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Wendy van Herk is a PhD-candidate of the department of Pediatrics, division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the Sophia Children's Hospital of the Erasmus MC University Medical Center in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. In 2011, she started as a Master student on the Neopins research project, supervised by Annemarie van Rossum and Martin Stocker.

After successfully completing her Master research, she was offered a PhD position on the project for which she successfully co-authored a grant application. For presenting this grant application for the 'Sophia Children's Hospital Foundation', she was awarded with the Jan C. Molenaars Award for the 'Best Scientific Presentation'. In 2014, after combining two years of her PhD project with her clinical internships, she obtained her MD at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. Her thesis, which is almost completed, mainly focuses on the role of novel biomarkers as diagnostic tools for bacterial infections in critically ill children.

During her PhD project, she followed the TULIPS PhD curriculum, a two-year program for PhD researchers with the potential and ambition to advance their research field as a clinician-scientist in the field of child health. She is member of the core-team of the international multicentre intervention trial on early onset neonatal sepsis (www.nest-net.org) and member of the organizing committee of the bi-annual Grant Writing and Presenting Course of the TULIPS network (www.tulipsforchildhealth.nl). She currently finalizes the research projects for her the thesis and started to work as a resident-not-in-training at the (non-academical) Amphial in Breda, the Netherlands.