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Professor Gerard Dijkstra, MD, PhD is a gastroenterologist and head of the world leading IBD center and the only intestinal transplant center in the Netherlands of the University Medical Center Groningen. He is the national coordinator of the initiative on Crohn and Colitis (ICC) foundation parelsnoer IBD biobank. He has a strong focus on translational datadriven research in which clinical questions (from bed) are answered in the lab (to bench) and used in the clinic (and back). His research is focused on oxidative stress related epithelial cell damage and survival, pro- and anti-apoptotic pathways in both T-cells and intestinal epithelial cells particularly in the context of IBD and intestinal transplant rejection. Studying modifiable exposome factors, food/bacteria-epithelial interactions, and the effects of drugs on mucosal inflammation are the main activities within his translational research program (in order to optimize treatment and to discover new treatment options in IBD and intestinal transplantation. <https://scholar.google.nl/citations?hl=nl&user=U2WBQLIAAAAJ>)



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