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“Knowledge shared is knowledge squared.” Medical writer with over 15 years of freelance and in-house experience in scientific writing for private and public sector clients in the health domain. Keen on the translation of complex matters into clear and concise messages for multiple audiences.

Work experience

Freelance Medical Writer

Self-employed
www.karenbroekhuizen.nl
2014 – current

Supports the translation of complex matters into understandable language for different target audiences.

Proofreading and editing of written material.

Delivers medical communications, i.e., grant proposals, brochures and journal papers.

In-house Medical Writer

Centre for Human Drug Research, Leiden
www.chdr.nl
2018 – 2020

Compiled and edited medical writing deliverables (journal papers, brochures), covering all phases of clinical research and in various therapeutic areas.

Proofreading and editing of written material.

Assisted in planning and coordination of report-writing activities to ensure satisfactory completion of all writing projects.

Post-doctoral researcher

Leiden University Medical Centre, Leiden
www.lumc.nl
2013-2014

Coordinated multi-centre trial on the effects of thyroid hormone supplementation in elderly.

Collaborated with a team of post-doctoral researchers and graduate students.

Compiled and wrote journal papers and grant proposals.

Post-doctoral researcher

TNO Expertise Centre Lifestyle, Leiden
www.tno.nl
2012 – 2013

Compiled and wrote journal papers and grant proposals.

Assisted in planning and coordination of report-writing activities to ensure satisfactory completion of all writing projects.

PhD student

University Medical Centre Amsterdam
www.vumc.nl
2007 – 2012

Coordinated trial on the promotion of a healthy lifestyle in people with familial hypercholesterolemia.

Compiled and wrote journal papers and grant proposals.

[Link to thesis.](#)

Education

PhD trajectory

University Medical Centre Amsterdam
www.vumc.nl
2007 - 2012

Post-doctoral Epidemiology Program

EpidM, University Medical Centre Amsterdam
www.epidm.nl
2007 - 2012

Master degree in Health Sciences

Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
www.vumc.nl
2006 - 2007

Bachelor degree in Medicine

Leiden University Medical Centre, Leiden
www.lumc.nl
2000 - 2005

Propaedeutics Psychology

Leiden University
www.universiteitleiden.nl
1999 - 2000

Atheneum (beta curriculum)

Christelijk Lyceum Delft, Delft
www.chrlyceumdelft.nl
1992 - 1999

Courses

<p>Manuscript writing: from good to excellent</p> <p>Workshop at Annual conference of European Medical Writers Association 2019</p>	<p>Medical writing in pharmacology</p> <p>Workshop at Annual conference of European Medical Writers Association 2019</p>	<p>Good Clinical Practice certification</p> <p>Centre for Human Drug Research, Leiden 2019</p>
<p>Writers Academy (in Dutch: Schrijversacademie)</p> <p>Schrijversacademie 2014 - 2017</p>	<p>Teacher professionalisation (In Dutch: Basisopleiding Universitair Docent)</p> <p>Onderwijscentrum, Vrije Universiteit 2010</p>	<p>Computer-tailored interventions</p> <p>CREATE workshop at European Health Psychology Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Romania 2010</p>
<p>Health Education and Health Promotion: from theory to practice</p> <p>Summer course at Department of Health Education and Promotion, Maastricht University 2008</p>	<p>Epidemiology</p> <p>Summer course at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam 2006</p>	

Extra-curricular activities

<p>Editor</p> <p>Dutch Journal of Behavioral Medicine (in Dutch: Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Behavioral Medicine) 2015 - 2020</p>	<p>(Chief) Editor</p> <p>Pak'EM+GO Magazine of EMGO+ Institute for Health and Care Research, University Medical Centre, Amsterdam 2008 - 2012</p>	<p>(Chief) Editor</p> <p>Predocor Magazine of M.F.L.S. Students Organisation, Leiden University Medical Centre 2002 - 2004</p>
<p>Secretary</p> <p>Dies Natalis Committee of M.F.L.S. Students Organisation, Leiden University Medical Centre 2000</p>	<p>Editor</p> <p>Sofa Magazine of Labyrinth Students Organisation, Leiden University 1999 - 2000</p>	

Skills

Relevant experience in medical and healthcare writing / editing.	Experience in writing about complex topics for professional audiences.	Experience in writing about science/medicine for multiple (primarily lay) audiences.
Clinical trial results presentations for distribution to clinical investigators – contribution to the good working relationship with investigators.	Demonstrated ability to meet project goals within a matrix environment; excellent project management and organizational skills.	Experience in working in collaborative, cross-functional team environments; strong project management skills.
Impeccable communication skills - both written and oral.	Proven ability to write clinically sound, balanced copy with marketing finesse.	Solid knowledge of the clinical development process and Good Clinical Practices.
Proven track record in writing and publishing clinical papers/abstracts.		

Publications

For the most recent oversight of publications, please consult [my Research Gate profile](#)