



Welcome to the newest edition of the CAPHRI newsletter. This month, we're delighted to showcase a diverse array of accomplishments, innovations, and opportunities from our dynamic research community. Here's what you can look forward to in this issue:

- ZonMw Pearl Award for GRIP3
- Everyone Is Ill? Addressing the rise of diagnostic expansion
- Sjim Romme wins CaRe Award 2025
- Make your Pure researcher profile rank first on Google
- Insights in the FHML Procedure for Veni Candidates
- Brightlands Impact Award and Festival
- Upcoming courses, events, inaugural lectures, and PhD defences

Join us as we celebrate these accomplishments and explore the cutting-edge research shaping the future of care and public health. Happy reading!



ZonMw Pearl Award for GRIP3

CAPHRI news

During the recent Dutch General Practice Days, Marco Blanker (UMCG) and Jochen Cals (CAPHRI) received the prestigious ZonMw Pearl Award on behalf of the Consortium for General Practice Research for the GRIP3 project.

Launched in 2020 as a rapid response to COVID-19, GRIP3 has evolved into a sustainable infrastructure for future research in primary care. The project addresses key barriers in general practice research, such as fragmented infrastructure and time-

consuming procedures, by building national networks, improving pharmacy logistics, developing AI-based diagnostics, and enabling direct patient inclusion via ZorgDomein and Thuisarts.nl.

GRIP3 demonstrates the critical importance of collaboration among universities, GPs, patients, and partners like ZonMw, the Dutch College of General Practitioners, Nivel, and ZorgDomein. By bridging practice, research, and education, GRIP3 not only prepares the field for future pandemics but also advances the quality of primary care today.

Congratulations to all involved for this well-deserved recognition and for their ongoing commitment to innovation in primary care research.

[Explore GRIP3's impact](#)



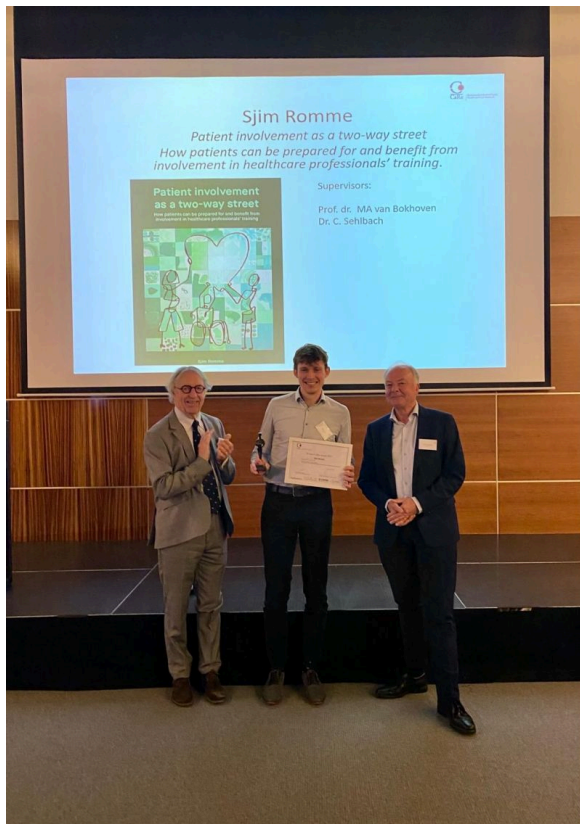
Everyone Is Ill? Addressing the rise of diagnostic expansion

CAPHRI news

Recent years have seen a marked increase in medical testing, with individuals more frequently being told they are ill, may be ill, or could become ill in the future. This diagnostic expansion is driven by rapid technological advances, an expanding array of tests, and the lowering of diagnostic thresholds. While early detection and improved technology can benefit patient outcomes, the Council warns that the harms—such as unnecessary labelling, overtreatment, and psychological distress—are often underestimated, and the benefits overstated.

The Council's new advisory provides policymakers and healthcare professionals with actionable strategies to limit overdiagnosis and its negative impacts. CAPHRI's Dr Hafez Ismaili M'hamdi, also a Council member, is involved in this project.

To learn more, please [see the full advisory here](#).



Sjim Romme wins CaRe Award 2025

CAPHRI news

Sjim Romme, PhD alumnus of SHE and CAPHRI, has been awarded the prestigious CaRe Award 2025 for best thesis. Selected from a competitive pool of over 250 candidates and eight nominated PhD theses, the award recognises Romme's innovative research on patient involvement in healthcare education and quality improvement.

His dissertation, "Patient Involvement as a Two-Way Street," explores how patients can actively contribute to the education of healthcare professionals and the enhancement of care quality. Romme's work focuses on the Mens Achter de Patiënt module and the Patient As a Person Academy (PAP-Academy), both pivotal in advancing person-centered care. His research demonstrates how meaningful patient involvement enriches healthcare education and improves care outcomes, highlighting the collaborative efforts of scholars, students, and experts by experience.

Reflecting on the award, Sjim Romme stated: "It is an honour to receive this award and present our work to a group of like-minded scholars. The award results from a group effort of scholars, students and experts by experience. Our work is far from done, and we continue our effort to realize more meaningful patient involvement in education and healthcare."

