

CV Henk Hartgrink

Henk Hartgrink was born in 1961 in Leiden, The Netherlands.

After finishing high school he started medical school at the University of Antwerpen, Belgium in 1980. After 1 year he changed to Leiden University where he passed his final medical exam in 1990.

During his medical study he worked from 1984 to 1988 as a coordinator for organ transplantations at Eurotransplant Foundation. From 1990 to 1991 he served as Lieutenant in the Dutch Royal Navy.

His surgical training started in 1992 at the Red Cross Hospital in The Hague. During the second part of his surgical training (1995-1998) he became interested in oncological surgery, which led to a special training (CHIVO) from 1999 to 2000 to become oncological surgeon under supervision of Prof. dr. CJH van de Velde. Since then he has been a staff member of the surgical department at the Leiden University Medical Centre, in which he serves as an oncological surgeon. Since 2005 he is head of the upper GI surgery department. He also is a consultant for oncological cases in the province Zuid-Holland in the Netherlands. For trainees he organises the Basic Surgical Skills course twice a year.

In 1999 he started research with a focus on gastric cancer. First mainly based on data from the Dutch D1-D2 Gastric Cancer Trial. Several publications on this subject followed. His thesis entitled "Towards optimisation of gastric cancer treatment" was finished in 2004. Now more than 60 articles are published with him as first or as co-author. In the past years he was one of the investigators involved in the CRITICS trial of which the first results were shown at ASCO 2016.

For quality improvement in The Netherlands he is a member of the guideline committee for gastric and oesophageal cancer and a member of the scientific committee in the Dutch Upper-GI Clinical Audit (DUCA). For quality improvement also outside The Netherlands he is a board member of the International Gastric Cancer Association (IGCA) since 2007. Every two years he is a member of the scientific committee of the International Gastric Cancer Congress (IGCC). As associate editor of the *Gastric Cancer* journal he reviews many manuscripts.