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**DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION**

The Scientific Institute for Quality of Healthcare (IQ healthcare) is integrated within the Nijmegen Centre for Evidence Based Practice ([www.ncebp.nl](http://www.ncebp.nl)). IQ Healthcare is one of the founders of the Nijmegen Alzheimer Centre (NAC). This is a collaboration between the departments of geriatric medicine, neurology, general practice, nursing home medicine and the Centre for Quality of Care Research. ([www.alzheimercentrumnijmegen.nl](http://www.alzheimercentrumnijmegen.nl)).

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF THE CENTRE**

IQ healthcare has coordinated five international projects and participated in four other European projects, including Rebeqi (EU FP7), TOPAS (private funder), EPA Cardio (private funder), AGREE (EU FP6), DIADEM (FP5) Improve (EU FP7), Europep (EU BiomedII) (EuroCoDe), and Changing Professional Practice (EU BiomedII). IQ healthcare has produced a comprehensive book on knowledge implementation including the development and evaluation of quality indicators "Improving Patient Care" (2005, by Grol, Wensing and Eccles), which is used across the world by researchers and practitioners of knowledge implementation.

## PROFILE OF MEMBER

Professor Vernooij-Dassen is president of Interdem. She has a chair on psychosocial aspects of care for frail elderly people. She is Principal Investigator in the Nijmegen Centre for Evidence Based Practice (NCEBP) and director of Nijmegen Alzheimer Centre of the Radboud University Medical Centre (RUMC) in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Moreover, she is affiliated to the departments of IQ healthcare and primary care of the RUMC and to the Kalorama Foundation. She is honorary visiting professor in 'Dementia Studies' in the School of Health Studies at the Bradford University. She is chair of Interdem, a pan-European research group on INTERventions in DEMentia care. She is author of more than 190 scientific and professional publications and supervises twenty five PhD students. She is trained in sociology and research methodology and has performed a large body of research on quality of care, especially on dementia care and palliative care and on care transitions. She has 30 PhD students and published more than 130 international articles. She is involved in several European Union funded projects, including the Implementation Palliative Care IMplementation of quality indicators in PAlliative Care sTudy. She is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Joint Programming Initiative for Neurodegenerative Diseases. Myrra Vernooij received the Dutch royal honor to be promoted to officer in the order of Orange-Nassau.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Clinical themes are dementia and palliative care. Key themes are quality of care (patient and family empowerment) and quality of caring (professional perspective) both in institutional and in community care. The focus is on health care services, organisation of care, especially on integrated or transmural care, and end of life care.

Methodological interests: development and evaluation of interventions to improve the quality of care and quality of life of somatic and psychogeriatric patients and their families; development and evaluation of questionnaires for clinical or educational use; development and evaluation of quality indicators; qualitative research, process analysis of interventions; cost-effectiveness analysis; evaluation of implementation of effective interventions.

Practice interest: implementation of effective interventions and quality indicators in nursing homes and in community care. Transmural care by using nursing homes' expertise in community care. Education on strategies to improve care for somatic and psychogeriatric patients and their families for all persons involved in care, including health care assistants. Promoting job satisfaction in nursing homes.

## KEY PUBLICATIONS (maximum5)

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