Registers in cardiovascular epidemiology

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Soon after the formation of the Netherlands Heart Foundation (NHF) in 1965, a working group within the NHF has reported on national data about cardiovascular disease in the Netherlands. The earlier reports were based on standard tables provided by Statistics Netherlands. A landmark was reached in 1992 with the hand-over of aggregate data on hospital admissions and deaths due to cardiovascular disease to the NHF. This marked the start of the current project from which this thesis developed (grant no. 42.012). Key persons in the development of the present project were E. Dekker (medical director NHF from 1971 to 1985, W. Stiggelbout (medical director NHF from 1995 to 1993), F. Bonjer (chairman of the working group) and G. Jambroes (medical director NHF 1993 to 1996). Monitoring the progress of the project became the major task of the working group. The working group was enlarged and transformed into an advisory committee. Membership of the committee covered the whole range of relevant expertise. Below is a list of sitting and former members of the advisory committee.

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