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1. PhD training

COURSES AND SEMINARS

General courses
The AMC World of Science 2014 0.7 ECTS
Entrepreneurship in Health and Life Sciences 2015 1.5 ECTS

Specific courses
Clinical Data Management 2014 0.3 ECTS
Qualitative Health Research 2014 1.9 ECTS
BROK (regulations and organisation for clinical investigators) 2016 1.0 ECTS

Seminars, workshops and master classes
Master class in vitro oogenesis, AMC. 2014 0.2 ECTS
Open access publishing, AMC/VUMc. 2015 0.2 ECTS
Ethical, Legal and Social Issues in ART, Geneva, Switzerland. 2015 1.3 ECTS
Valorisation, Innovation Exchange Amsterdam. 2015 0.2 ECTS
Putting your network to use, Innovation Exchange Amsterdam. 2015 0.2 ECTS
Professional performance and accountability, AMC. 2017 0.2 ECTS

PRESENTATIONS

Poster presentations of abstracts
Stem cell based therapies for non-obstructive azoospermia: key treatment characteristics according to infertile couples. European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology, Munich, Germany. 2014 0.5 ECTS
Why couples with non-obstructive azoospermia (NOA) would use artificial gametes. MD-PhD conference, Groningen, the Netherlands. (prize) 2015 0.5 ECTS
The interest of gynaecologists in potential future fertility treatments involving artificial gametes for couples with ovarian failure. European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology, Lisbon, Portugal. 2015 0.5 ECTS
The general public’s opinion on stem cell based fertility treatments: who should decide and on what? European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology, Helsinki, Finland.  


Oral presentations of abstracts

Oral presentations as invited speaker
Perspectives of infertile men on future stem cell treatments for non-obstructive azoospermia (NOA). Artificial Gametes Conference, Maastricht, the Netherlands.


Why couples with non-obstructive azoospermia (NOA) would use artificial gametes. Dutch Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Gynaecongres, Apeldoorn, the Netherlands.

Clinical implementation of stem cell based fertility treatments: biological progress and stakeholders’ perspectives. Brocher foundation, Geneva, Switzerland.


Artificial gametes. Lucerne Fertility Symposium, Lucerne, Switzerland.

Negotiating research methods for studying public perspectives on innovative technologies. Public participation in ethical, social and health policy issues of new genomic technologies, Geneva, Switzerland.

Will artificial gametes restore fertility? Best of ASRM and ESHRE, Paris, France.

Why (no) germline modification: perspective of the Dutch general public. IGO-Doelencongres. Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
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### 3. PARAMETERS OF ESTEEM

#### Grants

- Project funding for interdisciplinary research, Young Academy, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences  
  - 2015
- PhD grant, Parkes Foundation, Cambridge University  
  - 2016
- Project funding for interdisciplinary research, Young Academy, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences  
  - 2016

#### Awards and Prizes

- MD-PhD scholarship  
  - 2013
- Best poster prize: MD-PhD conference, Groningen  
  - 2015
- Visiting scholar at Brocher Foundation, Geneva  
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Mom. My love is with you, always.
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Saskia Hendriks was born on the 18th of November, 1991 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She is the only child of Jan Hendriks and Nanneke Lammers and has two half-brothers: Luuk and Boris Tjen. Saskia grew up in the centre of Amsterdam and obtained her high school diploma at the Montessori Lyceum Amsterdam in 2009.

Saskia attended Amsterdam University College, where she followed a Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum with a major in biomedical sciences and a minor in Health and International Relations. In 2012, her thesis “future treatment options for non-obstructive azoosperma” was awarded with distinction and she obtained her Bachelor of Science summa cum laude.

Saskia enrolled in medical school at the University of Amsterdam, where she completed the undergraduate requirements in one year, to start her Master of Science in medicine in 2013. Saskia did a senior doctor clerkship in reproductive medicine and obtained her Medical Degree in 2017.

In 2011, Saskia started a research internship with prof. dr. Sjoerd Repping at the Center for Reproductive Medicine at the Academic Medical Center of the University of Amsterdam. In 2012, she was granted the opportunity to set up a PhD-project together with prof. dr. Sjoerd Repping and dr. Eline Dancet. Aiming to contribute to the responsible clinical implementation of stem cell-based fertility treatments, the interdisciplinary nature of the project allowed for collaborations with experts in biology, communication sciences, ethics, law, medicine, psychology, and sociology.

Saskia completed her PhD whilst working on her medical degree as part of the university’s MD-PhD scholarship program. In 2015, she was invited for a six-week professional volunteership to assist in the development of fertility care guidelines and a global research agenda at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2016, she was awarded a one-month visiting scholarship at Brocher foundation, Geneva. Over the course of her PhD, Saskia’s work has been valorised by publications in top journals in the field of reproduction, thirteen invited lectures at international conferences and three research grants.

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