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About the author

Marianne Snijdewind was born on April 22th 1984 in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. After graduating from the Dominicus College in 2002, she volunteered in a shelter for homeless women with children in Rome. When she came back, she enrolled in Humanistic Studies, from which she graduated in 2010 — combining the programs for Humanistic Counseling, and Worldview Studies and Research Methodology. She continued working for IVO Addiction Research Institute in Rotterdam, where she had also conducted research for her master thesis, assisting in research on homeless people, psychiatric patients, and lifestyle.

In 2011 she began working at the Academic Medical Center (AMC) in Amsterdam, section medical ethics in the department of general practice, on the research project *second evaluation of the termination of life on request and assisted suicide (review procedures) act*. After completion of this project, she commenced the evaluation study on the End-of-Life Clinic. During this period, she made a working visit at the End-of-Life Care Research Group of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

When the AMC and the VU University Medical Center (VUmc) announced their plans for future alliance, she started the research project on normalization of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide — supported by both institutes to strengthen the partnership. At that moment she started working at VUmc as well, where she was welcomed in the End-of-Life Research group in the department of public and occupational health. During this time, she got the opportunity to visit the Centre for Death & Society at the University of Bath, for a working visit.

This thesis is the result of her research activities at both AMC and VUmc, now known as Amsterdam UMC.

PhD Portfolio

PhD Training

Courses	Year	ECTS
Practical Biostatistics, AMC	2016	1.1
The opening up of the patients world; benefits of phenomenological research, University of Humanistic Studies	2015	0.3
Suffering, death, and palliative care, Radboud University	2013	1.5
Scientific writing in English, AMC	2013	1.5
Heuvellandcursus, effective writing and publishing scientific papers, Maastricht University	2012	1.5
Oral presentation in English, AMC	2012	0.8
Pubmed, AMC	2012	0.1
PsycINFO, AMC	2012	0.1
Reference Manager, AMC	2012	0.1

Seminars, workshops, masterclasses	Year(s)	ECTS
7th Amsterdam symposium on palliative care and masterclass, Amsterdam	2017	0.2
Symposium Voltooid Leven, Utrecht	2016	0.2

Symposium Aging and Later Life, Amsterdam	2016	0.2
Quality of Care Symposium: Qualitative Research, Amsterdam	2016	0.1
Annual CaRe Days, Veldhoven-Eindhoven	2016	0.6
6th Amsterdam symposium on palliative care and masterclass, Amsterdam	2016	0.2
NVBe onderwijsmiddag: Levensbeschouwelijke en culturele diversiteit in ethiekonderwijs aan Hogescholen en UMC's, Utrecht	2016	0.1
Dementie en euthanasie: Juridische en ethische perspectieven op een debat in ontwikkeling, Amsterdam	2015	0.1
ICER days, Brussels	2015	0.4
Symposium: Literatuur en Geneeskunde: Levensende, Amsterdam	2015	0.1
Symposium: 'Ik wil dood, help me!' Omgaan met een verzoek tot hulp bij zelfdoding in de psychiatrie, Utrecht	2015	0.2
5th Amsterdam symposium on palliative care and masterclass, Amsterdam	2015	0.2
Symposium: Schriftelijke wilsverklaring euthanasie, Rotterdam	2015	0.1
Quest meetings, monthly, Amsterdam	2014-2017	1
4th Amsterdam symposium on palliative care and masterclass, Amsterdam	2014	0.2
3rd Amsterdam symposium on palliative care and masterclass, Amsterdam	2013	0.2

2nd Amsterdam symposium on palliative care and masterclass, Amsterdam	2012	0.2
Philosophy of Care meetings, monthly Amsterdam	2011-2016	1
Reading group, Philosophy and care ethics, every other week, Amsterdam	2011-2014	1
AGORA onderzoeksmiddag, Nijmegen	2011	0.1

(Inter)national conferences	year	ECTS
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15 Years of Euthanasia Law in Belgium, Antwerp, Belgium	2017	0.5
2th International Conference on End of Life Law, Ethics, Policy and Practice, Halifax, Canada	2017	0.75
Centre of Death and Society Conference 2017, Bath, England	2017	0.5
30th European Conference on Philosophy and Health Care, Zagreb, Croatia	2016	0.75
7th Post-EAPC, Utrecht, NL	2016	0.1
9th World Research Congress of the European Association of Palliative Care, Dublin, Ireland	2016	0.75
21st Congress of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies: Euthanasia 2016, Amsterdam, NL	2016	0.75
29th European Conference on Philosophy and Health Care, Ghent, Belgium	2015	0.75
12th World Congress of Bioethics, Mexico City, Mexico	2014	0.75

Congress: Levensindekliniek als expertisecentrum, Utrecht, NL	2014	0.25
Narrative Care, University Twente, Enschede, NL	2013	0.25
KNMG Congress: Grenzen aan euthanasie, Utrecht, NL	2013	0.25
Congres Levensindekliniek: noodoplossing of dé oplossing, Den Haag, NL	2012	0.25

Presentations (place, date)

