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Was born in 1954 in Morra Lioessens, The Netherlands, and graduated in Medicine 1978. He was a Research Fellow in pathology and experimental surgery until 1980 when he started his residency in general surgery at the Groningen University Hospital .

In 1984 he obtained his PhD with a thesis on *Bone marrow embolism and cryosurgery*. After registration as a general surgeon in 1986 he received additional training through a 2 year fellowship in surgical oncology, mainly based at the Groningen University Hospital and partly in the USA (UCLA and Memorial Sloan Kettering). From 1988 to 1995 he practiced general surgery with a focus on surgical oncology in a district hospital in Sneek.

In 1995 he returned to academic medicine as a Senior Staff Member of the department of surgical oncology in the Groningen University Hospital with a main interest in breast cancer, endocrine surgery and was appointed as Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the State University Groningen with an interest in medical education. He introduced sentinel node biopsy in 1996 and laparoscopic adrenalectomy in 1997. He has published and co authored over 60 papers mainly on breast cancer staging and cancer education.

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