

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1994-1999:

M.Sc. in Social and Institutional Economics, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

1999:

Trainee at the Foundation for Economic Research (SEO) of the University of Amsterdam (In

Dutch: SEO Economisch Onderzoek)

Academic positions

1999-2004:

Ph.D. student; Department of Health Policy and Management (iBMG) & Institute for Medical Technology Assessment (iMTA), Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

1999-2004:

Ph.D. student; Department for Prevention and Health Services Research (PZO), National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Bilthoven, The Netherlands

2004-2005:

Health Economist; the Netherlands Institute for Applied Sciences Prevention and Health (TNO Prevention and Health), Leiden, The Netherlands

2005-2006:

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow; Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation (CHERE), Faculty of Business, University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), Australia
2007:

Assistant professor in health economics; Department of Health Economics & Health Technology Assessment, Institute of Health Sciences, Faculty of Earth and Life Sciences, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Thesis

Informal care: an economic approach at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Promotor prof. dr. F.F.H. Rutten and copromotor dr. M.A. Koopmanschap. Committee members: prof. dr. B.M.S. van Praag, prof. dr. F.T. Schut, and prof. dr. C.N. Teulings. Public defence was on January 14th 2005.

The thesis explained the supply of informal care, especially the simultaneous relation between paid work and providing informal care. It also proposed and applied alternative methods to value informal care, namely contingent valuation, conjoint measurement, and well-being valuation, instead of the normally recommended opportunity cost and proxy good methods. Finally, it provides an empirical analysis of the economic consequences of the introduction of cash benefits in long-term care and in relation to the payment of informal caregivers.

The thesis received attention in the Dutch policy and health policy literature, for instance, Staatscourant, Economisch Statistische Berichten, ZorgVisie.

Publications in English

Jacobi, C.E., Van den Berg, B., Boshuizen, H.C., Rupp, I., Dinant, H.J., & Van den Bos, G.A.M., 2003. Dimension-specific burden of caregiving among partners of rheumatoid arthritis patients. *Rheumatology* 42, pp. 1-8.

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Koopmanschap M.A., Van Exel, J., Van den Bos, G.A.M., Van den Berg, B., Brouwer, W.B.F., 2004. The desire for support and respite care: preferences of Dutch informal caregivers. *Health Policy* 68 pp. 309-320.

Van den Berg, B., Brouwer, W.B.F., Koopmanschap, M.A., 2004. Economic valuation of informal care: An overview of methods and applications, *The European Journal of Health Economics* 5(1) pp. 36 – 45.

Van Exel, J., Scholte op Reimer, W.J.M., Brouwer, W.B.F., Van den Berg, B., Koopmanschap, M.A., Van den Bos, G.A.M., 2004. Instruments for assessing the burden of informal caregiving for stroke patients in clinical practice: a comparison of CSI, CRA, SCQ and self-rated burden. *Clinical Rehabilitation* 18 pp.203-214.

Van Exel, J., van den Bos, G.A.M., van den Berg, B., Koopmanschap, M.A., Brouwer, W.B.F., 2004. What really matters: an inquiry into the relative importance of dimensions of caregiving burden, *Clinical Rehabilitation*, 18 pp.683-693.

Van den Berg, B., Brouwer, W.B.F., Van Exel, J., Koopmanschap, M.A., 2005. Economic valuation of informal care: The contingent valuation method applied in informal caregiving. *Health Economics* 14 (2) pp. 169 – 183.

Van den Berg, B., Bleichrodt, H., Eeckhoudt, L., 2005. The economic value of informal care: A study of informal caregivers' and patients' willingness to pay and willingness to accept for informal care, *Health Economics* 14(4) pp. 363 - 376.

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Van Exel, J., Koopmanschap, M.A., van den Berg, B., Brouwer, W.B.F., van den Bos, G.A.M., 2005. Burden of informal caregiving for stroke patients: identification of caregivers at risk of adverse health effects, *Cerebrovascular Diseases* 19(1) pp. 11-17.

Brouwer, W.B.F., Van Exel, J., Van den Berg, B., Van den Bos, G.A.M., Koopmanschap, M.A., 2005. Process utility from providing informal care: the benefit of caring, *Health Policy* 74(1) pp. 85-99.

Van den Berg, B., Brouwer, W.B.F., Koopmanschap, M.A., Van Exel, J., Van den Bos, G.A.M., Rutten, F.F.H., 2006. Economic valuation of informal care: Lessons from the application of the opportunity cost and proxy good methods, *Social Science & Medicine* 62(4) pp. 835-845.

Van den Berg, Spauwen, P., 2006. Measurement of informal care: An empirical study into the reliable measurement of time spent on informal caregiving, *Health Economics* 15(5) pp. 447-460.

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Van den Berg, B., Ferrer-i-Carbonell, A, Monetary valuation of informal care: the well-being valuation method, *Health Economics*, forthcoming, 2007.

Publications in Dutch

Van den Berg, B., Mot, E.S., 2000. Honorering, verwijsgedrag en prikkels. *Economisch Statistische Berichten* 85(4274): 791-793.

(An empirical study of supplier-induced demand in Dutch health care. The effects of switching the payment system of physicians from fee for service to capitation payment.)

Van den Berg, B., Brouwer, W.B.F., Koopmanschap, M.A. 2000. Recht op thuiszorg: Hoe zijn de wachttijden op korte termijn te reduceren? *Medisch Contact* 55(3): 93-96.

(A discussion of possible institutional solutions for waiting lists in the long-term care sector.)

Van den Berg, G., Van den Berg, B. 2000. Individuele voorkeuren ten aanzien van huishoudelijke hulp. *Huishoudelijke zorg poets je niet weg: Visies van deskundigen op huishoudelijke zorg*. Utrecht: NIZW: 59-64.

