On the 25th of May 1984, Charlotte was born in IJsselstein. About twenty minutes later, her identical twin sister Rosa was born. After graduating at the Montessori Lyceum Amsterdam in 2002, she started her Medical studies at the University of Amsterdam. In her second year of medical school, Charlotte first encountered academic research in the group of Prof. Krediet and Dr. Machteld Zweers, where she performed dialysis experiments on uremic rats. During her medical school she did several rotations abroad, starting with nursing in Paramaribo, Suriname, followed by teaching sessions for nurses next to medical care for AIDS patients in Lusaka, Zambia, and finally rotations at the department of emergency medicine in Kansas, USA. At the end of her studies it became clear that Charlotte wanted to become a gastroenterologist, and supervised by Dr. Pieter Stokkers and Dr. Anje te Velde, she started her PhD in 2009 in translational gastroenterology. After one year, Charlotte extended her research with an exiting new field of immunology: “Innate lymphoid cells” supervised by Prof. dr. Hergen Spits and Dr. Jenny Mjöberg. Her interest and enthusiasm for this subject prompted her to continue this research next to patient care, and therefore she received an Agiko grant from the Dutch government (ZonMW). The Agiko subsidy is intended for researchers who combine their doctoral research with specialist clinical training (Agiko is the acronym for assistent geneeskundige in opleiding tot klinisch onderzoeker, or Assistant Physician in Training as a Clinical Researcher). In April 2012 she started her residency in Gastroenterology and Hepatology under the supervision of Prof. dr. Paul Fockens and Prof. dr. Ulrich Beuers. Her first year of residency took place at the department of Internal medicine at the Onze Lieve Vrouwe Gasthuis, supervised by Dr. Yves Smets. On the 25th of April 2014 she will defend her thesis, named: “Crohn’s disease: mucosal immunology and immune modulating therapy”.

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