Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine

We are pleased to present the second newsletter of the Radboud Expert Centre for Psychology & Medicine, aimed to develop and attract interest in the translational behavioral research in the medical sciences at the Radboud University Medical Center (RUMC). In this newsletter, you will find recent news and activities and a brief introduction of three new project leaders involved in our centre.

News

Inaugural lecture Sandra van Dulmen | September 28, 2012

At September 28th, 2012, prof.dr. Sandra van Dulmen held her inaugural lecture entitled ‘Come communicate’. She is professor of Communication in healthcare at the Department of Primary and Community Care of the Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre and at Buskerud University College, Drammen, Norway. The text of the inaugural lecture (in Dutch) can be found here.

Herman Musaph award Antoinette van Laarhoven | November 2, 2012

The ‘Herman Musaph Award’ for the best (professional or international) publication in the field of Psychodermatology in the Netherlands from 2010 to 2011 has been granted to dr. Antoinette van Laarhoven during the annual NVPD (Dutch Society of Psychodermatology) symposium.


PhD defense Jan Wiborg | September 5, 2012


Recent Publications


Andrea Evers selected as member of the Young Academy (De Jonge Akademie, KNAW) | November 20, 2012

Prof.dr. Andrea Evers has been elected as one of the 10 new members of the Young Academy. The Young Academy represents, as part of the KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences), a group of young scientists with a broad, interdisciplinary view about science, society and policy. For more information, see the KNAW-website De Jonge Akademie.

Recent international guest lectures and events

Valkhof Lecture Sally Wyke | October 23, 2012

Prof.dr. Sally Wyke gave the Valkhof Lecture ‘Health in your hands’ as part of the Valkhof Chair 2012 of the Radboud University Medical Centre in collaboration with the Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine. For further information on the Valkhof Chair, see this brochure.

Guest lecture Kim Goldsmith | August 24, 2012

Kim Goldsmith from King’s College (UK) gave a lecture at the Expert Centre Chronic Fatigue (ECCF) on mediation analysis strategies to understand how treatments for chronic fatigue syndrome work. For further information on the work of Kim Goldsmith, see this website.

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Dr. Chris Verhaak contributed to the organization of the first international conference on Pediatric Psychology in Oxford UK, June 20-21. A large number of researchers and clinicians from Europe joined the conference. On the photo the Dutch delegates.

Annual Conference Fertility Society Australia | October 28-31, 2012

Dr. Chris Verhaak was invited as international Keynote speaker for several invited guest lectures at the annual conference of the Fertility Society Australia in Auckland, New Zealand.

New research projects

E-health self-management screening and treatment in kidney patients (Dutch Kidney Foundation)
E-health self-management screening instruments and treatments related to adjustment problems in chronic kidney diseases are developed and evaluated. Project leaders: Prof.dr. A.W.M. Evers & Dr. H. van Middendorp.

Increased risk of hereditary breast cancer (Pink Ribbon)
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Better care for the family caregiver of the chronic cancer patient (Research Institute Oncology, RUMC)

This project investigates the distress and fatigue of family caregivers of chronic cancer patients for a prolonged time period. Project leaders: Dr. C.M.L. van Herpen, prof.dr. J.B. Prins, & prof.dr. W.T.A. van der Graaf.

Managing fear of cancer recurrence with the SWORD intervention study (Survivors’ Worries Of Recurrent Disease) (Dutch Cancer Society)

The study aims to examine the efficacy and mechanisms of cognitive behaviour therapy in managing fear of cancer recurrence. Project leaders: Dr. M.F.M. Gielissen, prof.dr. J.B. Prins, & prof.dr. A.E.M. Speckens.

The sword of Damocles: Understanding and managing fear of cancer recurrence (Pink Ribbon)

The project aims to explore the course and determinants of fear of cancer recurrence (FCR) in breast cancer survivors after medical treatment. Project leaders: Dr. M.F.M. Gielissen & prof.dr. J.B. Prins.

Tired of being fatigued? Extending evidence based treatment options for fatigued breast cancer survivors using the internet (Pink Ribbon)

In a multi-centre randomized controlled trial, the efficacy of internet-based cognitive behavior therapy for cancer-related fatigue in survivors of breast cancer is studied. Project leaders: Dr. H. Knoop & Dr. S. Verhagen.

Cognitive behaviour therapy for chronic fatigue in type 1 Diabetes: a randomized controlled trial (Dutch Diabetes Research Foundation)

The efficacy of cognitive behaviour therapy for chronically fatigued patients with type 1 diabetes is tested in a RCT. Project leaders: Dr. H. Knoop & Prof.dr. C. Tack.

(Cost)Effectiveness of Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) in breast cancer patients: a non-inferiority trial of online versus face-to-face treatment (Pink Ribbon)

A multi-centre randomized controlled trial will compare mindfulness offered in a traditional group format with an online version. Prof.dr. A.E.M. Speckens & dr. M. van der Lee.

Upcoming events

2013 INS Mid-Year meeting with program chair Roy Kessels | July 10-13, 2013

The International Neuropsychological Society meeting will focus on Evidence-Based Neuropsychology: Fundamentals, Assessment and Treatment. In addition to keynote lectures, invited symposia, and paper and poster presentations, a continuous education program will be offered for clinical neuropsychologists and clinical psychologists, organized by program chair prof.dr. Roy Kessels. For more information, visit this website.

15th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS) Rotterdam | November 4-8, 2013

For the theme ‘Innovation in Psycho-Oncology: Clinical Care, Research and Advocacy’, professionals will be brought together about improving cancer care on an international level. Prof.dr. Judith Prins and dr. Marieke Gielissen are members of the Local Organizing Committee.
A brief introduction to the 3 new project leaders of the Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine

Within the Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine, several project leaders have their own research lines. In the previous newsletter, the project leaders who were affiliated with the Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine from the beginning were introduced. In this newsletter, the 3 new project leaders briefly introduce their research lines:

Prof. dr. Sandra van Dulmen focuses on research on the process and outcome (in particular information recall and medication/lifestyle adherence) of interpersonal and e-communication between patients and healthcare providers in all kinds of medical settings.

Dr. Hans Knoop focuses in his research on possible determinants of chronic fatigue, and the development, implementation, and mechanisms of change of cognitive behavioral interventions for chronic fatigue.

Prof. dr. Anne Speckens focuses on research on cognitive processes and interventions in anxiety and depressive disorders. She is particularly interested in the effectiveness and working mechanism of mindfulness based interventions.

Researchers, clinicians, and health professionals can contact the Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine with a variety of research questions, for example about the use of (digital) questionnaires on quality of life, screening instruments, E-health interventions, or psychophysiological assessment methods, by sending a mail to Psychology&Medicine@mps.umcn.nl.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and a very inspiring and successful 2013!

With kind regards,
on behalf of all researchers

Andrea W.M. Evers, coordinator Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine


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