Congratulations are also extended to Veja Widdershoven for her well-deserved nomination, recognizing her important research on addressing vaccine hesitancy through effective, person-centered communication strategies.



You're Invited: CAPHRI Research Day 2025

CAPHRI news

CAPHRI cordially invites you to its annual Research Day on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Vaeshartelt in Maastricht. The theme is "Connecting Disciplines, Building Tomorrow's Care and Public Health."

This year, we'll explore how inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration can address complex healthcare challenges and engage societal partners in developing sustainable solutions. Join us for an inspiring day of knowledge exchange, discussion, and innovation, as we examine how collaboration across disciplines shapes the future of public healthcare.

The program includes an engaging panel discussion, interactive sessions, a PhD poster session, and insightful workshops (14:00-15:30 CEST):

- **Confession and Progression** - Petra Wolffs
- **Visualize your Research** - Manon Lichtenberg, Studio Nons
- **AI is here to stay** - Sil Arts
- **Citizen science ethics** - Maria Siermann & Melanie Rietveld
- **Transdisciplinary collaboration** - Quincy Merx & Bram de Boer

No pre-registration needed for workshops; choose on the day! Further details regarding the panel discussion and workshop specifics will be shared shortly.

[Register your attendance today](#)



Make your Pure researcher profile rank first on Google

UM news

As a Maastricht University researcher, your research outputs are showcased on the [Maastricht University | MUMC+ Research Information portal](#). This portal presents all public research information that is entered in UM's research information

system Pure.

In Pure, new UM publications are automatically imported from various online sources. To complete your research overview, you can also add other output types, for example activities, datasets, non-UM publications, press/media contributions and prizes.

Share your output

By actively sharing your research output on social media platforms, you can create backlinks and engagement metrics that enhance search engine optimization (SEO). This signals relevance and authority to search engines like Google, driving traffic to your Pure researcher profile and boosting its visibility. You can easily share your output by using the social media bar on the right side in the portal page of the individual output.

Improve visibility and impact using Pure

Find out how to further improve the visibility and impact with your Pure data on the [support webpage!](#)



FHML Procedure for Veni Candidates – Round 2025

Grant news

Are you an early-career researcher aiming to advance your career and pursue innovative research? The Veni grant offers a unique opportunity to develop your independent scientific profile. To ensure a strong application, FHML has outlined a structured procedure and dedicated support for candidates applying for the 2025 round.

Key Steps & Deadlines:

- **Expression of Interest:** Express your interest to the FHML Grants Office **no later than six weeks (9:00 am, July 22, 2025) before the NWO/ZonMw deadline.** This must be accompanied by approval from the research institute regarding the submission and embedding guarantees to grantsoffice-fhml@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

- **Tailored support:** Upon application, the Grants Office will contact candidates and provide support, including such as a plenary info session, an extensive review, and advice to improve the application.
- **Embedding Guarantee:** Provide the completed form and written approval from the research institute before the **internal deadline 9:00 am, August 26, 2025** via email to the Grants Office.

Following this procedure and adhering to the deadlines is a **mandatory requirement** to obtain a signed embedding guarantee. Candidates who do not register on time or fail to submit the required documents on time will not be able to submit a Veni application through FHML.

Don't miss this opportunity to shape your research future. For details or assistance, contact grantsoffice-fhml@maastrichtuniversity.nl.



Apply now and win €20,000!

Got an innovative project with real-world impact?

The Brightlands Impact Award helps turn your idea into action.

Pre-application deadline:
May 22, 2025

www.brightlands.com/impactaward

Brightlands Impact Award

brightlands



Unlock the full potential of your research!

KEYNOTES
WORKSHOPS
SPEED DATING
MARKET

May 15, 2025
13:00 | 17:00

www.brightlands.com/impactfestival

Brightlands Impact Festival

brightlands

Supporting Innovation in Health Research Brightlands Impact Award

This year marks the launch of the Brightlands Impact Award by the Brightlands Maastricht Health Campus, a new initiative designed to encourage and support entrepreneurial thinking among PhD candidates, postdocs, early-career researchers, and medical professionals at UM and MUMC+. The award specifically welcomes applicants who may have little or no prior experience with valorisation, recognising that impactful ideas can emerge at any stage of a research career. The winner will receive €20,000 to further develop their innovative idea, with the aim of progressing towards market introduction and real-world application.

Unlock the full potential of your research Brightlands Impact Festival

Complementing the award, the Brightlands Impact Festival will take place on 15 May 2025. The festival offers a dynamic programme of inspiring talks, interactive sessions, and practical workshops. Participants will gain valuable insights and tools to identify opportunities for translating research into societal and economic value, as well as to navigate the challenges of entrepreneurship and innovation in health and life sciences. Both the award and the festival reflect a broader commitment to fostering a culture of innovation and impact, empowering researchers and professionals to bridge the gap between academic discovery and tangible societal benefit.

