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<b>Employment</b>	1 December 2011 – current	Worcester Hospital	Worcester (South Africa)	Senior consultant Gynaecologist / Obstetrician and external lecturer at University of Stellenbosch
	1 July 2009 – 30 November 2011	Amstelland Ziekenhuis	Amstelveen (Netherlands)	Head of Department Gynaecologist / Obstetrician
	1997 – 2009	Rijnland Ziekenhuis	Leiderdorp (Netherlands)	Gynaecologist / Obstetrician

	1996 – 1997	Herdecke Hospital	Herdecke (Germany)	Gynaecologist / Obstetrician
	1991 – 1996	Herdecke Hospital	Herdecke (Germany)	Resident (in training) Gynaecologist / Obstetrician
	1989 – 1991	t Lange Land Ziekenhuis	Zoetermeer (Netherlands)	Medical officer: General Surgery
	1989 – 1989	Academisch Medisch Centrum	Amsterdam (Netherlands)	Medical Officer: Gynaecology and Obstetrics
	1988	Sukorejo Hospital	Java (Indonesia)	Medical Officer
<b>Summary of qualifications</b>	<p>28 September 1996      University Witten-Herdecke      Germany</p> <p><b>Degree: Facharzt für Frauenheilkunde und Geburtshilfe (similar to Mmed (Gynaecology and Obstetrics))</b></p> <p>21 December 1988      University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands</p> <p><b>Degree: BSc Medicine</b></p>			
<b>Languages</b>	Dutch, English, German, Afrikaans, French, Spanish as well as basic knowledge of Italian			
<b>Career Information</b>	<p>I completed my medical degree BSc (similar to MBChB) in 1988 at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands and my specialisation (Mmed) as a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician in 1996 at the University of Witten-Herdecke in Germany. I have been a practicing gynaecology and obstetrics since 1996 in Germany, the Netherlands and South Africa.</p> <p>During 1988 – 1989, I was involved in a research project on bone ingrowths in ceramic implants in the department of Experimental Surgery in Amsterdam Academic Hospital in the Netherlands.</p> <p>I did research on tumour vascularity in breast cancer and was a co-author of the article: <i>Tumor Vascularity of Breast Lesions: Potentials and Limits of Contrast-Enhanced Doppler Sonography</i>, published in the American Journal</p>			

of Roentgenology 2000; 175: 1585-1589.

During the years 1999 to 2004, I was part of the team that presented and taught an advance course (level 2 and 3) of laparoscopic surgery presented to gynaecologists with a practical application session afterwards at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. This course was offered twice a year.

I was responsible for the start-up and implementation of hysteroscopic and advanced laparoscopic procedures in Herdecke Hospital (Germany), Rijnland Ziekenhuis (Netherlands) and in Amstelland (Netherlands). Endoscopic procedures and operations were performed both in the outpatient department and the Operating Theatres.

I have been asked to participate in a project in Niger in the treatment and surgical repair of vesicovaginal and rectovaginal (obstetric) fistulas in 2004.

In the period spanning 2005 to 2006, Dr Gerry Woerlee (anaesthetist) and I developed a protocol and technique for the safe administration of Remifentanyl as an alternative to Pethidine during labour. Based on our protocol, this method is currently in use in the majority of all the Dutch hospitals. An article: *Remifentanyl durante partu*; was published in: *Reproductieve Geneeskunde. Gynaecologie en Obstetrie* anno 2007 edited by Slager E, p 465-470 (published by DCHG, medisch uitgeverij, Haarlem). This technique has received wide-spread media attention and resulted in various television appearances, newspaper- and magazine articles. See [www.remifentanyl.woerlee.org](http://www.remifentanyl.woerlee.org) for more information.

I was asked to do clinical training with doctors in gynaecological procedures in Bangladesh in 2004 and in 2007.

I was part of a group of European gynaecologists and haematologists that was asked to draw up the guidelines for *The treatment of Anaemia in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for Europe* in 2007.

I was one of the organizers and a speaker at evening symposiums on *Blood Loss during Labour* with a target audience of gynaecologists, midwives and general practitioners in 2008.

I have been training gynaecologists from England, The Netherlands and Austria in hysteroscopic sterilization. This was done in outpatient settings without any aesthesia.

I was on the Medical-Ethical committee of Rijnland Hospital until July 2009.

I was one of the presenters and trainers for a course in the management of

*Breech Deliveries and Shoulder Dystocia* in the Netherlands. This course is presented to gynaecologists, midwives and general practitioners with a practical training session at the end of the course. This workshop is held every six months, since 2002 until I left the Netherlands in 2011.

I was part of a group of gynaecologists that organize and give lectures in *Emergency Procedures in Obstetrics and Gynaecology*. This was given once a year in the Netherlands.

In the Netherlands I gave lectures on *Cervical Abnormalities: Diagnoses and Treatment* to General Practitioners and Registered Nurses on a regular basis.

I was involved in a clinical trial on maternal oxygen saturation and hypoxia during labour (Netherlands).

I am very proficient in *laparoscopic and hysteroscopic* procedures (basic and advanced level 2 and 3) and perform these procedures on a regular basis as well as teaching the procedures to doctors and gynaecologists.

I have been nominated as one of the top specialists in the Netherlands –in 2009 and 2010

In 2009, I was offered the position of the Head of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology department in Amstelland Hospital in Amstelveen (Netherlands).

The department offered general gynaecology, obstetrics, oncology and infertility programs as well as the clinical training of midwives, medical students, specialists-in-training (registrars), tropical doctors-in-training and gynaecologists. Lecture sessions were normally once a week on all topics relating to obstetrics and gynaecology. Special emphasis was placed on advanced endoscopic procedures.

On 1 December 2011 I started in Worcester Hospital, Western Cape, South Africa as a senior consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology and as an external lecturer for the University of Stellenbosch. Worcester Hospital is a state hospital, a training hospital for medical students, house doctors, cosmo doctors, medical officers, registrars and nursing staff. The main patient demographics are the low or no income groups which often present with problems not commonly seen in most Western Hospitals.

One of my focus points in Worcester Hospital is implementing and teaching simple and complex laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures to medical officers, registrars and Gynaecologists.

I design and am now in the proses of implementing a "new style" one stop

contraception clinic in Worcester Hospital. Hysteroscopic and laparoscopic sterilization methods will be used in this setting.

I have given several lectures and presentations at national and international congresses. I have been asked by the University of Stellenbosch to present lectures on a number of different topics at congresses. I facilitate workshops arranged by the University of Stellenbosch relating to endoscopic procedures.

The University of Stellenbosch asked me to review and re-write the chapter on “***Endoscopic Surgery part B: Hysteroscopic Procedures***” in the 5th edition of Clinical Gynaecology.

However, my super specialisation lies in advanced endoscopic, hysteroscopic (office procedures and in- and out-patient settings) and laparoscopic procedures and surgery.