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Curriculum Vitae

Mieneke Rook was born on February 28th, 1978 in Alkmaar, the Netherlands. With her sister and two brothers, she was raised in the countryside of the Schermer, where they lived in a windmill for several years. She attended high school at the Zuyderzee College in Emmeloord (Gymnasium B) and graduated in 1996.

Before she went to Groningen to study Medicine in 1998, she spent time as a volunteer at Kibbutz Kinneret in Israel and went to Australia to travel.

During her study, she was active organizing the Student’s Congress of Medicine, as a board member of MFV Panacea, race-rowing in the women’s eight at GSR Aegir and teaching. Furthermore, Mieneke was a bartender at the Feithhuis from 1999 until the summer of 2006.

In her third year of Medicine, she started to do research at the department of Nephrology of the University Medical Center Groningen. After attending the Junior Scientific Masterclass Summer Course in 2001, she became motivated to continue to do research which led to an animal study in her fourth year. This study, which she performed together with Titia Lely, would later prove to have been the start of her PhD-thesis. Her senior internships were at the department of Surgery in Sydney, Australia and the department of Urology in Groningen, both in 2005. She graduated as a Medical Doctor in November 2005.

From 2006 to 2007, she performed research as a full-time PhD-student, appointed by the Junior Scientific Masterclass. This resulted in the thesis “Living Kidney Donor Safety, Insights & Outcome”, which you are currently reading. She initiated the long-term follow-up of renal hemodynamics of the living kidney donors and performed animal experiments to unravel the mechanisms behind overweight induced renal damage.

To present her research, she attended various national and international meetings, among which several Renal Weeks of the American Society of Nephrology, the congress of the European Society of Hypertension in Madrid, the World Congress of the International Society of Nephrology in Rio de Janeiro, the congress of the Transplant Society in Sydney and several “Boatcongresses” in Zeewolde.

In 2008, she started working as a research-physician at the department of Radiology in the UMCG. In 2009, she will start her training to become a radiologist.