

Biography



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Henkjan J. Verkade is a pediatric gastro/hepatologist at the Beatrix Children's Hospital of the University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands. He received his PhD degree in Medicine *cum laude* at the University of Groningen on the thesis entitled "Lipid absorption and metabolism". Henkjan Verkade was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. In 2005 Verkade was appointed Professor of Pediatrics, pediatric gastroenterology/hepatology, at the University Medical Center Groningen.

Henkjan Verkade combines clinical work in pediatric gastro/hepatology with clinical and fundamental research projects. Verkade's current research projects involve intestinal lipid absorption and metabolism, the enterohepatic circulation, and pediatric liver disease (familial cholestatic syndromes, biliary atresia, liver transplantation). In 2017 he initiated with Bettina Hansen the global NAPPED registry (NAtural Course and Prognosis of PFIC and Effect of Biliary Diversion) and in 2022 the prospective global TreatFIC database. The NAPPED registry has been helpful to further characterize the natural history of progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis syndromes and to identify prognostic parameters for the course of disease and for responsiveness to treatments.

Verkade has authored more than 300 peer-reviewed publications and more than 15 book chapters. Since 2019, he is associate editor of the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition.