The right ventricle under acute and chronic overload: early detection of right ventricular dysfunction
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Igor I. Tulevski was born on 26th September 1967 in Skopje, Macedonia. He attended elementary school and medical high school in the city of his birth. Considering his talent and love for sports and outdoor activities on one side and his social and trading skills on the other, his mothers was afraid that he will either become a professional basketball player or in the best case scenario a lawyer. Surprisingly, Igor chose to become a doctor. His decision was firm even after his military service where he endured physical and mental influences that might affect ones personality. Beside attending medical school Igor was running a small, but relatively successful business. His parents were uncomfortable again, they were afraid that quick money will spoil their sons noble strive to become a doctor, but fortunately, Igor kept the “right path”.

Traveling was and still is his passion; in 1992 Igor visited Amsterdam, on vacation and never left. That was good enough reason for his parents to worry again, they thought that their son finally went mad for real. Igor decided to stay in Amsterdam gave up his conformable life, his study and business and worked as a waiter in a steakhouse. His father had to come immediately in Amsterdam and perform psychiatric and parental check-up, he couldn’t find anything in his DSM IV that would match his son’s behavior, and so he decided to approve his choice. In 1993 after accomplishing his Dutch language course Igor was able to continue his medical study at the University of Amsterdam. As it has already appeared earlier, Igor thought that if everything was under control it wouldn’t go fast enough, he attended 2nd, 3rd and 4th year in one year. That was at least what he planned, but there was a certain study adviser (she is still around) who decided for him that it was “no good” (I thought that these people were supposed to make your life easier?). So he had to wait for another year before has was able to continue with his internship. Slightly disappointed in the “doe even normal, doe je gek genoeg” philosophy, Igor decided to explore his other talents, he started again his own business and also worked for an international company trading in lady’s shoes. In that period for the first time he was “exposed” to scientific research, Prof. Dr. M.J.H.M. Jacobs and Dr. D. Ubbink, infected him with the research virus and he was suffering ever since, continuing with research in Neurosurgery and finally his original choice, Cardiology. In 1998 Igor met Professor Ernst van der Wall who will become his promotor, but the leading role (concerning this research) was in the hands of his spouse and fellow cardiologist Dr. Barbara Mulder, his thesis is a result of a team (family) work. After another six months of Internal medicine in Beverwijk starting 1st of April 2003 he will be a resident at the Intensive Care unit in Alkmaar and in April 2004 finally return to Cardiology. Igor strives to become a good cardiologist and continue research.