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After finishing the highest education in nursing and getting my nursing oncology and breast cancer degree, I did my master in advanced nursing practice which I finished in 2003.

I work ever since as a nurse practitioner specialized in breast problems at the Catharina Breast Centre, (part of the Catharina Cancer Institute), Catharina Hospital, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

In 2003 I was (and I still am) a member of the team creating the breast Centre as it exists today.

Within the breast centre my main responsibility is being a case manager for the patient from the moment they have their first appointment in the breast clinic for diagnostics (including benign problems) until the end of follow-up of treatment for breast cancer. I am also responsible for the analyses and evaluation of the data outcome of our breast centre and keeping our multidisciplinary care pathway up to date.

I am involved in several hospitals, regional and nationwide quality of care projects and breast cancer guidelines development. I teach at the Dutch nursing school and give lectures about breast care nursing and the (important) role of the breast care nurse within the multidisciplinary team.

I am also part of the accreditation team of EUSOMA (European accreditation of breast centres) and involved in the European development of breast nursing education.