(A discussion of the consequences of a reduction of the long-term care social insurance package.)

Van den Berg, B., Rutten, F.F.H. 2002. Meten en evalueren in de zorg. *Economisch Statistische Berichten* 87(4371): 581-583.

(A discussion of methodological issues in health care cost-benefit studies and a description how these studies are used in policy making.)

Van den Berg, B. 2002. En zij leefden nog lang en gezond. *Economisch Statistische Berichten* 87(4388): 892.

Van den Berg, B., Schut, F.T. 2003. Het einde van gratis mantelzorg? *Economisch Statistische Berichten* 88(4413): 420-422.

(The end of unpaid informal care? A discussion of the consequences of a monetarisation of informal care for health care expenditures and institutional solutions.)

Van den Berg, B., Schut, F.T. 2003. De prijs van een sociaal netwerk: Al te goed is buurman's gek? *VGE-Infobulletin* 20(3): 5-9.

Van den Berg, B. 2004. Dragen de sterkste schouders de zwaarste lasten? Een discussie over de positie van mantelzorgers ten opzichte van de AWBZ-zorg. *Tijdschrift voor Politieke Economie* 26(2): 24-37.

(A discussion of the consequences of a planned decentralisation of long-term care from the central government to the local governments in the Netherlands for informal caregivers.)

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Van den Berg, B., Hassink, W.H.J., 2005. Consequenties van het pgb voor prijzen en hoeveelheden van zorg. *Economisch Statistische Berichten* 90(4453): 55-57.

(An empirical examination of moral hazard due to cash benefits in the Dutch long-term care sector.)

Book chapter in Dutch

Van den Berg, B. 1998. Economie in Utrecht: Klassiek en Pop. De Tuinkamerlezingen. Utrecht: USF: 79-84.

Commercial reports

Van den Berg, B., Mot, E. 2000. Honorering en verwijsgedrag van medisch specialisten. Amsterdam: SEO, nr. 2000-1.

Van Exel, N.J.A., Van den Berg, B., Van den Bos, G.A.M., Koopmanschap, M.A., Brouwer, W.B.F. Mantelzorg in Nederland: Een situatieschets van mantelzorgers bereikt via de

Steunpunten Mantelzorg. iMTA rapport 02.58 & RIVM rapport 282701003. Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, 2002.

(An overview of informal care in The Netherlands)

Van den Berg, B., Van Exel, N.J.A., Van den Bos, G.A.M., Koopmanschap, M.A., Brouwer, W.B.F. Mantelzorg en persoonsgebonden budgetten. Een situatieschets van mantelzorgers bereikt via de leden van Per Saldo. iMTA rapport 02.59 & RIVM rapport 282701004, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, 2003.

(An overview of the consequences of cash benefits in the long-term care sector for informal caregivers in The Netherlands)

Van Exel, N.J.A., Koopmanschap, M.A., Van den Berg, B., Brouwer, W.B.F. 2003. Mantelzorg in Amsterdam en Diemen. Een situatieschets van mantelzorgers bereikt via het Steunpunt Mantelzorg. iMTA rapport 03.66.

(An overview of informal care in Amsterdam and Diemen)

Presentations on international conferences

2001: Third international conference of the international Health Economics Association (iHEA) in York

2002: Fourth European conference on health economics in Paris

2003: Three presentations at the Fourth international conference of the international Health Economics Association (iHEA) in San Francisco

2004: Fifth European conference on health economics in London

2005: Fifth international conference of the international Health Economics Association (iHEA) in Barcelona; 26th Australian Conference of Health Economists in Auckland; fourth Health Services & Policy Research Conference in Canberra.

Referee work

European Journal of Health Economics; Health Economics; Health Policy; Journal of Health Services Research & Policy; Journal of the American Medical Association; Journal of Health Economics; Social Science & Medicine

Teaching undergraduate courses

2000-2001 and 2001-2002 Health Economics 2 (Efficiency versus Equity)

2002-2003 and 2003-2004 Economic Evaluation (Welfare economics and cost-benefit analysis in health care)

2002-2003 and 2003-2004 Quantitative research methods (Supervisor of student groups who analyse a dataset and write a report about their findings)

2002-2003 and 2003-2004 Health Economics 1 (Supervising teaching assistants, course is an introduction of basic topics in health economics mainly from a microeconomic perspective)

Teaching master courses

2003-2004 Economic Evaluation (Practicum about the Contingent valuation method)

2003-2004 Advanced Economic Evaluation (Lecture about Informal care and altruism and one about Conjoint analysis)

2005-2006 Health Economics (Lectures on long-term care)

Lectures

2000: Patient organisation Delft

2001: CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, iBMG, Erasmus University Rotterdam

2002: Patient organisation Naaldwijk; National Institute for Public Health and the Environment Bilthoven; iBMG, Erasmus University Rotterdam

2003: Antwerpen University; National Institute for Public Health and the Environment Bilthoven; iBMG, Erasmus University Rotterdam

2004: iBMG, Erasmus University Rotterdam; TNO Prevention and Health Leiden

2005: The Council for Public Health and Health Care (Raad voor de Volksgezondheid en Zorg) Zoetermeer; Achmea Health Care Amsterdam

2006: 3rd Summer Workshop in Health Economics, Centre for Applied Economic Research, The University of New South Wales, Sydney; Dutch conference “Kennis Beter Delen” Eindhoven (workshop on valid measurement of quality of care)

Courses

Courses at the Tinbergen Institute, NAKE (The Dutch Network of General and Quantitative Economics), Nihes (Netherlands institute for health services research) and a training in problem oriented teaching.

Fund recruitment

Initiator and project leader of the project: “Preferences and choices for care and insurance companies using choice experiments”. The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development finances this project (150,000 euro).