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Gini van Rijckevorsel was born on 20 March 1968 in Den Helder. She attended primary and secondary school in Nieuw Loosdrecht and Hilversum.

In 1987 she moved to Amsterdam, and started her study in Medicine at the University of Amsterdam, which she completed in 1995. She had developed an interest towards International Health, and after doing an elective in Kaoma District Hospital in Zambia she decided to pursue formal education in Tropical Medicine with the Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Tropische Geneeskunde en Internationale Gezondheidszorg; NVTG). As part of this training she worked respectively as a resident in: surgery at Ziekenhuis Hilversum (21 months); obstetrics and gynaecology at the Diakonessenhuis in Leiden (12 months); and paediatrics at the Juliana Ziekenhuis in Apeldoorn (5 months). After completing the Netherlands Tropical Course she received in 1998 her Diploma in Tropical Medicine.

In November 1999 she left for Africa to work as a Medical Officer (in-Charge) in a rural mission hospital, St. Joseph’s Hospital in Nguludi, Malawi. Besides curative and preventive clinical medicine, she gained extensive experience in public health, hospital management, administration and financing, drug management and medical teaching. In 2003 she returned to the Netherlands, and worked at the ‘Tropencentrum’ in the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam, and with the National Coordination Centre for Travellers Health (LCR) at the department of Infectious Diseases of the Amsterdam Public Health Service (GGD). In order to gain more training in infectious diseases and public health, she went to London in 2004 to do a Master of Science degree in Public Health for Developing Countries at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Since 2005 she is employed by the GGD Amsterdam to work for the LCR, and for the department of Infectious Diseases. In 2007 she registered as a Public Health physician for the control of infectious diseases. She shares her life with Melle Klazinga en Midas.