Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to inform you on our symposium.

**Chronic wounds in lower limbs; increasing salvage using cutting edge interdisciplinary strategies**

*Exploring boundaries of innovation*

The symposium explores the current successes of interdisciplinary treatment of complex lower extremity wounds in a non-academic hospital.

It used to be that microsurgery and diabetic or vascular compromised lower extremities were considered unwanted and undoable. An amputation is better; right?

This symposium is broadcasted live from a physical symposium in Enschede, The Netherlands, where Prof. J.P. Hong from Seoul, South-Korea, elaborates, teaches and inspires us using his extensive experience with free autologous tissue transfers in salvage of lower limbs.

We will identify the limitations of current therapies used in general surgery, followed by discussion about the opportunities of microsurgical techniques.

An oversight of the costs and benefits of amputation versus the salvage of the limb is discussed.

**PROGRAM**

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| **Time** | **Speaker** | **Subject** |
| 7.00 – 7.45 PM | *Reception with snacks, drinks and sponsors* |
| 7.45 – 7.55 PM | Dr. Hinne RakhorstPlastic SurgeonEnschede | General opening, exploring the possibilities and opportunities of microsurgery for diabetic feet, elderly patients and vascular cripples. |
| 7.55 – 8.10 PM | Dr. Kamiel KuijpersRehabilitation specialistEnschede | Rehabilitation aspects of diagnostics in diabetic foot ulcera, successes and boundaries |
| 8.10 – 8.25 PM | Dr. Robert Meerwaldt (online) Vascular SurgeonEnschede | Modern developments in “one-stop-shop” treatments of leg ulcers |
| 8.25 – 8.40 PM  | Dr. Sjef van BaalVascular SurgeonAlmelo/ Hengelo | Treating diabetic ulcers in a multidisciplinary setting. |
| 8.40– 9.00 PM | *Coffee and sponsors* |
| 9.00 – 9.15 PM | Drs. Jan Maerten SmitPlastic SurgeonAmsterdam UMC | Lower limb reconstruction; setting up successful and multidisciplinary collaboration |
| 9.15– 9.45 PM | Prof. J.P. HongPlastic SurgeonAsan Medical Center | How microsurgery changed the Korean practice; a multidisciplinary approach to preserving limbs while reducing costs. |

**DATE**

15th of May, 2019 from 7 PM until 10 PM.

**LOCATION**

Auditorium C29, Medisch Spectrum Twente. Koningstraat 1, 7512 KZ Enschede, the Netherlands.

**AUDIENCE**

This symposium is meant for all surgeons, plastic surgeons, rehabilitation specialists, all specialized wound nurses, and all in training for the before mentioned.

**SPEAKERS**

Dr. H. Rakhorst: Plastic surgeon in the Medical Spectrum Twente hospital. Board member of multiple national and international societies for plastic surgery, including the Dutch Association for Plastic Surgery and the ICOPLAST. Innovator in the field of reconstructive surgery and multidisciplinary collaboration.

Dr. Kamiel Kuijpers: Rehabilitation specialist and medical manager in the Medical Spectrum Twente. Works from Roessingh Rehabilitation center in the Medical Spectrum Twente hospital. Member of the Research commission of Roessingh. He was a research fellow in the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, USA and is specialized in orthopedic rehabilitation with special interest in amputation and prosthetics from diabetic feet.

Dr. Robert Meerwaldt: General and vascular surgeon. Board member of the Dutch Society for Surgery and author in the Dutch guideline for wound care. Founder of the multidisciplinary Wound Expertise Center (WEC) in the Medical Spectrum Twente hospital, a great teaching hospital.

Dr. Sjef van Baal: General and vascular surgeon. Founder of a successful multidisciplinary team for the treatment of the diabetic foot. He has international recognition for his work and is a guest professor at the Cardiff University, UK.

Drs. Jan-Maerten Smit: Plastic surgeon at the Amsterdam University Medical Center. Founder of a multidisciplinary team for the treatment of complex lower limb wounds and osteomyelitis. Active in his field of expertise, including on: [http://www.traumaplatform.org](http://www.traumaplatform.org/).

Prof. J.P. Hong: Head of department, plastic surgeon and Professor as the Asan Medical Center in Seoul, South-Korea. Guest professor all over the world. Master and inspirer in the field of super microsurgery. An allround teacher, scientist and surgeon in the field of plastic surgery. <https://www.google.nl/search?hl=nl&q=jp+hong&gws_rd=ssl>.

**SUBSCRIPTION**

Subscription for the symposium is free and [online](hyperlink.nl) possible until the 7th of May 2019 for physical attendance and until the 12th of May 2019 for the live and online broadcasting.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

*Public transportation:* The NS-train station in Enschede is located approximately 8 minutes walking from the MST hospital. If you come by bus, you get out at the ‘Van Heekplein’, that lies directly next to Koningsplein. Plan your trip by [train](https://www.ns.nl/) and/or [bus](https://9292.nl/?naar=enschede_bushalte-van-heekplein).

*Car:* Plan your route with [Google maps](https://www.google.nl/maps/dir//Van%2BHeekgarage%2Bingang%2BWest%2C%2B7511%2BEnschede/%4052.2179753%2C6.8912548%2C17z/data%3D%214m8%214m7%211m0%211m5%211m1%211s0x47b814714cdd824f%3A0xf58dc91be9aba5d1%212m2%211d6.8934435%212d52.217972). You can park in the H.J. van Heek garage. For more information: <https://www.mst.nl/p/bezoekers/brengen-halen-en-parkeren/>.

**ACCEDITATION**

Accreditation is requested for members of the Dutch Society for Plastic Surgery (NVPC), members of the Dutch Society of Surgeons (NVvH) and the Dutch Society for Rehabilitation specialists (VRA) for both physically attending the symposium and for following the symposium live online.

Thank you very much in advance for your interest!

Kind regards,

Also on behalf of the Partnership of Plastic Surgeons East,

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