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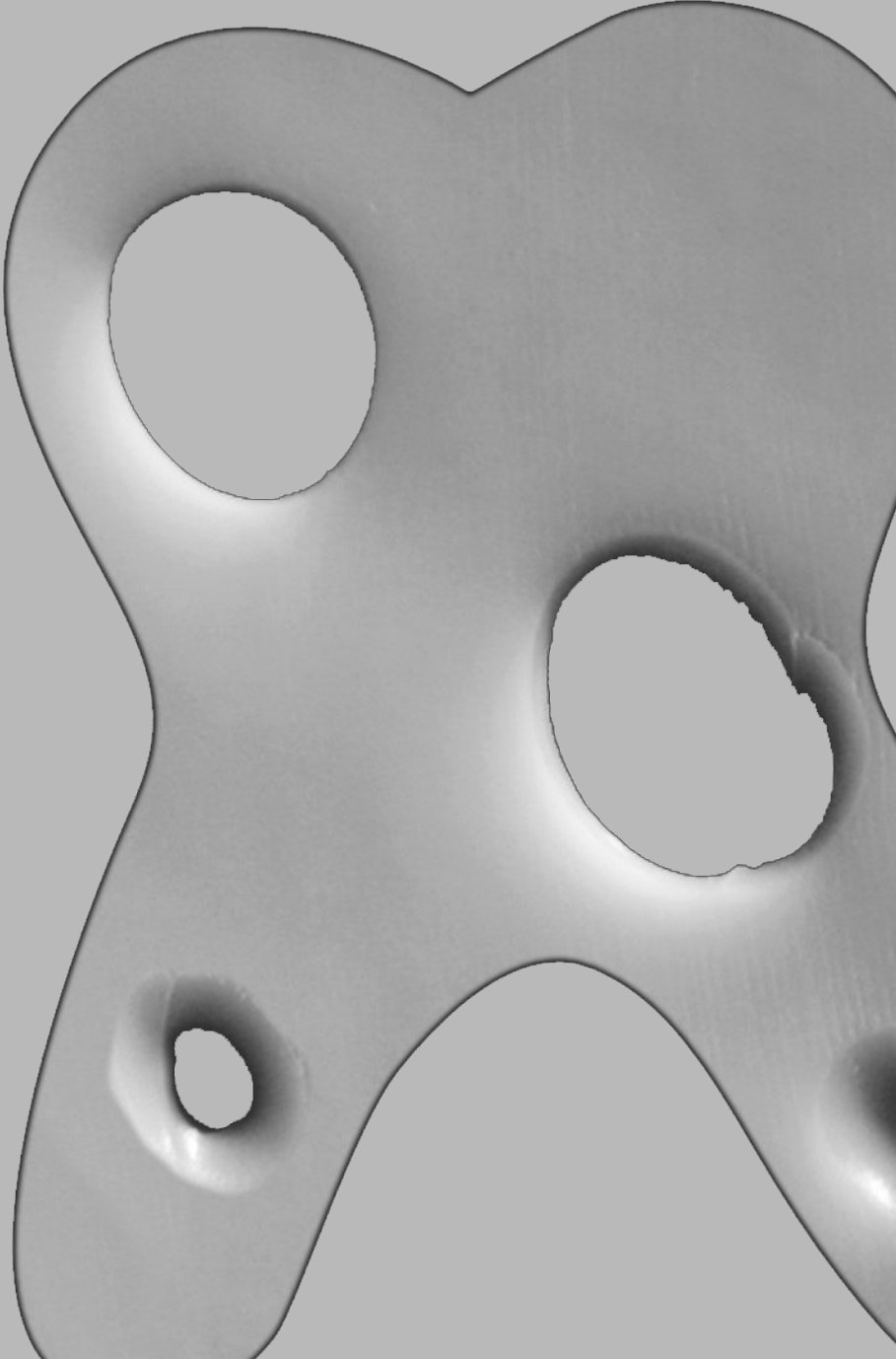
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**Curriculum Vitae**





Maria Elisabeth Christina (Marlies) Elfrink was born on the 25th of June, 1981, in Almelo, the Netherlands.

After finishing the gymnasium ('t Noordik, Almelo, the Netherlands), she started her study in dentistry in Nijmegen (Radboud University) in 1999. Her interest in paediatric dentistry started there. After receiving her dental degree in 2004, she started at ACTA with the master-program in paediatric dentistry. In 2007, she received her master's degree in paediatric dentistry.

During the master's program in paediatric dentistry, she became interested in scientific research. From 2007, she worked part-time as a PhD student at ACTA in addition to her clinical work as a dentist. Part of her PhD research was performed in Rotterdam, at the Generation R study group.

She presented her research regularly at national and international conferences. During her PhD, she won the EAPD travel award in 2008 for her research on the prevalence of Deciduous Molar Hypomineralisation (DMH) in 5-year-old Dutch children. In 2010, she received an award for the best research proposal from the Netherlands Society of Paediatrics.

In the future, she would like to combine her interest in scientific research with the clinical work of a paediatric dentist.