Click for more information on the
Brightlands Impact Award

Click for more information on the
Brightlands Impact Festival

[Save the Date and Register](#)

Events and Courses

Brightlands Funding Academy: Faculty of Impact - Maastricht

May 6, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

OpenUp Workshop: License, Share, and Boost Your Educational Resources - Maastricht

May 7, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

Brightlands Impact Festival

May 15, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

VR-test sessions: Discover the power of digital technology for well-being - Maastricht

May 15, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

Participatory Research - CCC Workshop Day - Düsseldorf

May 15, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#) (deadline April 11)

Secondary data and linkage with primary data - CCC Workshop Day - Düsseldorf

May 16, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#) (deadline April 11)

FHML Spring Session - Maastricht

May 22, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

EHMA 2025 Conference - Rennes

June 4-6, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)



UM Veni pre-proposal Info Session 2025 - TBD

June 5, 2025

- [Click to explore the details and register](#)

Health Innovation Euregion event - Maastricht

June 12, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

CAPHRI Research Day - Maastricht

June 18, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

AWO-L Symposium - Maastricht

June 19, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

Intervention Mapping Summer Course - Maastricht

June 30 - July 4, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#)

Pélerin symposium - Maastricht

October 22, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

Public Health Strategy I Seminar - Salzburg

October 26 - November 1, 2025

Application deadline: May 31, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#)

Economic Evaluation in Healthcare Seminar April 2026 - Salzburg

April 26 - May 2, 2026

Application Deadline: October 31, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#)

Public Health Strategy Seminar October June 2026 - Salzburg

June 28 - July 4, 2026

Application Deadline: January 31, 2026

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#)

Inaugural Lectures

Inaugural Lecture Prof. dr. Chris Arts - Maastricht

May 28, 2025

Inaugural Lecture Prof. dr. Marieke Spreeuwenberg - Maastricht

June 13, 2025

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Jany Rademakers - Maastricht

2 september 2025

Inaugural Lecture Prof. dr. Tim Welting - Maastricht

26 september 2025

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Guido de Wert - Maastricht

3 oktober 2025

Inaugural Lecture Prof. dr. Jeroen Hendriks - Maastricht

4 december 2025

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Klasien Horstman - Maastricht

27 februari 2026

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Stefan Wilm - Düsseldorf

6 maart 2026

PhD Ceremonies

April and May 2025

Anouk Baghus | PHPC

01-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

"Learning shared decision making in postgraduate medical education"

Ibrahim Elsiddig Elsheikh Ahmed Badr | PHPC

01-04-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Improving uptake of Prevention of Mother to-Child Transmission services in Sudan"

Linda Klaassen | PHPC/VHC

16-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

"Which route to take? Supporting the decision-making process of curatively treated breast cancer patients concerning their aftercare trajectory"

Lucie Bastiaens | HISP

17-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

'Local context as compass: public health care in Maastricht 1900-



*Good luck and congratulations
to the CAPHRI PhD's*

1940'

Olga Gershuni | VHC

22-04-2025 | 10:00 (CET)

"Public Health Workforce Development and Professionalization The Implications for Ukraine"

Maarten Voorhaar | OPC

24-04-2025 | 10:00 (CET)

"Tailored self-management support for people living with COPD"

Demi Pagen | HISP

24-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

"The spectrum of COVID-19 epidemiology: from public health alarm state to long-term struggle"

Filippo Zimbile | PHPC

24-04-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Using Stepped Care to Strategically Organize Ehealth and Promote Self-care: Experiences From Public Sexual Health Care in the Netherlands"

Marlena van Munster | VHC

28-04-2025 | 10:00 (CET)

"Defining and Professionalising the Role of Parkinson Nurses: Competency Development for Personalised Parkinson's Care"

David Hageman | OPC

29-04-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Optimization of Diagnosis and Conservative Treatment of Intermittent Claudication in the Netherlands"

Pablo Andres Rodriguez Feria | VHC

06-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Leadership in Colombian Undergraduate Medical Education"

Diogo Luis Lopes Leao | VHC

14-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Unlocking Value in Healthcare Barriers and Success Factors in the Introduction of Value-based Payment Models in the Dutch Healthcare System"

Caroline Daccache | VHC

19-05-2025 | 15:45 (CET)

"A Health Economic Evaluation Guideline in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Case Study From Lebanon"

Wouter Vints | FPR

22-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Resistance Training and Muscle-brain Crosstalk: Implications for Cognitive Decline in Aging and Spinal Cord Injury"

Lise Buma | ALTC

27-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Reablement and the philosophy's goal Paving the way for reablement in the Netherlands using global insights"

Communication

Your project, publication or event in this newsletter?

Have you recently contributed to a podcast, given an interview, or presented at a conference? Reached a significant milestone in your research? Perhaps you're organizing an event or have an exciting project in the pipeline?

Contact us to explore opportunities for featuring your work on our social media channels and in our newsletter. Let's collaborate to amplify your voice and celebrate your successes within our international academic community

Please note: you cannot reply to this email. For questions, newsletter topics, ideas, announcements, feedback and more please email info-caphri@maastrichtuniversity.nl.



Maastricht University



Maastricht UMC+



©2025 - Maastricht University