Curriculum Vitae
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Personal Details

Work * University of Leuven – Faculty of Medicine - Dept Neurosciences, Experimental Otorhinolaryngology, Deglutology.
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Appointments

Since 2021

- Academic :
  - **Full Professor,** Faculty of Medicine, Dept Neurosciences, Experimental Otolaryngology, University of Leuven, Belgium. (0.8 EFT).
- Clinical :
  - **Motility consultant, Esophageal Motility Program**, Neurogastroenterology & Motility Gastroenterology, University Hospitals Leuven Belgium (0.2 EFT)
- Societal:
  - 2020-2023 **President European Society Swallowing Disorders** (ESSD)

2015 -2021

- Academic :
  - **Associate Professor,** Faculty of Medicine, Dept Neurosciences, Experimental Otolaryngology, Deglutology, University of Leuven, Belgium. (0.8 EFT).
  - 2016 onwards: **Founder and Program Director of Advanced Master of Science in Deglutology**, Faculty of Medicine (https://med.kuleuven.be/eng/deglutology)

- Clinical :
  - **Motility consultant, Esophageal Motility Program**, Neurogastroenterology & Motility Gastroenterology, University Hospitals Leuven Belgium (0.2 EFT)
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Academic Qualifications

- PhD in Medical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Leuven, Belgium, 2002
- Master in Education, University of Leuven, Belgium 1996
- Master in Speech Pathology & Audiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Leuven, Belgium 1996
- Bachelor in Speech Pathology & Audiology, University of Leuven, Belgium 1994

Teaching at University of Leuven, Belgium

1. **Programme Director of Advanced Master of Science in Deglutology, Faculty of Medicine (https://med.kuleuven.be/eng/deglutology) since 2016.**
2. **Teaching Courses in**
   a. Advanced Master Deglutology
   b. Master in Medicine
   c. Master in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (LAW)
   d. Master Dentistry & Orthodontics
3. **International student exchange coordinator, LAW**, Faculty of Medicine, University of Leuven sinds

2010.

Promotion of young researchers and clinicians

1. **Supervision of over 120 Master Thesis at the Faculty of Medicine** : Supervisor of over 100 Master projects in Deglutology, Medicine and SLP at KU Leuven since 2010. Of these students, 11 continued to a PhD, of which 5 on dysphagia.
2. **Trained over 25 international Clinical Visiting Fellows** in (adult and pediatric) dysphagia and esophageal motility disorders at the Neurogastroenterology & Motility Clinic inDept Gastreonterolgy University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium
3. **Served as Jury Member of**
    a. over 15 PhD commissions abroad (Spain, Australia, US, Ireland).
    b. over 20 Master proof defences in Medicine, Biomedical sciences and Master in Nursing at KU Leuven.
4. **Supervised 3 PhD projects in Medical Sciences**

Research

1. **Published** over 150 international peer reviewed publications, with the majority appearing in Journals ranked in the top 1-25% in GI motility, pediatrics and otorhinolaryngology. A **full publication record** and a list of **invited lectures** is electronically available on https://lirias.kuleuven.be/cv?u=U0050236
2. **Reviewer** for several SCI journals such as American Journal of Physiology, Gut, Pediatrics, Journal of Pediatrics, Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition, Neurogastroenterology & Motility, Diseases of the Esophagus, B-ENT and Dysphagia.
3. Over 60 **invited lectures at international scientific conferences** and over 100 **abstracts presented at international scientific conferences**. (list or details available on request.
4. **PhD Thesis Rommel N.** (2002). *Diagnosis of oropharyngeal disorders in children: new insights and assessment with manofluoroscopy*. Faculty of Medicine, University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium.

Leadership

1.President of ESSD (European Society Swallowing Disorders) from 2020-2023. Since 2014 Elected ESSD Board Member
2. Advisory member of the Rome foundation: Member of Pediatric Committee setting criteria on Pediatric Feeding disorders.
3. **Core member of the UEG-ESNM-ESSD Working group on esophageal and oropharyngeal dysphagia**, an international working group to develop guideline for esophageal and oropharyngeal dysphagia. (UEG: United European Gastroenterology)
4. Core member of the UEG Working group on guidelines for belching, aerophagia and rumination an international working group to develop guideline for esophageal motility disorders.
5. Core member of the International Working group on Esophageal High Resolution Manometry, an international body setting out the diagnostic criteria for esophageal motility disorders, worldwide known as the Chicago Classification.
6. Co-Chair of the International Working group on Pharyngeal High Resolution Manometry aiming to devise and implement criteria for pharyngeal high resolution manometry.
7. Member of the American Gastroenterology Association (AGA), European Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), European Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society (ESNM)