



## Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Hester De Melker**

### Work experience

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2001- Head of Department of Surveillance and Epidemiology of the NIP within the Centre of Epidemiology and Surveillance of Infectious Diseases, Center of Infectious Disease Control (since 2005), RIVM

2017-2018 Deputy Head of the Center of Epidemiology and Surveillance of Infectious Diseases, CIb, RIVM

1993-2001 (Senior) epidemiologist (Senior) epidemiologist at the Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance of the NIP, RIVM

### Education and training

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Hester de Melker studied Biomedical Sciences at the University of Leiden and graduated in 1993 with a major in Epidemiology. She finished her PhD-thesis on 'Seroepidemiology of diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis and pertussis: evaluation of the National Immunisation Programme in the Netherlands' in 1999. She participated in various courses on (infectious disease) epidemiological methods and vaccinology, including the Advanced Course of Vaccinology (ADVAC) in 2016.

### Additional information

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#### Publications

I'm (co-)author of about 350 papers in the field of vaccine-preventable diseases in particular on infectious disease epidemiology and seroepidemiology.

#### Projects

Dr HE de Melker is senior-epidemiologist and is leading the Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance of the National Immunisation Programme within the Centre of Infectious Diseases at the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment in the Netherlands. She has been working in the field of vaccinology since 1993. She has great interest and experience in studying vaccine impact and safety, optimizing vaccine strategies and cost-effectiveness of these strategies, attribute to vaccine policy making, collaborate in the multidisciplinary vaccinology field, social aspects of vaccination (programmes).

#### Memberships

I'm member of the Epidemiological Society in The Netherlands.

#### Other Relevant Information

I'm structural consulted expert (not a member, no voting) in the committee of vaccination of the Dutch Health Council.

I'm focal point of VPD of ECDC

I'm involved in the NITAG collaboration group of ECDC and in the steering committee of this collaboration group