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THE MOLECULAR BASIS OF EARLY ONSET CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

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Suthesh Sivapalaratnam (Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1982) first moved west in 1985, settling with his parents in Almere. His second move west was to Amsterdam, where he graduated from medical school with honours in 2008. Third came the UK: in a joint PhD research with the University of Amsterdam and Cambridge University, he studied the molecular basis of early onset cardiovascular disease. More importantly, he met his dear Brenda in London. Although his anchor still rests in Amsterdam and his residency in Internal Medicine has temporarily dispatched him eastward to Tergooiziekenhuizen Hilversum, a next leap westward already awaits him: with a farm-fresh doctorate, he will immediately cross the Atlantic to that other Cambridge, fee a postdoc at Harvard University under guidance of professor Sekar Kathiresan. When Suthesh is not moving west, or when he is not rowing, cycling or running, he is a clinical resident treating patients, or a president heading committees — leading to gala parties, career days, the ‘Nerdenbal’ for scientific outreach, and the Academic Medical Center app. Also, he may be the first PhD student to co-supervise another PhD student before obtaining his own doctorate. Wondering whether our friend ever sleeps, we look forward to new destinations on his hyperdynamic journey.

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