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Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport



Profession: Policy Advisor

Present position: Policy advisor curative care

Educational background: Public Health, and Public Administration & Organizational Science

Relevant memberships: Young professionals Ministry of Health

Relevant professional activities and past achievements:

- Dutch member of the expert group patient safety and quality of care (EC)
- Coordination of the integrated surveillance of noncommunicable diseases project in collaboration with the EU (WHO)
- Organizer of the WHO CINDI Policy Academy, a seminar on working across sectors for noncommunicable diseases (WHO)
- Two year government administration young professional programme at the ministry of health
- Young professional programme social policy

Key words: noncommunicable diseases, patient safety, health systems, working across sectors

Pen portrait: Currently I'm working in the area of patient safety and quality of care. I am responsible for connecting our national programme patient safety with the international developments such as the EU Joint Action PaSQ, the WHO high 5s project and the relation with associated subjects as antimicrobial resistance and healthcare-associated infections.

To improve sustainability, the organisation of patient safety in the EU is changing. My role is to represent the Dutch Ministry of Health in the expert group patient safety and quality of care to discuss the future of patient safety.

Previously I have been working in the area of noncommunicable diseases at WHO Europe. Focused on working across sectors for NCDs, to provide Member States with guidance on development, dissemination and implementation of activities in the area of marketing to influence demand for alcohol and foods high in saturated fats, trans fats, salt and sugar.

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