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Curriculum vitae

Irma Bonvanie was born in Groningen, the Netherlands, in 1989. She studied Medicine at the University of Groningen, after completing secondary education in 2007. During her study, she developed interests in social medicine, psychiatry and pediatrics. Irma completed two internships, i.e. social medicine and tropical medicine, at the Diakonessenhuis in Paramaribo, Surinam, in 2012-2013. She graduated in 2014 after completion of her final internship at the pediatric wards of the Martini Hospital Groningen, and the General Hospital Dodoma, Tanzania. Thereafter, she started her PhD project at the Interdisciplinary Center Psychopathology and Emotion Regulation (ICPE, psychiatric department) of the University Medical Center of Groningen (UMCG) under the supervision of Judith Rosmalen, Tineke Oldehinkel and Karin Janssens. Irma visited the Research Clinic of Functional Disorders and Psychosomatics, Aarhus University, Denmark, which resulted in a review article written under the supervision of Charlotte Rask. At the ICPE, she was involved in teaching and supervising medical students and contributed to the development of an E-health intervention for adult patients with functional somatic symptoms. She presented her research at various national and international conferences, for which she received some awards, and was selected for the winter school 'Disease prevention, health promotion and vulnerability reduction' at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. After finishing her two-years PhD-trajectory in 2016, Irma started work as a medical doctor at the pediatric ward of the Martini Hospital Groningen.

