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Curriculum vitae

Anneke M.W. Bunschoten was born in Velsen on January 4, 1944.

In 1963 she obtained her certificate, gymnasium β, at the Vossius gymnasium in Amsterdam. She studied medicine at the municipal university (nowadays the UvA) in Amsterdam where she was awarded her MD on February 11, 1971. The following day she started to specialise in internal medicine, pursuing her studies at the ‘OLVG’ hospital in Amsterdam. While on maternity leave following the birth of her second child, she decided not to return to the hospital and took up a part-time position as a well-baby clinic doctor. In 1980 she was able to begin her training in social medicine. She did her first year of training in public and occupational health care at the VU in Amsterdam. In 1982 she continued her training in youth health care at TNO PG in Leiden, where she obtained her diploma in social medicine on June 17, 1986.

From 1991-1993 she combined her part-time job as a well-baby clinic doctor with a part-time job in occupational health care and since 1993 with a job as supervisory doctor for two health care organisations, Amstelring and Amsterdam.

Since she was convinced that the work of well-baby clinic doctors was undervalued and that the possibilities for improving the quality of socio-medical care were far too limited she joined the board of the union of well-baby clinic doctors in Noord-Holland and was later appointed president of the national board of well-baby clinic doctors (LFC) (1993-1999). In this period together with other well-baby clinic doctors she tried to raise the status of well-baby clinics and improve the education and training of well-baby clinic doctors. The annual Oranjewoud conference plays an important role in this training. The nationwide study on changes in feeding methods LOVZ was a result of the first Oranjewoud conference held in 1997. Since 2000 she has been a member of several committees for youth health care, such as the van Wiechencommissie.