

INTERDEM MEMBERS – BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE



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TITLE: PhD

PROFESSIONAL GROUPING: palliative care for persons with cancer, dementia or other life-limiting diseases

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PRESENT POSITION (e.g. Director of.....):
associate professor in timely palliative care

HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION (e.g. PhD, MD etc.):
PhD

PROFILE OF MEMBER:

Having a chair in Spiritual Healthcare, and being also a research leader in proactive palliative care, I strive for integrating attention for the spiritual domain in health care delivery. In 2002 the WHO published as definition of palliative care: an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual. This shows that persons with dementia (PWD) might profit of a palliative care approach, with a central position for their values and meaning. For that reason, I was and am involved in several studies on future care planning in PWD, and am co-supervising several PhD students who study proactive care planning in PWD.

Besides, I study problems health care professionals experience when being confronted with a euthanasia request from a PWD.

The specific expertise that I can provide in Interdem is:

- Integrating attention for existential issues in daily caregiving
- advance care planning and palliative care in PWD
- Shared decision making in PWD
- Organisation of palliative for persons with dementia
- Successfully writing EU proposals
- Bridging the gap between the palliative care networks and dementia care networks.
- Dealing with euthanasia requests from PWD

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Spiritual care

Palliative care (in dementia, cancer, copd, heart failure,)

Building bridges between palliative and dementia care

Identifying supportive and palliative care needs in persons with dementia

Shared decision making

Cost effectiveness in dementia care

Advance care planning

KEY PUBLICATIONS (Maximum 5):

1. Mariani E, Vernooij-Dassen M, Koopmans R, **Engels Y**, Chattat R. Shared decision-making in dementia care planning: barriers and facilitators in two European countries. *Aging Ment Health*. 2017 Jan;21(1):31-39.
2. van Riet Paap J, Mariani E, Chattat R, Koopmans R, Kerhervé H, Leppert W, Forycka M, Radbruch L, Jaspers B, Vissers K, Vernooij-Dassen M, **Engels Y**; IMPACT research team. Identification of the palliative phase in people with dementia: a variety of opinions between healthcare professionals. *BMC Palliat Care*. 2015 Nov 4;14:56.
3. Mariani E, Chattat R, Vernooij-Dassen M, Koopmans R, **Engels Y**. Care Plan Improvement in Nursing Homes: An Integrative Review. *J Alzheimers Dis*. 2016 Nov 26. [Epub ahead of print] IF 4.079 Q2
4. Kristanti MS, **Engels Y**, Effendy C, Astuti, Utarini A, Vernooij-Dassen M. Comparison of the lived experiences of family caregivers of patients with dementia and of patients with cancer in Indonesia. *Int Psychogeriatr*. 2017 Sep 5:1-12
5. Iliffe S, Davies N, Vernooij-Dassen M, van Riet Paap J, Sommerbakk R, Mariani E, Jaspers B, Radbruch L, Manthorpe J, Maio L, Haugen D, **Engels Y**; IMPACT research team. Modelling the landscape of palliative care for people with dementia: a European mixed methods study. *BMC Palliat Care*. 2013 Aug 12;12(1):30.

RELEVANT Current RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

1. 2014: DECIDEM . Shared decision making and anticipatory care planning in patients with dementia in general practice. (ZonMw 400.000 euro; with Myrra Vernooij-Dassen, Raymond Koopmans and Marieke Perry)
2. 2013: PACE (FP7). Palliative care for elderly in residential or nursing homes (co-WP-leader; in collaboration with Myrra Vernooij-Dassen, Kris Vissers and Eddy Adang): 281.000 euro
3. Sinta Kristantie. Nuffic Grant. The Impact of family caregiving for persons with dementia or cancer in Indonesia. (with Myrra Vernooij-Dassen)

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS in dementia research /ONGOING PROJECT TITLE:

- I was project leader of an international, EU-funded FP7 project, IMPACT, on the development of indicators for the organization of palliative care for PWD or cancer. This project ran from 2010-2014. This was one of the first project related as both cancer and dementia.
- I am co-leader of a project on advance care planning by the GP with People with Dementia who live at home. We performed a cluster randomized controlled trial. (2014-2018; PhD student Bram Tilburgs)
- I am co work package leader of an EU-funded FP7 project, PACE, on palliative care for nursing home residents (including PWD). In this work package we focus on cost-effectiveness of such an approach (2014-2019; PhD student Anne Wichmann)
- I am co-leader of a feasibility controlled prospective study in Italy and the Netherlands, in which teams in nursing homes have been trained in shared decision making and active listening. The aim of this project was to increase person-centered care planning of residents in nursing homes, with active involvement of the resident and family. (2014-2018; PhD student Elena Mariani)
- I am co-supervisor of an Indonesian PhD student, who studies the impact of caregiving for a PWD or a patient with cancer in Indonesia. She also studied similarities and differences between Western and Asian countries regarding this topic.

PhD students involved in dementia and palliative care :

1. Defence 2016: dr J. van Riet Paap. Developing indicators for the organisation of palliative care for persons with dementia or with cancer in Europe
2. Since 2015: mrs. Sinta. Kristanti. Family caregiving in (dementia or cancer palliative care in Indonesia (expected defense 2019)
3. Since 2015: mrs. A. Wichmann. Cost-effectiveness of advance care planning in residential homes in five European countries (expected defense 2018)
4. Since 2015: B. Tilburgs. DECIDEM: advance care planning and shared decision making with patients with dementia and their family caregivers in general practice (expected defence 2018)
5. Since 2013: mrs E. Mariani. IMPACT: shared decision making in care planning for nursing home residents. (expected defence: 2018)