

# Invitation



Leids Universitair Medisch Centrum (LUMC) and the Embassy of Sweden to the Netherlands are pleased to invite you to the scientific event on kidney donation and highly sensitized patients on **15 April 2025** in the **LUMC**.

LUMC has a collaboration with the Lund University in Sweden, both hospitals with a large experience in kidney transplantations. A field that is still facing many challenges, including that highly sensitized patients have a high unmet medical need of receiving a donor kidney. This event aims to raise more awareness for these challenges and focus on specific new developments.

During this event experts from LUMC and Erasmus MC will further elaborate on the topic. Specific attention will be given to the patients' perspective, having patients telling their story and their patient journey. Next to that, recent innovations in the field of organ transplantation will be highlighted, and during a panel discussion the audience has the possibility to ask questions. The event will be moderated by Tom van 't Hek, former GP, radio host and professional hockey player.

This event is specifically aimed at physicians active in organ transplantation, patient organizations, trade associations in medicine, health insurers, Dutch policy makers and journalists.

## Program

- 14.30 - 15.00: Arrival
- 15.00 - 15.10: Opening and welcome by H.E. Johannes Oljelund, Ambassador of Sweden to the Netherlands
- 15.10 - 15.30: Developments in the field of organ transplantation and immunity by Dr. Annelies de Weerd, *Internist-Nephrologist Erasmus MC*
- 15.30 - 15.45: The patient perspective: Equal opportunities for all patients in need of donor organs by patients
- 15.45 - 15.50: Short reflection and panel discussion starter by Prof. Dr. Marlies Reinders, *Board Member LUMC*
- 15.50 - 16.25: Panel discussion led by moderator Tom van 't Hek. Panelists:
  - Dr. Aiko de Vries, *Head of renal transplantation LUMC*
  - Dr. Gonca Karahan, *Director of the Eurotransplant Reference Laboratory*
  - Tom Oostrom, *Managing Director Netherlands Kidney Foundation*
  - Naomi Nathan, *Managing Director Netherlands Transplantation Foundation*
- 16.25 - 16.40: Reflections from the panel on perspectives of MPs
- 16.40 - 16.45: Wrap up and closing remarks by moderator Tom van 't Hek
- 16.45 - 17.45: Informal exchanges and drinks

Interested to join this exciting event? Please send an email to: [aanmelden@ivcb.nl](mailto:aanmelden@ivcb.nl)



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