Curriculum Vitae Renée Speyer

Name Renée Speyer

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EDUCATION

I am a speech therapist / speech and language pathologist, as well as an epidemiologist and educational scientist. I obtained my PhD in 2003.

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	YEAR	FIELD OF STUDY
Maastricht University, Maastricht, NL	MSc	2010	International Health Professions Education
Netherlands Epidemiology Society, Leiden, NL	Registration in Epidemiology	2005	Epidemiology
University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL	MSc	2004	Epidemiology
Utrecht University, Utrecht, NL	PhD	2003	Medicine
University of Nijmegen, Nijmegen, NL	MSc	1990	Speech and Language Pathology
University of Nijmegen, Nijmegen, NL	Propaedeutic examination	1987	Pedagogy
University of Applied Sciences, Nijmegen, NL	Bachelor	1986	Logopedics and Audiology

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYER	TITLE	LOCATION	DURATION
University of Galway	Professor	Galway, Ireland	2024 – present
University of Oslo	Professor	Oslo, Norway	2017 – 2024
James Cook University	Associate Professor	Townsville, Australia	2012 – 2017
HAN University of Applied Sciences	Research Coordinator	Nijmegen, NL	2011 – 2012
Comprehensive Cancer Centre West	Head Cancer Registration, Research and Medical Care	Leiden, NL	2009 – 2010
Maastricht University Medical Centre	Senior Research Academic, Department of ENT / Centre for Audiology	Maastricht, NL	2003 – 2011
University Medical Centre Utrecht	Researcher and PhD student	Utrecht, NL	1997 – 2002
Canisius Wilhelmina Hospital	Speech and Language pathologist	Nijmegen, NL	1995 – 1997
Rehabilitation Centre St. Maartenskliniek	Speech and Language pathologist	Ubbergen, NL	1989 – 1992
Private practises for speech and language therapy	Head private practices	Nijmegen, NL	1986 – 2003

I have extensive experience in leading diverse groups of professionals and experts, and in working collaboratively towards common goals in both education and research. The majority of my career has required productive collaboration.

Since 2024, I have been appointed as Professor and Head of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy at the University of Galway in Ireland. Prior to this, I held a leadership role in the Master of Speech Language Pathology and the Master of Special Needs Education at the University of Oslo, where I also oversaw curriculum development for HDR education. Before that, I was Head of Speech Pathology at James Cook University, where I supervised the accreditation process of the bachelor program with the Speech Pathology Australia Council. At the HAN University of Applied Sciences (Arnhem and Nijmegen), I coordinated and guided research, teaching, curriculum development, and the establishment of several courses within the allied health professions.

At the Comprehensive Cancer Centre West in Leiden, I led a team of approximately 35 staff members primarily engaged in health education and scientific research in oncology, based on the Dutch National Cancer Registry. I was responsible for the quality of the cancer registry as well as for initiating and fostering new research. At Maastricht University Medical Centre, I shared responsibility for managing the multidisciplinary clinics for dysphagia and phoniatrics, and for supervising a team of speech-language therapists. From 1986 to 2003, I headed three private speech therapy practices.

HONORARY DEGREES AND EDITORIAL BOARDS

I hold an adjunct position at Curtin University in Australia (2016–present) and, until recently, a zero-appointment at Leiden University Medical Centre in the Netherlands (2012–2024). Previously, I was appointed as a visiting lecturer at KU Leuven in Belgium (2017–2021) and at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Spain (2016–2021), held an honorary professorship at Deakin University in Australia (2018–2019), and served as a university staff member at Maastricht University Medical Centre, the Netherlands (2011–2012), and at the University Medical Centre Utrecht / Utrecht University (2002–2007).

As recognition of my international reputation, I was elected in 2016 as Associate Editor of *Dysphagia.* In 2020, I joined the editorial boards of the *Journal of Clinical Medicine* and *BioMed Research International.* In 2023, I was appointed as one of the first Fellows of the European Society for Swallowing Disorders (ESSD).

