, July 1st, 1970 to July 1st, 1972.

Thesis at the Utrecht University, June 1st, 1971; subject 'Metabolic bone disease in patients with impaired renal function'.

Medical Adviser of the Life Assurance Company 'Fortis', May 1st, 1972 to April 1st, 2000.

Professor of Internal Medicine, Utrecht University, July 1st, 1972 to August 1st, 1991.

Member of the editorial board of the 'Folia Medica Neerlandica', September 1st, 1972 to September 1st, 1975.

Board member of the College of General Practitioners, September 1st, 1972 to September 1st, 1976.

Chairman of the Committee for Continuing Medical Education for the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Wellbeing, Health Care and Environmental Hygiene, July 1st, 1975 to July 1st, 1982.

Board member of the Rehabilitation Hospital 'de Hooghstraat', Utrecht, May 1st, 1988 to December 1st, 1995.

Manager in chief for the integration of the Military Hospital 'dr A. Matthijssen' and the Utrecht University Hospital, April 1st, 1989 to June 1st, 1992.

Vice-chairman of the Organising Committee and chairman of the Scientific Committee of the 16th International Congress of Life Assurance Medicine, the Hague, 21-25 May 1989.

Initiator and chairman of the Dutch National 'Osteoporosis Foundation', January 1st, 1991 to October 1st, 1997.

Professor of Clinical Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, Utrecht University, August 1st, 1991 to April 1st, 2000.

Head of the Department of Geriatric Medicine, Utrecht University Hospital, July 1st, 1992 to January 1st, 1999.

Inaugural lecture at the Utrecht University, September 18th, 1992; title 'How do you want to grow old?'

Head for the specialist training for geriatric medicine, Utrecht University Hospital, July 1st, 1992 to January 1st, 1999.

Member of the editorial board of the international geriatric medicine journal 'Reviews in Clinical Gerontology', since October 1st, 1992.

Chairman of the national 'Foundation for Health for Older People', January 1st, 1993 to June 6th, 2000.

Member of the Group of European Professors in Medical Gerontology, January 28th, 1993 to June 28th, 2002.

Registered as Specialist Geriatric Medicine, March 5th, 1993.

'First Category Award' of the Scientific Committee FISO and Sandoz Pharma Ltd, for clinical and laboratory research and the contribution to the understanding of osteoporosis, Hong Kong, March 27th, 1993.

'Cross of Honour of the Family Order of Orange', the private order of the Dutch royal family, May 2nd, 1995.

Member of the executive board of the European Academy for Medicine of Ageing, for training teachers in geriatric medicine, December 10th, 1993 to June 28th 2002.

Member of the International Advisory Board of the international geriatric medicine journal 'Age and Ageing', since August 1st, 1994.

Member of the Concilium Geriatricum for specialist training in geriatric medicine in the Netherlands, October 3rd, 1994 to December 7th, 1998; chairman of the Concilium Geriatricum, February 19th, 1996 to December 7th, 1998.

Member of the Scientific Committee of the IIIrd European Congress of the International Association for Gerontology, Amsterdam, August 29th to September 2nd, 1995.

Member of the Local Organising Committee of the Worldcongress on Osteoporosis, Amsterdam, May 18th to 23rd 1996.

President of the Geriatric Medicine Section of the European Union of Medical Specialists for specialist training in geriatric medicine, March 22nd, 1997 to May 5th, 2002.

'Honorary Chairman' of the Dutch Osteoporosis Foundation, October 1st, 1997.

Member of the Academic Senate of the Gerontological Economic Research Organisation, October 17th, 1998, to June th, 2002.

'Knight of the Dutch Lion', a Dutch national order, April 1st, 2000.

Specialist geriatric medicine Utrecht University Hospital, University Medical Center, since April 1st, 2000.

'Honorary Member' of the Dutch Society for Geriatric Medicine, October 29th, 2000.

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Member of the board of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society, November 22nd, 2000 to April th , 2002.

Member of the executive board of the Middle East Academy for Medicine of Ageing, for training teachers in geriatric medicine, from November 1th, 2001 to July 11th, 2005 and advisor of the board since July 11th, 2005 July.

Advisor to the editorial board of the Middle Eastern Journal of Age and Ageing, since November 12 th, 2003.

Advisor of the board of the European Nursing Academy for Care of Older People, since June 10 th 2004.

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‘Cross of Honour of the House Order of Orange’, the private order of the Dutch royal family for special services to the royal family, May 2nd, 1995.

‘Honorary Chairman’ of the Dutch Osteoporosis Foundation as the initiator, founder and first president of the foundation, October 1st, 1997.

‘Knight of the Dutch Lion’, a Dutch governmental and royal order for special achievement of national importance, April 1st, 2000.

‘Honorary Member’ of the Dutch Society for Geriatric Medicine for the stimulation of the development of geriatric medicine, October 29th, 2000.