ECTS

Oral presentation: Discussing euthanasia — observations during consultation hours about advance directives, masterclass 7th Amsterdam symposium on palliative care (Amsterdam, October 19, 2017)	0.5
Oral presentation: Developments in physician-assisted dying in the Netherlands related to normalization, 2th International Conference on End of Life Law, Ethics, Policy and Practice (Halifax, September 15, 2017)	0.5
Poster presentation: Physician-assisted dying — developments according to physicians, Amsterdam Public Health (Amsterdam, November 8, 2016)	0.5
Oral presentation: Euthanasie in Beweging, huisartsenopleiders AMC (Amsterdam, November 8, 2016)	0.5
Oral presentation: Developments in the practice of physician-assisted dying — views of experts on the End-of-Life Clinic, 30th European Conference on Philosophy and Health Care (Zagreb, August 19, 2016)	0.5

Oral presentation: Discussing euthanasia — observing discussions at advance directives consultation hours of Right to Die-NL, Quality of Care Seminar (Amsterdam, June 29, 2016)	0.2
Oral presentation: Palliatieve zorg — van vroege advance care planning tot het moment van sterven, 7th Post-EAPC Symposium (Utrecht, June 23, 2016)	0.5
Panel discussion; Mothers don't jump from buildings, 21st Congress of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies: Euthanasia 2016 (Amsterdam, May 13, 2016)	0.2
Oral presentation: Developments in the Dutch practice of physician-assisted dying — views of physicians and experts, 21st Congress of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies: Euthanasia 2016 (Amsterdam, May 14, 2016)	0.5
Oral presentation: Developments in physician-assisted dying in the Netherlands — physicians' perspectives, EMGO+ Care Days (Veldhoven, April 22, 2016)	0.3
Oral presentation: Is physician-assisted dying on its way to becoming normal medical treatment? An interview study on complex cases, 29th European Conference on Philosophy and Health Care (Ghent, August 21, 2015)	0.5
Oral presentation: Evaluation of the End-of-Life Clinic, 12th World Congress of Bioethics (Mexico City, June 26, 2014)	0.5
Oral presentation: Extending the social dimensions of Charon's work on narrative Medicine, Masterclass Rita Charon, VU (Amsterdam, March 9, 2013)	0.5

Teaching

Lecturing/tutoring/supervision	Year(s)	ECTS
Tutoring moral case deliberation, MA students (medicine), AMC	2015-2017	1
Interactive learning on medical ethics, MA students (medicine), AMC	2015-2017	0.3
Lecturing and tutoring: 'Kwalitatief Onderzoek', BA students (health sciences), VU	2015-2016	3
Invited lecture and interactive learning, 'Moral Dilemmas in Medical Practice', BA students, Amsterdam University College	2015-2016	0.7
Supervising internship Peter Veldhuis MA student (philosophy, bioethics and health)	2015	1
Lecturing and tutoring: 'Kwalitatief Onderzoek III', BA students (health sciences), VU	2015	0.75
Lecturing and tutoring: 'Kwalitatief Onderzoek II', BA students (health sciences), VU	2014	0.75
Lecture and interactive learning, 'Keuzevak Ethiek en Recht', BA students (medicine, law), AMC	2014	0.1
Interactive learning on medical ethics , BA students (medicine), AMC	2012-2017	1

Parameter of esteem

Grant

EMGO⁺ Travel grant 2017, for a working visit to the Centre for Death and Society, University of Bath.

Publications

Scientific

Snijdewind MC, van Tol DG, Onwuteaka-Philipsen BD, Willems DL. Developments in the practice of physician-assisted dying: perceptions of physicians who had experience with complex cases. *J Med Ethics*. 2018 May; 44(5): 292-296.

Snijdewind MC, Onwuteaka-Philipsen BD, Willems DL. De Levensindekliniek: resultaten van het eerste jaar. *Ned Tijdschr Geneeskd*. 2016;160:A9992

Snijdewind MC, Willems DL, Deliens L, Onwuteaka-Philipsen BD, Chambaere K. A study of the first year of the End-of-Life Clinic for physician assisted dying in the Netherlands. *JAMA Intern Med*. 2015 Oct;175(10):1633-40.

Bolt EE, Snijdewind MC, Willems DL, van der Heide A, Onwuteaka-Philipsen. Can physicians conceive of performing euthanasia in case of psychiatric disease, dementia or being tired of living? *J Med Ethics*. 2015 Aug;41(8):592-8.

Snijdewind MC, van Tol DG, Onwuteaka-Philipsen BD, Willems DL. Complexities in euthanasia or physicians-assisted suicide as perceived by Dutch physicians and patients' relatives. *J Pain Symptom Manage*. 2014 Dec;48(6):1125-34.

Reports

Snijdewind M, Willems D, Onwuteaka-Philipsen B. Het functioneren van de Levensindekliniek. Verslag van het evaluatieonderzoek over het eerste jaar. AMC/Vumc, augustus 2014.

Van der Heide A, Legemaate J, Onwuteaka-Philipsen BD, Bolt EE, Bolt I, van Delden H, Geijteman E, Snijdewind M, van Tol D, Willems D: Second evaluation of the termination of life on request and assisted suicide act. In Dutch: Tweede evaluatie Wet toetsing levensbeëindiging op verzoek en hulp bij zelfdoding. Den Haag: ZonMw, report number 33; 2012.