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

In both my current and previous positions, I have been responsible for designing and implementing research projects as well as securing research funding. At present, I lead both national and international research projects in the fields of clinimetrics, instrument development, and the creation of evidence-based interventions in allied health care for various clinical populations. Dysphagia is an important part of my research portfolio. As an epidemiologist, I have a strong interest in evaluating the validity and reliability of measurement instruments and in testing the effectiveness of interventions, including their impact on quality of life.

I have built an extensive international and national network consisting of professional associations, patient organisations, and industrial stakeholders. Part of my research activities is dedicated to the development of international professional practice guidelines, for which collaboration with these organisations is essential. Currently, I lead around 20 applied research projects in cooperation with researchers and health professionals from more than 25 countries.

Throughout my academic career, I have published regularly; I have authored more than 125 international peer-reviewed articles as well as several scholarly book chapters. My current Scopus h-index is 41 (total citations: 6,675) and my Google Scholar h-index is 55 (i10-index 99; total citations: 11,520). I have 39 publications with a citation count of 50 or higher (Scopus: range 51 – 581) and 57according to Google Scholar indices (range 51 – 937).

For more information, please see ResearchGate and Scopus.

KEYNOTES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

I am regularly invited to speak at national and international conferences and clinical courses. Reflecting my international reputation, I have delivered eight keynote lectures:

Congress of the Italian Society for Deglutology (Italy, 2026); Portuguese Dysphagia Congress (Portugal, 2019); Zurich Dysphagia Conference (Switzerland, 2019); Conference of The Danish Association of Occupational Therapists (Denmark, 2018); Central European Dysphagia Conference (Slovakia, 2017); China Dysphagia Summit Forum (China, 2014); Philippines Association of Parental and Enteral Nutrition convention (Philippines, 2013); Korean Dysphagia Society (Korea, 2012).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

In Europe, I was responsible for developing and implementing curricula for (para)medical professions. I have taught in the Master's program in Epidemiology at the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands); the Academy for Clinical Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at Utrecht University (Netherlands); HAN University of Applied Sciences in Nijmegen (Netherlands); Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain); and KU Leuven (Belgium).

As Secretary of the ESSD, I promoted the development of the international Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Science in Oropharyngeal Dysphagia and served as coordinator of the Postgraduate Diploma (2013–2019). At James Cook University in Australia, I was responsible for curriculum development for the speech pathology program, coordination of the Honours program in allied health care, and the design and teaching of courses at both bachelor's and master's level (Master of Rehabilitation in Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, and Occupational Therapy). At the University of Oslo in Norway, I initiated and coordinated the revision of the current speech pathology curriculum, the research modules in Special Needs Education, and the innovation of the doctoral curriculum within the Faculty of Education, with a particular emphasis on research methodology. As Head of the Department of Speech and Language Therapy at the University of Galway, I am primarily engaged in accreditation processes, curriculum development and revision, and teaching in dysphagia and research methods.

Throughout my various academic appointments, a key responsibility has been ensuring the translation of allied health research into evidence-based clinical practice by promoting collaboration between clinicians and researchers and fostering multidisciplinary research and educational initiatives.

SUPERVISION (MASTER'S STUDENTS AND DOCTORAL CANDIDATES)

At present, I supervise three doctoral candidates: two in Europe (Norway and Slovakia) and one in Australia (Western Australia). Their doctoral projects focus on the development of measurement instruments and the design and evaluation of evidence-based interventions.

I have also supervised numerous clinicians and students, supporting them in the timely and successful completion of their master's or doctoral programs. To date, I have supervised 33 HDR students from a variety of disciplines, including medicine, speech and hearing sciences, speech and language pathology, and special education. In Australia, I have supervised 10 Honours students.

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS (SCIENTIFIC/PROFESSIONAL ROLES)

Internationally, I have served as an elected board member (2009–present) and Secretary (2009–2020) of the multidisciplinary European Society for Swallowing Disorders (ESSD). My role includes supporting the annual congress, participating in educational activities, chairing research committees, publishing ESSD white papers and guidelines, and facilitating networking among international members and stakeholders.

During my career, I have served as a board member of the Laryngology Society of Australasia (LSA; 2014–2017) in Australia and of the Dutch Association for Voice, Speech, and Language Pathology (2007–2012) in the Netherlands.