

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Hepatobiliary and Transplant Surgeon
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Experience:

25 years' experience in the field the field of liver transplantation, organ donation ,
hepatopancreatobiliary surgery

EXPERTISE

Education:

1986 : Graduation High School No 7, Wroclaw, Poland
1986-1992 : Start medical study. Wroclaw Medical University, Wroclaw, Poland
June 1992 : Graduated as Medical Doctor (M.D.) (cum laude)
April 1996 : First Grade of Specialization in General Surgery
March 1998 : Graduation as Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Wroclaw Medical University, Wroclaw, Poland
April 2000 : Second Grade of Specialization in General Surgery (with honors)
March 2003 : Specialization in Transplant Surgery (Poland)
November 2003 : Specialization in Vascular Surgery (Poland)
September 2007 : European Specialization in Transplant Surgery (EBS)
February 2008 : Habilitation (Associated Professorship in Surgery); Wroclaw Medical University, Wroclaw, Poland
June 2008 : Graduation as Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), University in Groningen, Groningen, the Netherland

Clinical Training and Experience:

September 1992 : Postgraduate Surgical Training
Institute of 1st Surgery Pathology, University of Catania, Italy

- Oct. 1992-Dec.1993 : Postgraduate Medical Internship
Klinikum Innenstadt, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany
- Jan. 1994-Sept. 1994 : House Officer
Emergency Department, Municipal Hospital, Wroclaw, Poland
- Oct. 1994-Apr. 2000 : Surgical Residency
Department of Vascular, General and Transplant Surgery, University Hospital, Wroclaw, Poland (Head: K. Skóra, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Surgery)
- Apr. 2001-Apr. 2003 : Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Fellowship
Department of Surgery, Division of Hepatobiliary Surgery and Liver Transplantation, University Hospital, Groningen, the Netherlands (Head: M.J.H. Slooff, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Surgery)
- Aug. 2003-Sept. 2006 : Staff Surgeon
Department of Vascular, General and Transplant Surgery, University Hospital, Wroclaw, Poland (Head: P. Szyber, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Surgery)
- Oct. 2006-July 2009 : Staff Surgeon
Department of Surgery, Division of Hepatobiliary Surgery and Liver Transplantation, University Hospital, Groningen, the Netherlands (Head: M.J.H. Slooff, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Surgery until August 2007 and from September 2007 R.J. Porte M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Surgery)
- Sept. 2009-present : Staff Surgeon
Department of Surgery, Section of Hepatobiliary Surgery and Transplantation, Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam, Rotterdam, the Netherlands (Head: R.J. Porte, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Surgery)
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Registrations, board certificates and specializations

Registration as a physician (Poland) Nr 3453839 from 15.11.2001
Diploma of first degree specialty in general surgery (Poland) Nr 2960/1996 from 10.04.1996
Diploma of second degree specialty in general surgery (Poland) 32626/4/I/2000 from 12.04.2000
Board Certificate in Vascular Surgery (Poland) Nr 0736/ 2A8.2/14 from 26.11.2003
Board Certificate in Clinical Transplantation (Poland) Nr 0761/2 003.1/44 from 07.07.2003
Registration in Dutch Healthcare Professionals register (BIG register, the Netherlands) Nr 59054677301 from 02.10.2006
Board Certificate in Surgery (the Netherlands) (Medisch Specialiste Registratie Commissie) from 08.02.2007
Fellow of the European Board of Surgery (UEMS) in Transplant Surgery from 30.09.2007
Honorary Diploma of the European Board of Surgery (UEMS) in Hepato-pancreato-biliary surgery from 24.04.2015

Activity In Medical Societies

- Editor-in-Chief of the Education Committee Newsletter (2006-2011)
 - Member of Education Committee of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (2011-2015)
 - Chair of the European Transplant Fellow Workshop (2011-2015)
 - Board Member of the European Liver and Intestine Transplant Association (2013-2014)
 - Secretary of the European Liver and Intestine Transplant Association - (2014-2019)
 - Chair of the European Liver and Intestine Transplant Association - (2019-2021)
 - Chair of the Basic Course in Liver Transplantation (2015-now)
 - Vice-Chair of Education Committee of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (2015-2018)
 - Chair of Education Committee of the European-African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (2018-2023)
 - Chair of the Dutch Liver Transplant Advisory Board (2021-2023)
 - Dutch representative in the Eurotransplant Liver and Intestine Advisory Committee (2021-2023)
 - Secretary of the Division of Transplant Surgery, Section Surgery of the UEMS (2021-now)
 - Examiner at the UEMS exams for Transplantation Surgery and HPB Surgery
 - Councilor of the International Liver Transplant Society (2023-2025)
 - President-Elect of the ILTS (2025)
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Awards and Grants:

- Research Grant KBN 4 P05C 025 18. State Committee for Scientific Research, Poland, 2000-2001. Use of fresh arterial allografts in the treatment of vascular prosthesis infection.
 - Research Grant KBN 2 P05C 015 29. State Committee for Scientific Research, Poland, 2005-present. The influence of donor brain death, organ preservation and reperfusion on gene expression and tissue activation in transplanted kidney.
 - Research Grant KBN 2 P05B 165 29. State Committee for Scientific Research, Poland, 2005-present. Structural and immunological changes in transplant kidney – the influence of cold and warm ischaemia, and reperfusion.
 - Research Grant KBN 2 P05B 158 29. State Committee for Scientific Research, Poland, 2005-present. The assessment of immunological status of the renal allograft recipients with non-invasive monitoring of cellular alloreactivity.
 - ESOT Novartis Study Grant Edition 7, 2006
 - Team Prize “Pro transplantationibus fovendis” of the Polish Transplantation Society, 2009
 - Rotterdam Changemaker Award - 2023
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Other Professional Activities

- Member of the Dutch Advisory Board for Organ Procurements (2010-2012)
- Member of the Dutch Advisory Board for Liver Transplantation (2010-now)
- Member of the Union of Medical Specialist (2010-now)
- Member of the Dutch Hepatocellular Carcinoma Group (2012-now)
- Delegate of the Erasmus MC Liver Transplant Center at the Eurotransplant (2015-now)
- Development and support of the liver transplant program from deceased donors – Almaty, Kazakhstan (July 2013-now)
- Development and support of hepatopancreatobiliary program and liver transplant program Tbilisi, Georgia (April 2014-2017)

- Representative of Dutch Transplant Society at the Section of Transplant Surgery, European Union of Medical Specialist (2017-now)
 - Rotterdam Knowledge Ambassador (2017-now)
 - Visiting Professor at Medical University in Gdańsk
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List of scientific publications

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Polak+W>

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