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Graduated in medicine at the University of Amsterdam in 1981. He completed his cardiology training at the University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands in 1987, where he continued working as clinical cardiologist and electrophysiologist. He obtained a PhD at the University of Groningen in 1993 on Changes of Intracardiac Conduction Induced by Anti-arrhythmic Drugs - Importance of Use and Reverse Use-dependence. He currently is Chair and professor of Cardiology, Maastricht University, board member of CARIM and chairman of the Scientific Board of the Netherlands Heart Foundation.

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