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Dr. Frederike van Markus-Doornbosch, MD, PhD, heads a rehabilitation team specializing in pediatric rehabilitation medicine at Basalt Rehabilitation in The Hague, the Netherlands with a focus on youth aged 14-25 years with specific attention for the long-term effects of pediatric brain injury and the transition to adulthood including vocational assessment, increasing social skills and physical activity.

Complementing clinical practice she co-chairs the multicenter research program "Participate?!" at Basalt Rehabilitation focusing on gaining more insight into fatigue, participation and family impact in youth with ABI; developing a national treatment program for youth with ABI and developing regional collaborations between hospitals, education, rehabilitation care and community services. She is an active member of the national coalition "*Brain Injury and Youth*" where collaboration between hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and research teams are embraced and elaborated as well as a board member of IPBIS since 2022.



Dr. Oscar Eelkman Rooda, MD, PhD, is a neurosurgeon specializing in pediatric neurosurgery. He is affiliated with the Erasmus MC / Sophia Children's Hospital and the Princess Maxima Center for pediatric oncology. His work primarily focuses on providing the best possible care for children with tumors in the central nervous system and congenital (spinal) dysraphism's. One of the overarching goals in his work is to reduce the consequences, such as acquired brain injury, resulting from neurosurgical treatments. Within that context, he is also involved with the Pediatric Brain Center at the Erasmus where he works on developing new programs to detect early developmental issues.



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Dr. Menno van der Holst, PT, PhD, is a senior researcher in pediatric rehabilitation with a background in pediatric physiotherapy. He currently is head of the pediatric ABI research group at Basalt Rehabilitation. With his group he is working together with over 14 pediatric rehabilitation centers to optimize rehabilitation care for children and young adults with ABI in the Netherlands. Furthermore he is working on creating a blended care program for children with ABI to help cope with fatigue and regaining balance and physical fitness.



Dr. Maayke Hunfeld, MD, PhD, has been working as a pediatric neurologist at Erasmus MC in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, since 2014. She holds a staff position in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, where she is primarily involved in the care of children with acute neurological disorders, neuromonitoring, and neuroprognostication. Additionally, she participates in a long-term follow-up program for children who have been admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit with acute brain injury.

Her research focuses on neuromonitoring, prognosis, and long-term outcomes for children with severe traumatic brain injury and post-cardiac arrest, and children treated with ECMO.



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Dr. Suzanne Lambregts, MD, PhD, is a pediatric physiatrist and researcher in pediatric rehabilitation. She obtained the degree of Medical Doctor in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in 2006 and she became certified as well by the European Board of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. In 2008 she became involved in research of children and youth with acquired brain injury and in 2019 she received her PhD on the topic of long-term outcome in children and youth with acquired brain injury. Since October 2010 she works at Revant Rehabilitation Centre in Breda. She is also chairman of the association of pediatric rehabilitation physicians.



Dr. Naomi Ketharanathan, MD, PhD, is a pediatric intensivist at the Erasmus MC Sophia Children's Hospital in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. This Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) is the largest in the Netherlands and encompasses care for the entire bandwidth of acute pediatric acquired brain injury. Her clinical area of focus is pediatric neurointensive care and she participates in the pediatric ECMO team. Research areas are neuromonitoring, neuropharmacology and long-term follow-up after PICU admission (patient group focus is severe ABI). These research projects are a collaboration with Dutch technical universities, academic pharmacology departments and other clinics both within the Netherlands and abroad of which Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa is a solid partner.

She is an active member of the national pediatric neurointensive care working group (Neuro-SICK) and the Dutch Neurotrauma medical collaboration (NeurotraumaNL). Both initiatives aim to promote collaboration between ABI caregivers to improve (acute) clinical care and research programs.



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Dr. Christine Resch, MSc, PhD, is an assistant professor of child neuropsychology at the department of Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology of Maastricht University. She is affiliated with the Limburg Brain Injury Center where she is the head researcher concerning paediatric brain injury. In her work, she focuses on better understanding and measuring outcomes after paediatric brain injury and developing targeted interventions. She is co-chair of the Research and Development group of the Dutch Brain Injury and Youth network.



Dr. Jeanine Voorman, MD, PhD, is pediatric physiatrist and researcher in pediatric rehabilitation. She obtained the degree of Medical Doctor in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in 2009 and received her PhD on the topic of long-term outcome of children and youth with cerebral palsy. Since 2017 she works at the department of rehabilitation, physical therapy science & sports and sports of the University Medical Center in Utrecht and is working in het Wilhemina Children's Hospital and in the Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology, where she is working with children and youth with acquired brain injury. She is board member of CP-Net and the involved in the Network for Children with Acquired Brain Injury.

